

## **Message from Mrs Branton**

A splendid performance from Hawthorn class in their assembly this morning where they shared with us their learning from their 'Crime and Punishment' topic. Their drama sketches informed us of why and how people were punished through the ages and I have to say, I am glad there are no longer public executions like in the Tudor period! We were also entertained by their creative dancing and their performance of the song they have been working on in Music, 'Happy.' Not only did they sing in unison, but sang in two parts and played the glockenspiels! What a talented class.

Pine class have been busy creating some very artistic London landscapes using water colours ahead of their London trip later next week. Painting, like all arts and craft activities give children a sense of achievement and allows them to take pride in their work, which builds confidence in creating an aesthetically pleasing piece of art.



## **Parents Evening**

Next week are our parent teacher consultation evenings. Thank you to everyone who has already booked their appointment to meet with their child's class teacher. I look forward to welcoming you into school to find out about your children's progress so far, this academic year. If you have not yet made a booking, please contact the school office as the online booking system is now closed. Please remember, if your child is currently on the Inclusion Register, you will be invited to attend a One Plan meeting with your class teacher and Mrs Youngblood, after the half-term.

## **Sporting news**



We were very lucky to be able to send a small group of our junior children along to a Ten Pin Bowling event on Monday as part of the Panathlon Challenge. The children thoroughly enjoyed the event, with one pupil winning the Hot Shot competition with 2 strikes and 2 spares and also becoming a member of the Panathlon 100 Club with his high bowling score! A team of girls from year 5 and 6 were very excited to participate in a 7-a-side football tournament on Tuesday. The team showed great passion and team work skills, playing against good teams.

## **School Attendance**

At the end of last week, our whole school attendance so far, this academic year was 97.71%. Our school attendance target is 97% so thank you to all our children and families for supporting the school with good attendance. We want all of our children to be H.E.R.O's (**H**ere, **E**very day, **R**eady, **O**n Time). Below you will see the individual class attendance percentages for the academic year so far:

Beech	Whitebeam	Chestnut	Pine	Oak	Cherry	Hawthorn
98.16%	98.37%	97.92%	97.79%	97.11%	97.78%	96.98%

Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Clare Branton, Headteacher.



Just to remind you that applications for a **secondary school** place for September 2023 must be submitted by 31<sup>st</sup> October, please use the following link to apply for your place <https://www.essex.gov.uk/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place>



There will be NO before and after school sports and activity clubs next week due to parents evening. Before and after school sports and activity clubs will recommence on 31<sup>st</sup> October after half term week. **The breakfast and after school club will run as normal as well as the year 6 boosters (except reading booster).**



Pine class London trip **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October** – Children need to arrive in school at **7:45am**, full school uniform to be worn with a weather appropriate coat. Children will need a packed lunch and drink in a rucksack (no glass bottles, cans or fizzy drinks please) they can bring some spending money, a maximum of £5 in a named purse or envelope, which they will be expected to be responsible for.



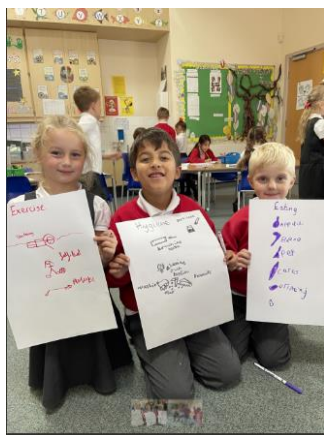
Next week from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October to Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October we will be holding our school book fair. Parents and carers please come along and look at the great range of books on sale with your children. The book fair will be held at the school office and run from 3:15pm up until the end of parents evening.

## Science in the News

A productive week in Science at Willowbrook Primary!

Find below what Chestnut and Oak learnt this week. Well done, everyone!

Mrs Cirdei - Science Co-ordinator



In science this week, Chestnut have been looking at the importance of exercise, having a balanced diet and hygiene. We thought about different exercises we do daily and healthy food we could have. Then, we discussed the difference between good and bad hygiene.



Oak Class have been investigating changing state of materials. We have used different materials to investigate this and then we used water as a visual example of how a material can change state.



