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### **Dear Parents and Carers**

Well what an exciting snowy week we have had. It is such a privilege to be there watching children seeing snow for the first time. They get so excited! Maybe we should all look at the world through a child's eyes a bit more...

### **Menu Change**

A reminder that the menu has changed for Monday and will be a menu to celebrate Chinese New Year; see the poster attached.

### **Top Tip!**

As we have had some wet and snowy weather, it might be a good idea to put a pair of spare socks in your child's PE bag so that they can change if they get wet feet. We try to get socks dry on radiators but we can only dry so many!

### **Strike Action**

Some parents have been asking about our plans regarding the proposed strikes. Currently I am waiting to see if any staff intend to strike and as soon as I know, I will email out to parents. It is likely that we will have a partial closure for some classes, but I have not yet clarified where these will be. I know our staff care a lot about the education of the children and will not be taking any decisions lightly.

### **Exe Factor**

***For the first time since Covid lockdowns, the Willowbrook School Exe Factor competition is LIVE again!***

If you want to take part, you need to choose a song. Either gather some friends to form a group, or you can perform on your own. You will need to **practise** and be prepared for a **live** audition (not a pre-recorded video like last year)

Auditions need to be **no more than 2 minutes long**.

**You need to sign up for an audition before Wednesday 25th January. Please ask your teacher for a form. We will give you your audition dates once we have all the forms back.**

### **Attendance**

I have met with the Education Welfare Officer this week and attendance remains worryingly low. I know this is due to the huge amount of illness before Christmas and is a National issue, but I wanted to make you aware.

If your child is absent, please can you call each day so that we know why they are off and that they are supposed to be off; we do not want to be in the situation where you have sent them to school and we do not know that they are supposed to be here. This is so important

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from a safeguarding point of view. If you do not let us know about your child's absence, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

### **NUMBOTS in Reception**

A massive well done to all of the reception children who have logged onto NUMBOTS at home for the first time and given it a go! We have had some excellent scores. Barney has played for 9 out of 11 days, Sophia has played for a total of 110 minutes and Sofia for scoring 8887 points!

If you have not had a go yet, see if you can give it a go this week. If you are having trouble logging in, let your child's teacher know.

### **Family Points**

Thank you to all of the children who have been reading and signing their diary five times a week. Please try and keep it up! A further thank you to those of you who have been completing your handwriting sheets or homework. By doing both of these, you have earned your family group extra points.

The current family points standings are:



C'mon Maple! You have some catching up to do this week! Remember there is a family group times table for you to compete in as well.

What have each year group been up to this week?

# Reception



We have been learning about signs of Winter in Outdoor learning so we were really lucky we got to see some snow this week! We had lots of fun!



We've had our final week learning about Space. We've learnt about constellations and had a Space adventure last night!



RS Friday Flyer: **Chloe (Cherry)**

RG Friday Flyer: **Tom (Oak)**



# Year 1

We have been designing a puppet in Design Technology this week, we had a lot of fun using different colours and being creative.



In PE we have still been learning about tennis. We are getting better at controlling the ball, but find it a little tricky to hit carefully...

1C Friday Flyer: **Oliver (Maple)**

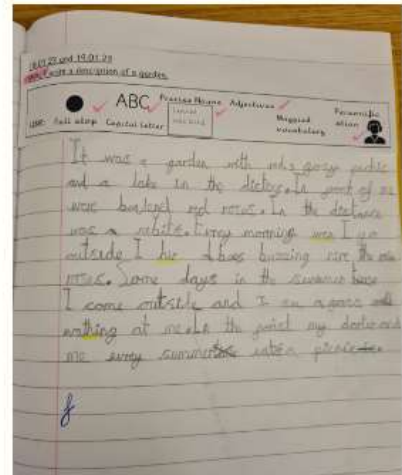
1P Friday Flyer: **Kaydan (Oak)**



# Year 2

In English, we have been learning how we can use personification to add description to our writing.

We have enjoyed more tennis in PE (even if it has been cold and wet!)



2T Friday Flyer: Maddison (Cherry)

2S Friday Flyer: Freya-Grace (Chestnut)

# Year 3



We have started learning football skills in our PE lessons.



We have been exploring Roman pottery in Art. We explored different techniques for manipulating clay before we make our own Roman pots.



3P Friday Flyer: Star - Cherry

3DM Friday Flyer: Acey-May - Maple



# Year 4

In Year 4, we have started learning about tag rugby in PE. We loved playing stuck in the mud as a warm up! We are looking forward to making Egyptian amulets out of modroc in our art lessons for the next few weeks!



4H Friday Flyer: **James**

4F Friday Flyer: **Georgi (Oak)**



# Year 5



Year 5 have been developing their dribbling and passing skills in football to use in game play. They have also been programming light sequences onto Sparkle kits using coding methods during their computing.



5C Friday Flyer: **Luke (Oak)**

5W Friday Flyer: **Heather (Oak)**



# Year 6



6P Friday Flyer: **Alfie (Chestnut)**

In Year 6 this week, we have been continuing to learn new survival skills (including: building fires, tying knots and reading maps).

We have also been developing our skills in Throlf (throwing golf) and have been beginning to design our own Throlf courses!



6BM Friday Flyer: **Alice (Maple)**

## Week 1

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Main Meal</b>	<b>Main Meal</b>	<b>Main Meal</b>	<b>Main Meal</b>	<b>Main Meal</b>
Hoisin Chicken Noodles	Macaroni Cheese, Focaccia Bread, Carrots and Sweetcorn	Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes and Fresh Vegetables with Optional Gravy	Focaccia Bread Cheese Pizza with Jacket Wedges and Salad	Fish Fingers, Fries and Baked Beans or Peas
<b>Vegetarian Option</b>	<b>Vegetarian Option</b>	<b>Vegetarian Option</b>	<b>Vegetarian Option</b>	<b>Vegetarian Option</b>
Sweet and Sour Vegetables and Noodles	Sweet Potato and Butternut Squash Korma, Rice, Carrots and Sweetcorn	Stuffed Courgette, Roast Potatoes and Fresh Vegetables with Optional Gravy	5 Bean Chilli Enchilada with Jacket Wedges and Salad	Halloumi Burger, Fries and Baked Beans or Peas
<b>Jacket Potato</b>	<b>Jacket Potato</b>	<b>Jacket Potato</b>	<b>Jacket Potato</b>	<b>Jacket Potato</b>
With Cheese / Beans / Tuna Mayo	With Cheese / Beans / Tuna Mayo	With Cheese / Beans / Tuna Mayo	With Cheese / Beans / Tuna Mayo	With Cheese / Beans / Tuna Mayo
<b>Dessert</b>	<b>Dessert</b>	<b>Dessert</b>	<b>Dessert</b>	<b>Dessert</b>
Fortune Cake (Sticky Toffee Cake)	Flapjack	Fruit Jelly	Sticky Chocolate Cake	Fruity Cookie