

Message from Mrs Branton

It has been a busy and productive first half of the summer term at Willowbrook, the children have all been working hard and making good progress in their learning. Well done to Oak class who finished the week off for us with their fantastic assembly this morning on their topic of 'Ancient Egypt', it was an absolute delight to watch. You performed with great confidence, showcasing all the things you have learnt with your story telling, actions and singing. We learnt lots of interesting facts about Ancient Egypt and we really felt we had been transported back in time. The performance was thoroughly enjoyed by all!



Children from both the infants and juniors have been out representing Willowbrook at a variety of sporting and activity events this week. On Monday, Mrs Chandler took some children along to Thorndon Country Park for an afternoon of Bush craft activities. Then on Tuesday, it was the 'Quad Kids' event which is a team-based competition organised by the Shenfield School Sport Partnership, where each member of the team does a sprint, a middle-distance run, a long jump and a throw. There were some amazing results, with one of our year 4 girls coming 3rd overall and one of our year 6 girls winning the gold medal of the competition; both wonderful opportunities for the children to be able to participate in!

On Thursday, twelve children from year 5 were invited along to take part in the Brentwood and District Triathlon, hosted by Woodlands school at Great Warley. The Triathlon consisted of an 80-metre swim, 500 metre bike ride and a 400-metre run. The children who took part in the triathlon sessions thoroughly enjoyed them and it was great to hear how determined they were to complete the three activities back to back. Well done children, you should all be very proud of your achievement!



Following on from Monday's assembly, some of your children may have shared some exciting community news with you. We will be working with the New Homes Team at Brentwood Council on a potential artwork display for the hoardings at the Brookfield Close Redevelopment Project and then further down the line once 'ground is broken' creating a time capsule to bury under the development. Miss Cox, as art lead, will be working with all the year groups on this fantastic project, watch this space on twitter over the coming weeks!

I have noticed recently that we are having people bring their dogs onto school grounds, particularly before and after school while either dropping off or picking up their child. The rules have not changed about dogs on school grounds; dogs are not permitted on the school site. Thank you for your co-operation and understanding.

Sports day information for Friday 7th July: parents will be able to come along and watch; the main gates will open at 11:50am ready for lunch on the field at 12pm; and races will commence at 1:30pm.

Have a lovely half-term and I look forward to seeing you all back in school on Tuesday 6th June 2023.
Mrs Clare Branton, Headteacher.



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Science in the News

Hawthorn have been testing the components of circuits. They have investigated whether the length of wire affects the brightness of a bulb and have also planned their own investigation where they can vary the components within a circuit. Well done!



Science Club



In Science Club, the children tried ice fishing! They were all extremely impressed by this experiment and asked questions about how it works. We talked about the fact that salt causes a significant change to the temperature of the ice cube. When the surrounding temperature is still freezing, the ice will refreeze and freeze the string along with it. Great Science, children! Well done!

Mrs Cirdei

Science Co-ordinator

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Our core value pupil

 <p>Willowbrook Primary School Each Working For All</p>  <p>Happiness Independence Respect Teamwork Caring Honesty</p> 		<p>Well done to the core value pupil from Hawthorn class who received this week's award for caring in the celebration assembly</p>
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This week's Headteacher superstars is:

Owen



Well done

Word of the week

'Wonderful words of the week'