## 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 Whitebeam class who received this week's award for happiness in the celebration assembly</p>
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## Word of the week

*'Wonderful words of the week'*

### Key Stage 1

Whitebeam - numberline  
Chestnut – offspring

### Key Stage 2

Pine - conclude  
Oak – pillage  
Cherry – reasonable  
Hawthorn – approach

## Children's lunch menu

WK 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday Celebrating Diversity	Friday
Week commencing 17 <sup>th</sup> October 2022					
Main Meal RED	BBQ Chicken Pizza	Sweet & Sour Chicken with Steamed Rice	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Chicken Jambalaya with Caribbean Salsa	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)	Sweet Potato & Coconut Curry with Jollof 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) or Cheese (V)	Pasta with Roasted Tomato Sauce (Ve)
Accompaniments	Sweetcorn (Ve) & Coleslaw (V)	Cauliflower & Peas (Ve)	Seasonal Greens & Carrots (Ve)	Chilli & Coriander 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)	Watermelon Jelly & Vanilla Ice Cream (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					



# Weekly Newsletter

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2022



## 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
17 <sup>th</sup> to 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Parents evening will take place during this week
17 <sup>th</sup> to 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Book Fair will run alongside parents' evenings Monday to Thursday after school
20 <sup>th</sup> October	Pine class trip to London – children to arrive at school at 7:45am
21 <sup>st</sup> October	Chestnut Class Assembly 9:15am
21 <sup>st</sup> October	Halloween and Firework Safety assembly provided by Essex County Fire and Rescue Service
31 <sup>st</sup> October to 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 residential trip
2 <sup>nd</sup> November	PTFA Halloween Disco – further information to follow
4 <sup>th</sup> November	Whitebeam Class Assembly 9:15am
4 <sup>th</sup> November	Prospective Parent Tour 10am till 11am Prospective Parent Tour 1:30pm till 2:30pm
10 <sup>th</sup> and 11 <sup>th</sup> November	One Plan meetings
11 <sup>th</sup> November	Beech Class Assembly 9:15am
14 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 parent meeting via zoom- residential in year 6
16 <sup>th</sup> November	EYFS Road safety Presentation
16 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 Road safety Presentation and Road safety walk
17 <sup>th</sup> and 18 <sup>th</sup> November	One Plan meetings
17 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> November	Oak Class assembly 9:15am
18 <sup>th</sup> November	Whole school flu immunisation
23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Parent Coffee Morning- Healthy Schools project 8:50am until 10am
24 <sup>th</sup> and 25 <sup>th</sup> November	One Plan meetings
25 <sup>th</sup> November	Cherry Class Assembly 9:15am
29 <sup>th</sup> November	Last Swimming lesson for years 3 and 5
1 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas House Day
1 <sup>st</sup> December	Prospective Parent Tour 9:30am till 10:30am Prospective Parent Tour 1:30pm till 2:30pm
5 <sup>th</sup> December	Yr 5 & 6 KS2 Christmas show 2:15pm
6 <sup>th</sup> December	Yr 3 & 4 KS2 Christmas show 2:15pm
8 <sup>th</sup> December	Prospective Parent Tour 9.30am till 10:30am Prospective Parent Tour 1:30pm till 2:30pm
13 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Infant Nativity Performance 1: 9:20am (lasts roughly 45 minutes)

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	Performance 2: 10:45am (lasts roughly 45 minutes)
14 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole school Panto Trip
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Christmas Wonder workshop (1 Hour) with BSCWT at St Peters Church
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Children's Christmas Fayre
19 <sup>th</sup> December	RockSteady Concert
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term

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The poster features a dark blue background decorated with stylized Christmas trees and ornaments. At the top, there are three ornaments: one with the 'daily bread' logo, one with concentric circles, and one with a blue and white wave pattern. The title 'Christmas Hamper Appeal 2022' is written in a large, white, cursive font. Below the title, the text is arranged in several paragraphs, each preceded by a small white icon (a star, a heart, a gift, and a calendar icon respectively).

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## 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, Cloughton 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](mailto: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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> November or they can be scanned and emailed directly to [zoey.foakes@brentwood.gov.uk](mailto: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