

Message from Mrs Branton

Welcome back to the second half of this Autumn term. I hope you all had a lovely break and are ready for the rest of this very busy term in the lead up to Christmas.

Whitebeam class performed a fantastic assembly for us to enjoy all around their toy story topic. Looking at toys throughout the ages and showcasing creative paintings of their favourite toys. I especially enjoyed their wonderful dancing to 'Barbie Girl' and their joyous singing to "You've Got a Friend in Me." It was certainly a great start to our Friday morning, well done Whitebeam class!



On Wednesday, I went along with Kim (PTFA chair), Kit (PTFA secretary) and Emma (PTFA Treasurer) to the Co-op Shenfield store to take part in a celebration for the £3033.58 we raised as part of the Co-op Local Community Fund. It is with great thanks to our PTFA for successfully registering us as a local cause with the Fund. A special thankyou also to Karalyn our Co-Op Member Pioneer for her guidance. We were all delighted to have received this grant and the amount could not have been raised without the support of Co-Op members in the community choosing us as their cause. The money will be spent on promoting social and emotional development throughout the school.



Remembrance Sunday is on the 13th November and as a school we feel that Remembrance Day is a very important occasion. Miss Cox has been very busy working with all the classes creating poppies in various artistic forms. The poppies will be used to create a Remembrance Day Display in school to commemorate the great contributions service men and women have made.

We will be selling poppies and other poppy merchandise to the children during school on the afternoons of the 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th November. There is no set price for children wanting to purchase a poppy, they can donate any amount. Any children wanting to purchase any of the other merchandise, **of which there is a limited supply**, there is a suggested donation of between £1 to 50p per item. Money should be in a sealed named envelope and handed to a member of classroom staff at the door.



Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Clare Branton, Headteacher.

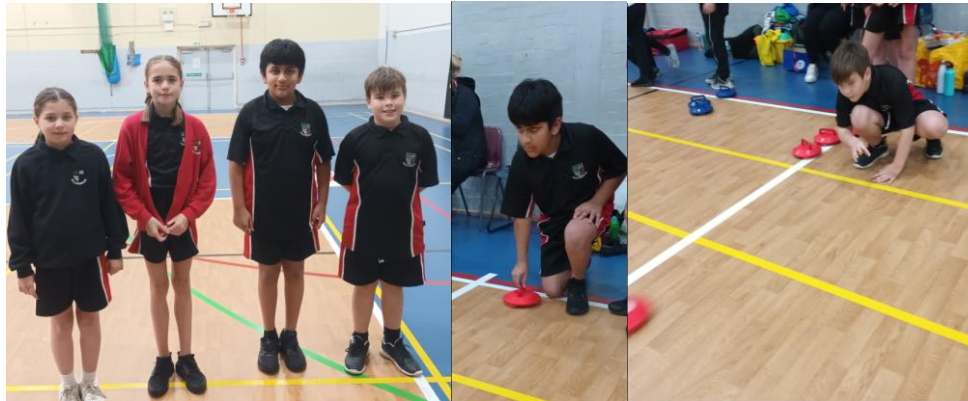


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New Age Kurling



We were delighted that a few of our junior children went along to a New Age Kurling tournament at Shenfield High School on Tuesday. It was great fun learning the rules and rolling the stones as close as they could to the target. After playing a few matches I am proud to report that we came 4th! Woo! We enjoyed meeting new friends from different schools and as you can see from our photos, New Age Kurling is a fantastic sport to play!



Primary school places for September 2023

From 7 November 2022 you can apply online for your child's primary (reception) or junior (year 3) school place. Read about the [primary \(reception\)](#) school place application process.

Applications received after the 15 January 2023 are considered late and will reduce your chance of being offered a place at your preferred schools.

The Whole School Flu Immunisation will take place on Friday 18th November

Flu immunisation consent forms must be completed by 16th November, if you have not already done so and want your child to have the Flu Immunisation please follow the link below

<https://immsconsent.eput.nhs.uk/FluConsent/Form1/?URN=115041#!/Page1>



If you haven't yet purchased a disco ticket for your child for next week's Halloween Disco on Wednesday 9th November, there is still time. Please pop into the school office to order one, payment in cash please.

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This week's Headteacher superstars are:

Ceira, Jack, Joshua, Max, Freddie, Rowen, Bobby-Alan, Olivia, Zoe, Oscar, Anna, Harry, Gracie, Benji, Emelia, Fleur and Charlie



Well done

Core value pupil

		<p>Well done to the core value pupil from Chestnut class who received this week's award for happiness in the celebration assembly</p>
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Word of the week

<i>'Wonderful words of the week'</i>	
<p><u>Key Stage 1</u> Whitebeam - plus Chestnut – traveller</p>	
<p><u>Key Stage 2</u> Pine - sample Oak – area Cherry – eerie</p>	



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Science in the News

At Willowbrook Primary School we enjoy learning about Science! Here are some examples of amazing teaching and learning from last half-term.