Reception

giant

Key Stage 1

Whitebeam – roots

Chestnut - expert

Key Stage 2

Pine –germinate

Oak – culture

Cherry – spacious

Hawthorn - component



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Children's lunch menu

WK 1	Monday Inset Day	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week commencing 5 th June 2023					
Main Meal RED		Beef Bolognese with Spaghetti	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Chicken Fajita Wrap	Breaded Fish Fingers
Main Vegetarian GREEN		Vegan Bolognese with Spaghetti (Ve)	Macaroni & Cheese (V)	Vegetable & Bean Burrito (Ve)	Vegetable & Bean Chimichangas (V)
Alternative YELLOW		Jacket Potato with Cheese (V)	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (Ve) or Salmon Mayonnaise	Pasta with Roasted Tomato & Basil Sauce (Ve)	Pasta with Cheese Sauce (V)
Accompaniments		Peas (Ve)	Seasonal Greens (Ve)	Steamed Carrots (Ve)	Chips & Baked Beans (Ve)
Cold Option		Cheese, Tuna or Ham Sandwich	Cheese, Tuna or Ham Sandwich	Cheese, Tuna or Ham Sandwich	Cheese, Tuna or Ham Sandwich
Dessert		Carrot Cake (V) Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Vanilla Ice Cream (V) Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Maryland Cookie (V) Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Chocolate & Courgette Sponge Fresh Fruit (Ve)
(V) suitable for vegetarians (Ve) suitable for vegans & vegetarians Salad Bar available daily					



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Willowbrook PTFA

Registered charity: 1046576

WE ARE OPEN FOR SUMMER FAYRE DONATIONS

**Please bring all donations to the
school office marked for the
PTFA**

**We are looking for bottles of
wine for our 'Water or Wine'
stall
and
large bottles of soft drink
for 'bottle tombola'**

**We need soft toys for our
'Teddy Tombola'.
Please donate any in clean
good condition.**



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Following a report from a parent on what could have been a very nasty accident on Thursday morning in Rosen Crescent, I would like to again appeal for volunteers so that we can get the '3PR Parking Scheme' back up and running. Please see the important information below on how the scheme works and contact Trudi in the school office if you are able to help. The safety of your children at drop off and pick up times is paramount but we can't run the scheme without your support!

WE STILL NEED LOTS MORE VOLUNTEERS TO GET 3PR BACK UP AND RUNNING



Dear Parents and Carers,

Pre Covid, with the help of our regular parent and child volunteers we were able to run a '3PR Parking Scheme'. Some of you may have seen the large green 3PR alien mascot that sits in the school office.

By following the 3PR 3 parking rules we are able to create a 3PR Zone in Rosen Crescent, which in turn reduces the traffic and congestion, which unfortunately builds up at drop off and pick up times.

We encourage the children to enter the 3PR zone by foot and in doing so they are rewarded with a token that they collect from a bucket each morning. The token is then taken to their class and put in a collection box. Each half term we have a count up of the tokens to see which class is our 3PR winners. They will be presented with the 3PR cup by the Alien himself in assembly.

How do we create the 3PR Zone?

This is where our regular team of parent/carer 3PR volunteers come in.

There are several ways in which we can achieve this: -

- Asking our families to walk, cycle or scoot to school.
- Our volunteers will be visible in their high viz tabard and present at the start and end of the school day to encourage anyone parking in the zone to move on and find a parking spot away from the zone.
- Then finally, we would like to be able to go back to offering a drop off point. The drop off point would be available each morning from 8.35am. Parents can drive to the allocated point in Rosen crescent, where one of our volunteers will help your child/children out of the car, leaving you free to drive off and not have to worry about finding a parking spot. Your child/children would then be walked safely down to their classrooms with one of the volunteers.

The 3PR team of volunteers seems to have worked best when we were able to have lots of volunteers covering one morning or afternoon session each. During the morning session your own child/children will be able to be part of the team by holding the buckets from which the children collect their tokens.

Morning volunteers will be required from 8.40am until 9am and afternoon volunteers from 3pm to 3.15pm.

Please contact the school office if you are able to volunteer and together let's work on making a safer environment with less traffic and congestion for the children.

Thank you for your support

Mrs Branton



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Diary Dates

Please note dates and times are subject to change, please check the weekly newsletter and the website for updates. Thank you.

