

Message from Mrs Branton

What a wonderful Friday we have had in school. The morning got off to a delightful start with the year 5 class assembly, all about their topic 'Age of Change'. The children did incredibly well, showcasing their cave art and iMovie trailers, which they have had a lot of fun creating. There was some upbeat singing and even a rap about the planets! The display of skills from some of the children which they have been developing outside of school e.g. gymnastics, skipping, karate and football were all very impressive. Well done Cherry class for such an entertaining assembly.



We then welcomed a very special visitor into school. The Mayor of Brentwood, Councillor Olivia Francois came along to our lunchtime street party to help us celebrate the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III. The school hall was adorned with a wonderful display of decorations that the children had been busy making in class this week, ready for our lunchtime celebrations. The children's costumes were fantastic, Kings, Queens, Princes and Princesses graced us with their presence and the Mayor wore her Civic Regalia all adding to the children's excitement of this very historic event. We would like to say a big thankyou to The Mayor of Brentwood for taking time out to visit our school today.



Some of our year 3 children had a great day out learning new skills at a Rapid-Fire Cricket tournament. Rapid Fire is an excellent game for teaching children the basics of cricket in a safe and easy manner. Our team played excellently, with their confidence, teamwork and tactical awareness, visibly growing as the tournament progressed.



The National KS2 Tests (SATS) will start next Tuesday 9th May 2023 for our year 6 pupils. The children are well prepared and have been working hard this term to get themselves ready for the tests. We are very proud of the children and their efforts in the recent weeks. We all wish them the very best of luck!!

The Bridge SEND Bulletin is relaunching. This bulletin brings together key information and news from education, health and social care and is aimed at families and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. You can subscribe to the bulletin by visiting this webpage: <https://pages.news.essex.gov.uk/pages/subscribe> and selecting 'The Bridge' which is listed under 'Children, Young People and families.'

This term we will be practicing our lockdown drill. This is a requirement for all schools to support our children's safety. This will be shared with the children in a child-friendly way before the drill takes place. Just as we practice for our fire drills in school to keep us safe in case of a fire, we should ensure our children are protected in case of any event.

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend and enjoy any coronation celebrations you have planned. Hopefully, the weather will be glorious. I look forward to seeing you back in school on Tuesday the 9th May. Mrs Clare Branton, Headteacher.



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Science in the News

Once again, great Science work at Willowbrook Primary School.

Oak Class grouped animals in a variety of ways, looking at previous learning to recap classifications before moving on to alternative ways.

Fantastic work, children! Well done!



Science Club

In Science Club, the children created simple structures using pasta, marshmallows and fruit pastilles. They investigated ways to stabilise and improve their constructions. Well done, Willowbrook engineers!



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Our core value pupil

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

Zak, Quintin, Thomas, Charlotte, Reesha, Lianne, Yvie and Senna



Well done

Word of the week

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| <i>'Wonderful words of the week'</i> | |
| <u>Reception</u> | roots |
| <u>Key Stage 1</u> | agree |
| <u>Key Stage 2</u> | emotional |



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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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We are having a 3 for 2 Book Fair in school on Monday 15th, Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th May and we'd love you to come and join us! The Book Fair will be held in the reception area of the school office from 3:15pm until 4:30pm. Coming to the Book Fair gives you the opportunity to check out books that you might not normally see. There will be lots of titles, with prices starting at just £2.99, so everyone will have a chance to pick out a great read. It's all for a great cause too. For every book purchased, our school earns up to 60% of the value back towards FREE books as a reward. We get to choose lots of fantastic new titles to stock the library shelves!

Children's lunch menu

| WK 3 | Monday BANK HOLIDAY | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Week commencing 8 th May 2023 | | | | | |
| Main Meal RED | | Beef Lasagne | Sticky Glazed Chicken | Creamy Pesto Chicken with Fusilli Pasta | Breaded Fish Fingers |
| Main Vegetarian GREEN | | Vegetable Chilli with Steamed Rice (Ve) | Margherita Pizza (V) | Vegetable Pasta Bake (V) | Vegetable & Bean Stuffed Pitta Pocket (Ve) |
| Alternative YELLOW | | Jacket Potato with Cheese (V) | Pasta with Tomato & Basil Sauce (Ve) | Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (Ve) | Pasta with Tomato & Lentil Sauce (Ve) |
| Accompaniments | | Steamed Carrots (Ve) | Spicy Potato Wedges (Ve) & Coleslaw (V) | Pan Fried Leeks (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 | | Chocolate & Beetroot Brownie (V) Fresh Fruit (Ve) | Cherry Cornflake Cake (V) Fresh Fruit (Ve) | Vanilla Ice Cream (V) Fresh Fruit (Ve) | Chocolate Shortbread Biscuit (Ve) 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 | |
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| 9 th , 10 th , 11 th and 12 th May | KS2 SATS Week |
| 13 th May | CANCELLED - PTFA Saturday morning table top sale – further information to follow |
| 15 th 16 th 17 th May | 3 for 2 book fair |
| 19 th May | Year 3 class assembly 9:15am |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| 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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Supporters must be 18 years of age or older



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There is a Willowbrook Supporter winner every week!

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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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