

24th February 2023



Dear Parents and Carers

As I am sure you are aware, there is another day of strike action planned by the National Education Union on Thursday. I will send an email to all parents later today about which classes will be open that day and which classes will be shut.

Staffing Change

After many years as our Assistant Headteacher and SENDCo, Mrs Ellor will be leaving us to take up new employment at the end of the spring term. I am sure she will be missed greatly by many parents who she has supported. I would like to thank her for all the hard work she has put into making this a really strong aspect of our school, of which we are very proud.

After Easter, we will be joined by Miss Chloe Bennet who is an experienced SENDCo who currently works across four schools and is looking forward to meeting you all and working in one place! She will be spending time with Mrs Ellor before she leaves to make sure there is an effective handover.

World Book Day

A reminder that we are celebrating World Book Day on Wednesday next week! Please come dressed as a favourite book character if you wish to. Many children feel more comfortable in their uniform for school, and that is absolutely fine. We will be swapping classes to tell stories and the children will be able to see each other's outfits in an assembly with Mrs Biddle during the morning.

Year Three

The staff and children would love you to come in any time after three o'clock on Wednesday, World Book Day, to share some poetry the children have been working on.

Readers

Congratulations to the children below as they are the top readers in their classes for last week. Reading is so important as a key to learning across the curriculum and it is also fun!

2S	Oscar T	2T	Anya M
3DM	Florence L	3P	Elijah A
4F	Maksymilian S	4H	Elias C
5C	Reuben M	5W	Attal R
6BM	Alice P	6P	Adele L

Quiz Night

Friends of Willowbrook will be hosting a Quiz Night on Tuesday 7th March, 7pm-9pm. This is a fun opportunity to get involved in raising really important funds for our school. A poster has been attached with some more information on the bottom of this Newsletter. Please be sure to email ahead to FOW@willowbrook.devon.sch.uk if you are planning to attend.

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Year Six

Please could parents of children in Year 6 ensure they come to school in uniform every day. We have seen an increase in children wearing a range of clothing that is not part of their school uniform. They also need their PE kit in school. If you have any questions about uniform or kit, the list is on the school website and staff will be happy to discuss this with you. Thank you.

Willowbrook's Recognition Mission

What is our recognition mission?

At school, we are starting a recognition mission! This is because we want to recognise how amazing your children are and want to make sure we recognise the children who are always going over and above at school. We particularly want to recognise children who consistently demonstrate our school values (friendship, excellence, teamwork and respect) and who are always following the Willowbrook Way.

How it is going to work?

Every adult in the school is going to be looking out for children who are going over and above. If they get recognised, their name will go up on the class recognition board. A recognition slip will also be sent home, so you can hear about their success and reinforce their positive behaviours.

What has each year group been up to this week?

RECEPTION

We've had a week of pancakes!
We have also started our new topic about Dinosaurs so will show you more of that next week.



RS's Friday Flyer: Libby (Cherry)



RG's Friday Flyer: Indie (Chestnut)



YEAR 1



This week was our first Outdoor learning lesson! We had an amazing time exploring the outside area looking for plants. We also had a go at planting some seeds!



1C's Friday Flyer: Ruby (Chestnut)

1P's Friday Flyer: Leyland (Cherry)

YEAR 2



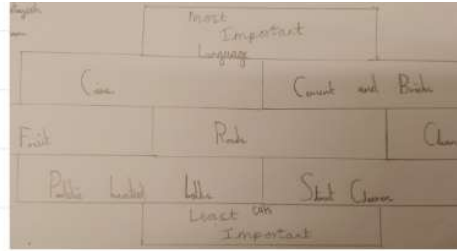
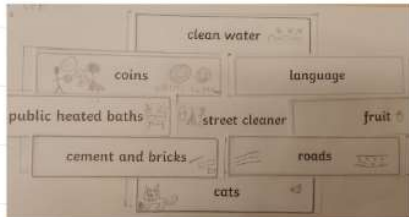
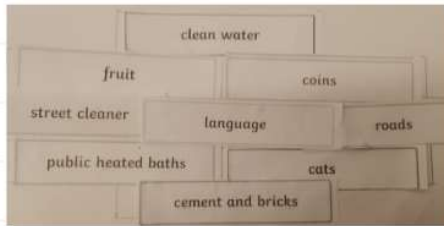
In PE, we have started football with Premier. This week, we were practising our passing and finding space.

In Art, we are looking at Aboriginal Art, linking it to our Geography unit about Australia!

2S's Friday Flyer: Sophia H (Maple)

2T's Friday Flyer: Zumra (Cherry)

YEAR 3



In Year 3, we have started learning the recorders. This week we have learnt to hold the recorder correctly and play the note B. There wasn't many squeaks! We also learnt about what the Romans brought to Britain. We had a go at debating which we felt were the most and least important things!



3P's Friday Flyer: Polina (Maple)

3DM's Friday Flyer: Anabel (Oak)

YEAR 4

This week in Year 4, we began designing our moving fairground rides, deciding what we want our rides to look like, and which materials we will need. We also had great fun in PE, we had our first tennis session and had great fun in gymnastics creating a routine that included travels and body positions.



4F's Friday Flyer: Reggie D (Maple)

4H's Friday Flyer: CJ

YEAR 5



On Wednesday, Year 5 started their weekly ukulele lessons and have already learnt 3 chords!

We also started swimming lessons on a Monday morning at Northbrook swimming pool and had a great first session.



5C's Friday Flyer: Kacper (Maple)

5W's Friday Flyer: Jack (Maple)

YEAR 6



Year 6 have started their tag rugby unit with the Exeter Chiefs this week - learning the basic handling skills when carrying a rugby ball. We have also started designing our own spy gadgets to write a non-fiction informational text.

6P's Friday Flyer: Joseph (Maple)

6BM's Friday Flyer: Riley J

Week 2

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal	Main Meal	Main Meal	Main Meal	Main Meal
Margarita Cheese Pizza, Diced Potatoes and Peas	Beef Chilli, Rice and Sweetcorn	Roast Turkey, Roast Potatoes, 2 Fresh Vegetables and Gravy	Butchers Sausages, Mash Potato, Carrots and Sweetcorn	Chicken Bites, Chips and Baked Beans
Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Option
BBQ Beans, Diced Potatoes and Peas	Tomato and Cheese Pasta Bake, Focaccia Bread and Sweetcorn	Red Pepper and Lentil Wellington, Roast Potatoes, 2 Fresh Vegetables and Gravy	Mushroom Biryani, Garlic Focaccia and Sweetcorn or Salad	Vegetable Nuggets, Chips and Baked Beans
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato
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
Dessert	Dessert	Dessert	Dessert	Dessert
Fruit Muffin Or Fresh Fruit/Yogurt	Orange Cookie Or Fresh Fruit/Yogurt	Flapjack Or Fresh Fruit/Yogurt	Jam and Coconut Sponge Or Fresh Fruit/Yogurt	Chocolate Crispy Cake Or Fresh Fruit/Yogurt