	SUMMER TERM 2023
Date change due to class assembly-TBC	Parent Coffee Morning – Trauma Perceptive Practice
6 th June	Back to school
8 th June	Year 2 class assembly 9:15am
14 th June	Year 5 to St Martins to see Disney’s Beauty and the Beast school production
15 th June	EYFS class assembly 9:15am
15 th and 16 th June	One Plan meetings
16 th June	Father’s Day Breakfast 8am – further information to follow
16 th June	Wear something yellow for Cystic Fibrosis awareness day
16 th June	Year 6 to St Martins DT truck project
21 st June	Whole Class photos
22 nd June	Year 6 Its Your Move
22 nd and 23 rd June	One Plan meetings
23 rd June	Year 1 class assembly
23 rd June	Charlotte Hossack the Education and Community Officer for Essex from The Dogs Trust will be coming into provide work shops for year groups 3 4 and 5 and an assembly for EYFS year 1 and 2
28 th June	Parent Coffee Morning 08:50am – Summer holidays & Brain drain
29 th and 30 th June	One Plan meetings
1 st July	PTA Summer Fayre
3 rd July	Summer Safety Assembly provided by Essex County Fire and Rescue Service
4 th July	Last swimming lesson for years 1 and 4
7 th July	Sports Day - , parents will be able to come along and watch, the main gates will open at 11:50am ready for lunch on the field at 12pm, races will commence at 1:30pm
13 th July	Year 5 and 6 show – further information to follow
14 th July	MAD Education – Military Action Day for Hawthorn Class
14 th July	End of year disco infants
14 th July	End of year/leavers disco juniors
18 th July	Joint KS1 and KS2 Dance Club show for parents 9:15am to 10:15am Parent mail will come out nearer the time re clothing
18 th July	Open Afternoon
21 st July	Leavers assembly 9:15am
21 st July	Last day of the school year

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YOUR SUPPORT COUNTS

We're facing financial challenges too
If you can, please help our fundraising

Please support our lottery

Just £1 a week

WIN up to £25k

To support your school, go to:
yourschoollottery.co.uk/play
and search for: **Willowbrook Primary**

Supporters must be 18 years of age or older

The Your School Lottery has been set up specifically to raise money and make a difference for our children!

There is a Willowbrook Supporter winner every week!

All you need to do is register and set up a direct debit for your weekly ticket and a chance to win.

Your support is greatly appreciated and we wish you good luck!

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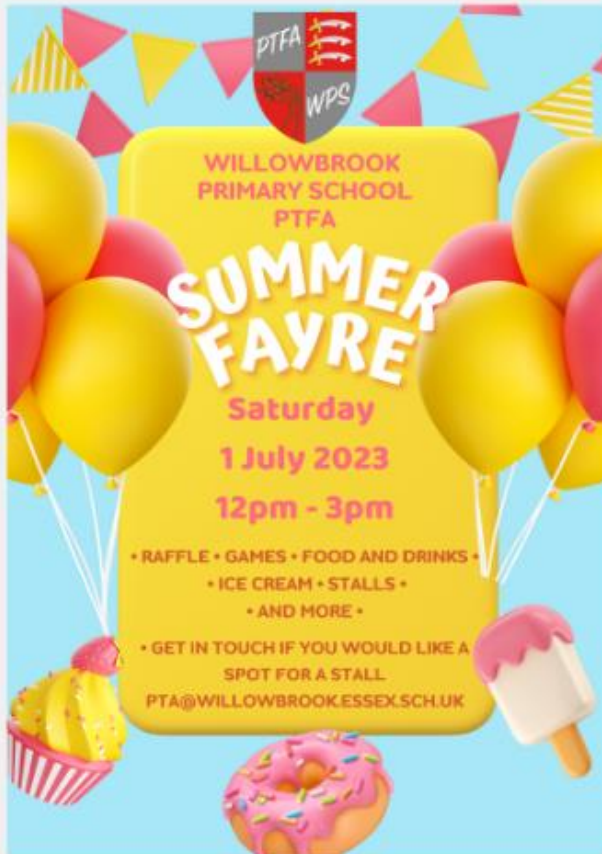
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SUMMER FAYRE

Saturday
1 July 2023
12pm - 3pm

- RAFFLE • GAMES • FOOD AND DRINKS •
- ICE CREAM • STALLS •
- AND MORE •

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April 2023



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18 JULY 2023



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Essex County Council
Libraries

Shenfield Temporary Library
Saturday 27 May 2023 10 am – 12 noon

- * Fun activities for children
- * Local history author, Sylvia Kent
- * Brentwood Museum

Come together to Love Your Library and celebrate your local and community history with Essex Libraries

Love Your LIBRARY Day
Saturday 27 May 2023

For further information visit: libraries.essex.gov.uk/events