



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 7th October 2022



Message from Mrs Branton

Your generous Macmillan donations have now been counted and I am so pleased to share that you raised a massive £434.28, which is absolutely fantastic! This would not have been possible without all of your wonderful cakes and of course all of the help from our PTFA. This brings our overall Willowbrook Macmillan donations total to £5771!

On Wednesday, the children in Whitebeam and Chestnut classes travelled back in time, almost one thousand years ago, when they visited Mountfitchet Castle in Stansted. Here, they experienced what life was like for people living in a Motte and Bailey Castle during the medieval period in history. The children thoroughly enjoyed exploring the reconstructed Norman village and the amazing toy museum, crammed packed with toys through the ages. They also loved meeting the rescued animals which roamed freely throughout the Castle grounds. This was a fantastic trip which enriched the children's learning in the classroom.



This week our year 6 children had the opportunity to take part in Bikeability training, the National Cycle Training Programme supported and funded by the Department for Transport. The course has been designed to build the skills and confidence of children who can already ride. Bikeability not only makes children better cyclists – potentially for the rest of their lives – but can help with general confidence and independent thinking. The first session was conducted on the playground, followed by on road cycling using quiet residential streets surrounding the school for the rest of the week. The main aim of the course is that the children will be able to make a short journey in a safer manner and be more aware of road safety issues. This was a really successful event – well done to everyone who took part! The children will be presented with their badges and certificates in next weeks celebration assembly.



On Thursday, we welcomed children's author, C.S Clifford into school. The writer of The Walking With... series, Steve Clifford has taught in primary schools and was inspired to start writing through the constant demand of the pupils he taught. As part of his visit, Steve Clifford ran various workshops and signed copies of his books. He was able to give fascinating talks to pupils during their class workshops about his passion for stories and storytelling and his sources of writing inspiration.



So, all in all a very busy week, have a lovely weekend. Mrs Clare Branton, Headteacher.



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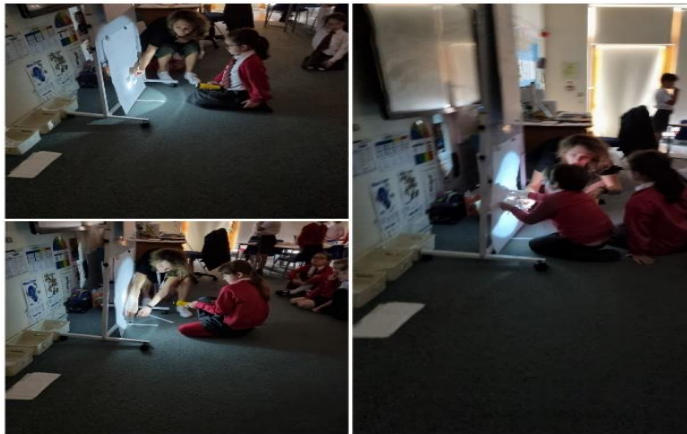


Science in the News

We are very happy to be back with pictures and news from our amazing Science lessons at Willowbrook Primary School. As before, every week, you can read about how we celebrate Science; what skills we learn to use when answering scientific enquiries; and how we respond to our scientific challenges.

Find below what Beech and Pine class learnt in Science this week. Well done, everyone!

Mrs Cirdei - Science Co-ordinator



As part of our Light and Dark topic, **Pine Class** observed and measured if shadows change when light sources are closer to objects. The children predicted and worked collaboratively in small groups to measure how far the light source is from an object. They measured the width of the shadow at its widest point and recorded this information in a table. Then they moved the light source further away from the object and recorded the new distance. Finally, they recorded their findings in a chart and explained their conclusions.



This week **Beech** children have been learning all about important changes in the natural world around them. They have been learning all about the seasons changing and have been particularly focusing on Autumn. The children went on an Autumn walk and found lots of Autumn coloured leaves. What colours do you think they would be? We discussed why they were falling from the trees and why they were actually that colour. They also focused on their observational skills and enjoyed painting their own Autumn coloured leaf. Together we looked very closely and talked about all the shapes, lines, patterns and sizes. They have been set an Autumn collection challenge over the weekend so watch this space..... Well done Beech superstars!

