

Message from Mrs Branton

What a fantastic performance from year 3 in their class assembly this morning, all around their current topic titled 'The Lion King.' The children presented what they have been learning about Africa with lots of dancing, acting and some very creative animal headbands. We also got to hear some very energetic singing and African drumming really bringing their whole performance to life. Well done Pine class, a wonderful assembly!



Miss Cox and Miss Albiston have been very excited to work with the school council to design a school book vending machine. The children took ownership over the design and knew exactly what they wanted it to look like. I am sure by the photos you will agree they have done an amazing job! This could not have been possible without the support of our wonderful PTFA who have paid for the machine. The School Council have also been working with Natasha from Chicken and Frog bookshop to purchase all the books. This is a big part of our school action plan to raise the profile of reading so watch this space!



Our Year 2 children completed their SATs tests this week. We were so very impressed by how confident and hardworking the children were. The whole class worked thoughtfully and carefully and tried their very best. The children completed 2 reading tests and 2 maths tests over the week. We want to take this opportunity to say a huge well done to Chestnut class. They showed great focus and determination and a very positive approach to the challenge in front of them. Please praise them for their hard work and effort at home.



A group of children from year 4 attended a tennis rally at Brentwood Lawn Tennis Club on Tuesday. Lots of great shots were played with increasing accuracy as the rally progressed. The children did really well and came 2nd place overall, which is a fantastic result, well done to all the children that took part!



Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Clare Branton, Headteacher.



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Hello

It's the Primary and Inclusion Ambassadors here. We want to tell you about what we did this morning. We went to Brightside primary school to attend the Multi Schools Council Meeting which Willowbrook primary school has joined. Other local primary schools also attended.

In the meeting, we watched the new Deaf Awareness video. You can watch it on You tube using this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6o-Xp0IM8cq&t=3s>. We discussed our answers to the question, 'What works well and what could be better to support behaviour in schools.' We also shared ideas on what we think adults and communities can be doing to help with global warming. At the end of the meeting, we had a chance to share with the council, things that we would like the council to run projects on. We suggested raising awareness of children who are non-verbal; organising British sign-language lessons; and anti-bullying work. There will be more meetings across Essex with other schools over the next week.

We had fun going to the meeting and meeting new children from different schools. We hope that next year's ambassadors have as much fun as we did!



A huge thank you to everyone that came along to support the school book fair. With all your purchases, you raised an amazing £209.53 for the school to spend on books.



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Oak class assembly takes place next Friday the 26th May, please be seated in the school hall by 9am ready for the 9:15am start.



If you have not already done so please can you return your Father's Day breakfast attendance slips to the school office.

Science in the News

Science Club



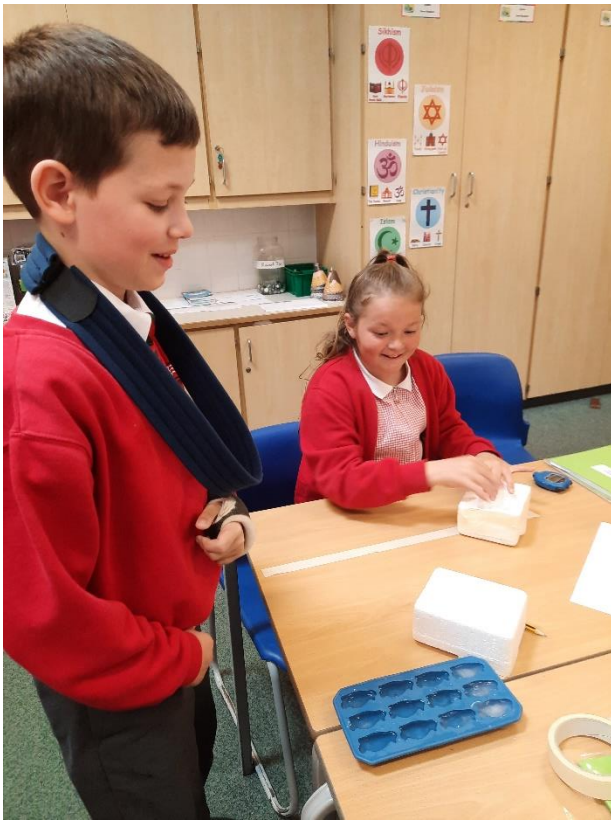
In Science Club, the children created lava lamps. We talked about what density is and why this stops oil mixing with water. The children observed that the food colouring goes through oil and mixes with the water which means that the colouring and the water have the same density. We also talked about what happens when there is too much oil or food colouring and how the quantity can change the density of the liquid. Great work again, Willowbrook chemists, and remember that Science is always about trial and error!