Find below Whitebeam and Cherry's extraordinary work. Well done, everyone!

Mrs Cirdei - Science Co-ordinator



Whitebeam had a great time investigating different materials and whether they would sink or float. They discovered that whether something floats or sinks in water it has to do with how heavy it is compared to how big it is. They made some very sensible predictions before we carried out the experiment.



Cherry Class have been learning about the different stages of human development. They created timelines from birth, all the way to late adulthood and old age, discussing vocabulary such as 'prenatal' and 'adolescence'. They enjoyed acting out some of the different stages and discussing the physical changes.

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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 7 th November 2022					
Main Meal RED	BBQ Chicken Pizza	Sweet & Sour Chicken with Steamed Rice	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Beef Lasagne	Fish Fingers with Oven Baked Chips
Main Vegetarian GREEN	Margherita Pizza (V)	Sweet & Sour Vegetables with Steamed Rice (Ve)	Cauliflower & Cheese Bake with Roast Potatoes (V)	Vegan Chilli Con Carne with Rice (Ve)	Vegetable Goujon with Oven Baked Chips (Ve)
Alternative YELLOW	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise	Wholegrain Pasta with Tomato Sauce (Ve)	Pasta with Cheese Sauce (V)	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (Ve)	Pasta with Roasted Tomato Sauce (Ve)
Accompaniments	Sweetcorn (Ve) & Coleslaw (V)	Cauliflower & Peas (Ve)	Seasonal Greens & Carrots (Ve)	Broccoli & Sweetcorn (Ve)	Baked Beans & Peas (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	Chocolate & Courgette Sponge with Chocolate Sauce (V) Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Oat & Cherry Cookie (Ve) Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Banana Flapjack (Ve) Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Apple & Parsnip Sponge (V) Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Vanilla Ice Cream with Peach Compote (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.

	AUTUMN TERM 2022
9 th November	PTFA Halloween Disco – letters have been sent home
10 th November	Cherry Class & Chestnut Class One Plan meetings
11 th November	Whitebeam Class One Plan meetings
11 th November	Beech Class Assembly 9:15am
14 th November	Odd Socks Day - All you need to do is wear odd socks! It's a great way to celebrate what makes us all unique in Anti-Bullying Week!
14 th November	Year 5 parent meeting via zoom- residential in year 6
16 th November	EYFS Road safety Presentation
16 th November	Year 5 Road safety Presentation and Road safety walk
17 th November	Hawthorn Class One Plan meetings
17 th November	BBC Children in need day – wear non-uniform with a Pudsey twist (ie spotty socks/hairband) for £1/donation – further information to follow
18 th November	Oak Class assembly 9:15am
18 th November	Pine Class One Plan meetings
18 th November	Whole school flu immunisation
23 rd November	Parent Coffee Morning- Healthy Schools project 8:50am until 10am
24 th November	Beech Class One Plan meetings
25 th November	Oak Class One Plan meetings
25 th November	Cherry Class Assembly 9:15am
29 th November	Last Swimming lesson for years 3 and 5
1 st December	Christmas House Day
1 st December	Prospective Parent Tour 9:30am till 10:30am Prospective Parent Tour 1:30pm till 2:30pm
5 th December	Yr 5 & 6 KS2 Christmas show 2:15pm
6 th December	Yr 3 & 4 KS2 Christmas show 2:15pm
8 th December	Prospective Parent Tour 9.30am till 10:30am Prospective Parent Tour 1:30pm till 2:30pm
13 th December	KS1 Infant Nativity (Beech, Whitebeam and Chestnut) Performance 1: 9:20am (lasts roughly 45 minutes) Performance 2: 10:45am (lasts roughly 45 minutes)
14 th December	Whole school Panto Trip
15 th December	Year 6 Christmas Wonder workshop (1 Hour) with BSCWT at St Peters Church
16 th December	Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day
19 th December	Children's Christmas Fayre
19 th December	RockSteady Concert
20 th December	Last day of term

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We took part in a little celebration at Shenfield Co-op for the amazing amount raised as part of the Co-Op Local Community Fund. We are so grateful for all those who helped us and we look forward to your continued support.

The money will be spent on training through the THRIVE approach, which is focused on child development supporting the social, emotional and general wellbeing of children and families within our school community.

Our fundraising round has ended but there are plenty more worthwhile causes to support, please take a look in your Co-op member app and help another!

Thanks again.



Willowbrook Primary School PTFA

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2nd November 2022



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Brave has been selected to be part of the @coopuk Local Community Fund!

If you are a coop member, you can select us as a cause either on the app or when you log in to your co-op account (no matter where you are based in the UK).