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Harvest Food Bank Donations

Your very generous harvest donations have now been collected by our two local foodbanks. Please see a thank you letter from The Brentwood Foodbank below and Reverend Lisa Whymark of The Hutton Parish St Peters Church has also asked me to pass on her thanks in helping re stock the shelves of their food hub.



BRENTWOOD FOODBANK

Doddinghurst Road Community Church

56-60 Doddinghurst Road
Brentwood, Essex, CM15 9EH

t: 01277 224528

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Opening times: Tues & Weds 10am – 1pm

Wednesday, 05 October 2022

Willowbrook School.

Dear Friends

Harvest Festival donations

Thank you so much for your amazing donations of 84.00 kg of food for the Foodbank.

Sadly, many families have been hit by the economic situation that we all find ourselves in. Some have lost jobs, other stress and illness has taken its toll and Foodbank is able to ensure that those that find themselves in these difficulties will be able to feed themselves and their children.

It is the amazing kindness of schools, churches and individuals that enable us to continue with this work. Sadly, there has been over a 50% rise in our numbers from June till August. However, this September has shown a weekly increase, and this is a concern for us all. The amazing donations we receive help us to ensure, hopefully, that no one goes hungry.

As the winter months approach, and the colder weather sets in, we are expecting the need will grow even greater.

We do appreciate this is a difficult time for everyone, and your amazing donations are very much appreciated.

Warmest regards,

Julie Bowler

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This week's Headteacher superstars are:

Tommy, Olly, Oscar, Arthur, Abdullah, Sidney, Harrison, Danel and George



Well done

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 Cherry 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> address</p>	<p><u>Key Stage 2</u> authentic</p>



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Children's lunch menu

WK 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week commencing 10 th October 2022					
Main Meal RED	Sausage & Mash with Onion Gravy	Mild Chicken & Vegetable Curry with Steamed Rice	Honey Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Beef Bolognaise with Spaghetti	Fish Fingers with Oven Baked Chips
Main Vegetarian GREEN	Tex Mex Vegetarian Sausage Hot Pot (V)	Thai Vegetable Green Curry with Steamed Rice (Ve)	BBQ Roast Sweet Potato & Bean Loaf with Roast Potatoes & Gravy (Ve)	Homemade Vegan Burger in a Bun (Ve)	Vegetable Burrito Wrap (Ve)
Alternative YELLOW	Pasta with Cheese Sauce (V)	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (Ve)	Wholegrain Pasta with Tomato Sauce (Ve)	Jacket Potato with Cheese (V)	Pasta with Tomato Sauce (Ve)
Accompaniments	Sweetcorn & Peas (Ve)	Cauliflower & Green Beans (Ve)	Seasonal Greens & Carrots (Ve)	Broccoli & Sweetcorn (Ve)	Peas & Baked Beans (Ve)
Cold Option	Cheese or Ham Sandwich	Cheese or Ham Sandwich	Cheese or Ham Sandwich	Cheese or Ham Sandwich	Cheese or Ham Sandwich
Dessert	Shortbread Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Fruit Burst Jelly (Ve) Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Apple & Oaty Topped Crumble (Ve) with Custard (V) Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Chocolate & Beetroot Brownie (V) Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Maryland Cookie (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
13 th October	Prospective Parent Tour 6pm till 7pm
14 th October	Hawthorn Class Assembly 9:15am
17 th to 21 st October	Parents evening will take place during this week – please see parent mail that has been sent out
17 th to 21 st October	Book Fair will run alongside parents' evenings
20 th October	Pine class trip to London – children to arrive at school at 7:45am
21 st October	Chestnut Class Assembly 9:15am
21 st October	Halloween and Firework Safety assembly provided by Essex County Fire and Rescue Service
31 st October to 4 th November	Year 6 residential trip
4 th November	Whitebeam Class Assembly 9:15am
4 th November	Prospective Parent Tour 10am till 11am Prospective Parent Tour 1:30pm till 2:30pm
10 th and 11 th November	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 and 18 th November	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	Whole school flu immunisation
23 rd November	Parent Coffee Morning- Healthy Schools project 8:50am until 10am
24 th and 25 th November	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 Performance 1: 9:20am (lasts roughly 45 minutes)

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	Performance 2: 10:45am (lasts roughly 45 minutes)
14 th December	Whole school Panto Trip
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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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