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Cherry Class have been learning about materials and their properties.

They had the task of investigating which materials make the best thermal insulators so that they could design a lunch box that would keep their food fresh for the longest amount of time, not letting the heat through as easily.

They worked in groups to wrap containers filled with ice cubes with different materials, using stopwatches and thermometers to record the temperature of the contents every 5 minutes. Some of the materials that they used were: bubble wrap, tin foil, plastic bags and felt.



Fantastic work everyone!

Mrs Curdei

Science Co-ordinator



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Our core value pupil

		<p>Well done to the core value pupil from Beech class who received this week's award for caring in the celebration assembly</p>
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This week's Headteacher superstars are:

Archie, Tommy and Ronni



Well done

Word of the week

<i>'Wonderful words of the week'</i>	
Reception	seed
Key Stage 1	steer
Key Stage 2	hypothesize



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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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Children's lunch menu

WK 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week commencing 22 nd May 2023					
Main Meal RED	Beef Burger in a Bun with Baked Jacket Wedges	BBQ Pulled Pork with a Wrap	Honey Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Chicken & Vegetable Chow Mein	Breaded Fish Fingers
Main Vegetarian GREEN	Vegetable Burger in a Bun with Baked Jacket Wedges (Ve)	Vegetable Fajita Wrap (Ve)	Ratatouille Pasta Bake (Ve)	Vegetable Pasanda with Rice	Spiced Squash & Spinach Samosa (Ve)
Alternative YELLOW	Wholewheat Pasta with Arrabiatta Sauce (Ve)	Jacket Potato with Cheese (V)	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (Ve)	Pasta with Tomato & Vegetable Sauce (Ve)	Pasta with Cheese Sauce (V)
Accompaniments	Carrot Sticks (Ve)	Sweetcorn (Ve)	Pan Fried Leeks (Ve)	Broccoli (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	Cheese, Tuna or Ham Sandwich
Dessert	Lemon Drizzle Sponge (V) Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Flapjack (Ve) Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Orange Shortbread Biscuit (Ve) Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Apple Crumble (Ve) with Custard (V) Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Apple & Parsnip Cake (V) Fresh Fruit (Ve)
(V) suitable for vegetarians (Ve) suitable for vegans & vegetarians Salad Bar available daily					



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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
26 th May	Year 4 class assembly 9:15am
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
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 is greatly appreciated and we wish you good luck!

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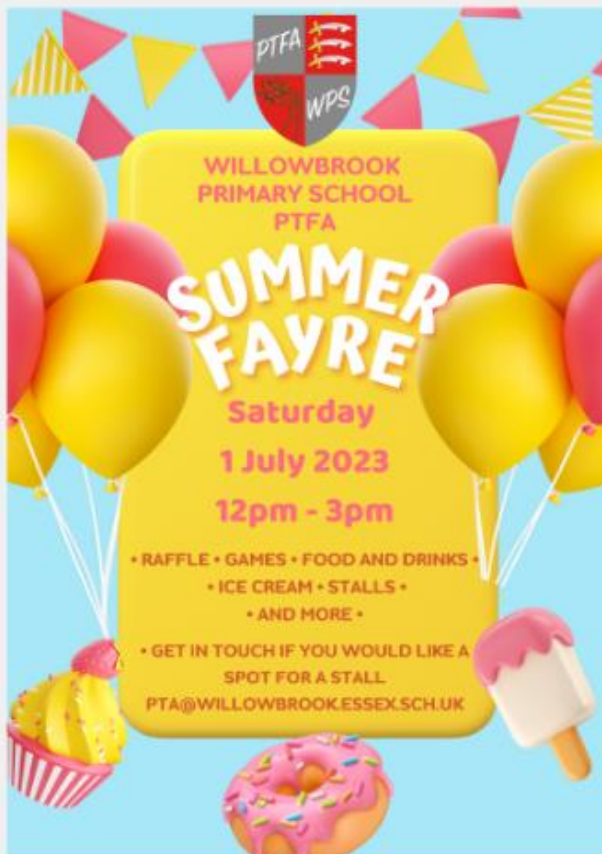
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