Once you have selected us, every time you shop in a Co-op store 1p of every £1 you spend goes into our fund.

As a tiny not for profit organisation, these funds make a huge difference in allowing us to create Brave boxes and support the mental health of Parent Carers.

We really are excited to be part of this great project, hopefully allowing it to raise our profile and reach more Parent Carers across the UK.

To choose us as your cause, click here

<https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/69581>





We're part of the Co-op Local Community Fund

Select us as your cause

[coop.co.uk/membership](https://membership.coop.co.uk)

Brave

Supporting the mental health and well being of parents who have children with complex medical needs.



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Please select us as your cause

[http://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/69581](https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/69581)



We're part of the Local Community Fund

When members buy selected Co-op branded products and services, the Co-op will give local causes a helping hand. Go online [coop.co.uk/membership](https://membership.coop.co.uk)





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Support with the Cost of living

BILLS & MONEY



Support to make the most of your money and find help if you need it.

WORK



Advice and support to help you work.

WELLBEING



If you need urgent mental health support, call NHS 111 and select option 2 to speak with a mental health practitioner. You can also text SHOUT to 85258.

FOOD & ESSENTIALS



Guidance on eating on a budget, finding your local foodbank, money saving tips and cheap recipes.

GO GREEN



Ways you can reduce your energy costs to go green, and enjoy the borough's green spaces.



Visit: www.brentwood.gov.uk/cost-of-living
Call: 01277 312500
Email: communitysupport@brentwood.gov.uk

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HALLOWEEN DISCO

WED 9TH NOVEMBER 2022



Infants: 4:45pm - 5:45pm (£3 each)
 Juniors: 6:00pm - 7:30pm (£4 each)

Dear Parents/Carers,

The PTFA would like to invite you to a Halloween disco!

Moji will be back to provide the music and entertainment and we would love for the children to dress as they wish - fancy dress is always welcome but if they want to wear their favourite outfit, that's fine too!

Please do be mindful when choosing your child's outfit and makeup if coming in Halloween fancy dress so as not to cause distress to others. Strictly no props allowed. Those in infants will need to make sure the outfits are practical as children will need to be able to use the toilets independently.

The INFANTS disco will have music and 15-20 minutes of entertainment. They will also have a drink and a snack to top up their energy.

EYFS/RECEPTION parents only will be able to stay at the disco if they wish.

JUNIORS will be free to dance and spend time with friends. Drinks and snacks will be provided.

The disco will be ticketed, and tickets can be purchased by completing the form below with the correct payment in a named envelope.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Willowbrook Primary School PTFA



PTFA Halloween Disco - 9th November 2022

Reply Slip

Please return with named envelope to classrooms by Monday 7th November 2022.

Name/s of child/children:	
Class/classes:	
Total Paid: Infants (£3 each) Juniors (£4 each)	

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daily bread
SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

Christmas Hamper Appeal 2022

In Christmas 2021 we distributed 300 hampers to struggling families and those impacted by the pandemic.

With rising fuel and food costs, Christmas this year is going to be a struggle for many, so we have decided to run our Christmas Hamper campaign again.

Would you like to bless a family this Christmas? Can you buy a few extra items to make Christmas a little easier for someone?

Each week we will suggest a different item to buy. Hampers can be delivered to St Peter's Church, Claughton Way between 10am and 2pm on Saturday 17th December.

Please note we can only accept hampers on this date due to storage limitations.

If you would like to take part, please email dailybreadhampers@gmail.com for further details and to be added to the mailing list



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Mayor's Christmas Card Design and Christmas Poetry Competition 2022

I am writing to invite your pupils to enter in to either one or both of the above competitions. The winners will receive a gift and an invitation to join me to turn on the Christmas lights on Saturday 26th November 2022.

Competition One: Christmas Card Design

The entry should be on A4 paper, portrait format, and the design should be something to do with Christmas. The winning entry will be used on the front of my Christmas card this year. Please ask your pupils not to embellish their designs with cotton wool, glitter etc., as they are hard to replicate so cannot be chosen.

Competition Two: A Christmas Poem

The title for this entry is "My Christmas Wish" and should be no more than 200 words. Only the wording will be considered, so decorations and artwork are not necessary. The poem will be published in the Mayor's Christmas Card.

Submitting your entries

Please can you ensure your entries have your child's name and age and the name of their school on the back and are sent to the Mayor's Office, Brentwood Borough Council, Town Hall, Ingrave Road, Brentwood CM15 8AY by 5pm on Wednesday 9th November or they can be scanned and emailed directly to zoey.foakes@brentwood.gov.uk with the above information, please also include a note/message to say who the winner should be contacted through should your child's entry be selected.

I hope your pupils will enjoy entering into the competitions.

Yours faithfully,

Cllr Olivia Francois
Mayor of Brentwood