



Dear Parents and Carers

This week has been challenging in school as we have been experiencing very high levels of staff absence and a lot of illness in children. There seems to be a nasty flu-type bug as well as lots of children being sick or having upset stomachs.

I know we always talk about attendance being important, but when children are ill, it is good to take time off to recover fully so that spread of illness is minimised.

In school we have been reminding children about hygiene routines and regular handwashing.

Apologies if this has meant there have been a few times when we have been late out on duty in the mornings or not quite in our usual places, but this has been down to being short of staff.

Sad News

We were really sad to learn last week that a former member of staff has died. Mr Robin Lawson started his teaching career as a student teacher at Summerway and then stayed as a teacher. He worked here until his retirement from Willowbrook during Covid. I know he taught many of our parents as well as our pupils.

Anyone who was taught by Robin, or who attended concerts led by him or who worked alongside him, will remember his talent, his passion for music and his creative genius. We have so many happy memories of laughing and singing and making music together; we were lucky to have known him. Our love goes to his wife and family.

Well done

These children have been the top readers for the week of 15th- 22nd Jan. Fantastic news.

3H	Amira A	5T	Alfie S
3S	Filip S	5W	Imogen H
4E	Ore J	6BG	Oluwajomiloju
4F	Matilda C	6P	Isabella M

World Book Day

Just a bit of advance notice that it is World Book Day on Thursday 7th March. This is the day when we all dress up as characters from books and have lots of different reading activities all day in school. There is no need to spend lots of money on elaborate costumes, there is nearly always something in the cupboard.

Consultation

A reminder that there is the chance for anyone to attend the consultation as set out in the letter sent on Monday. We are gathering views on joining Ventrus multi-academy trust and

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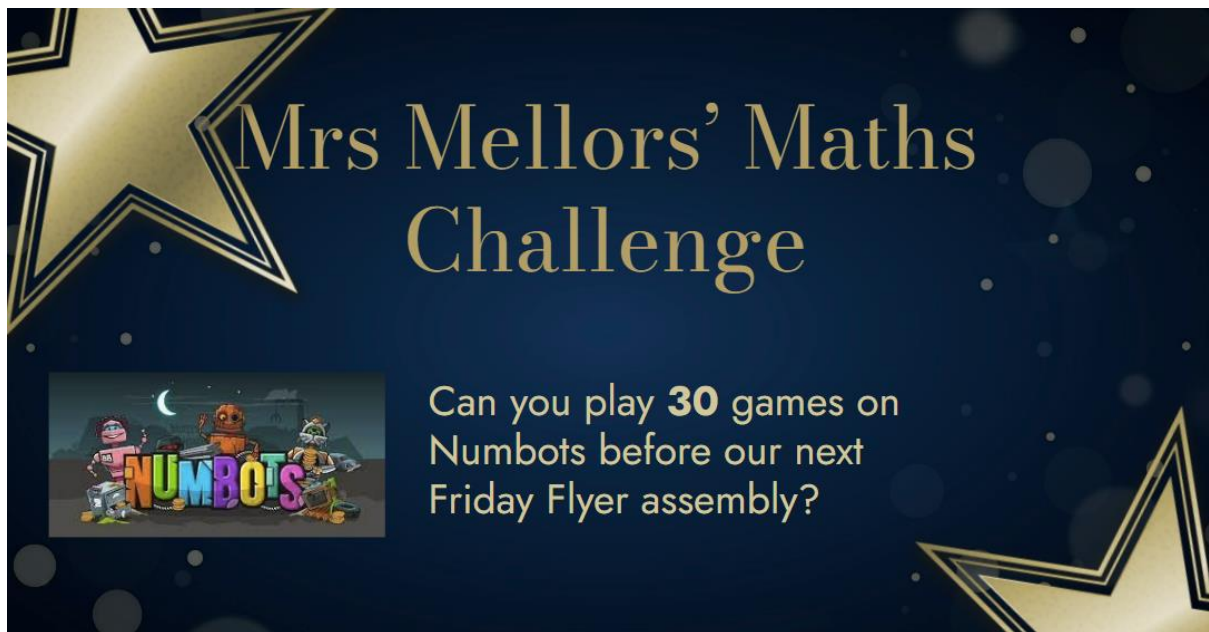
there are meetings in school at 2.30 and 5.30 on Wednesday. We chose these times so people could attend while children were still at school or could attend at the end of their working day. If you are unable to attend but would like to ask a question, please submit your question using the link sent out on Monday at consultation-willowbrook@ventrus.org.uk

Mrs Mellors' Maths Challenge

The following children were successful in completing Mrs Mellors' maths challenge over the last 2 weeks! They have got themselves a sticker in their sticker book and 20 points for their family group. Thank you for your support.

Oliver	Sofia S
Miraj	Austin O-D
David	Elvira R
Sidrat S	Florence P
Joshua C	Reuben D
Iga S	Jake S

The challenge for the next 2 weeks:

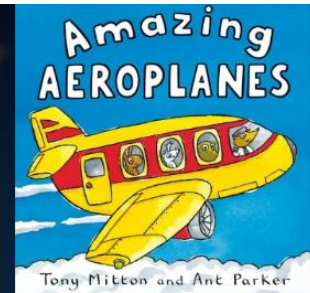


Nursery

Sign of the week



aeroplane



In Nursery this week, we have been learning all about air transport. We have been reading *Amazing Aeroplanes* and learning to sign. Our role-play airport has taken us on amazing journeys around the world - and some short flights to London too!

The children have also enjoyed mark making and are making amazing progress with their phonics. Nearly everyone knows what sound their name starts with, and lots of their friends names too! Well done Nursery.



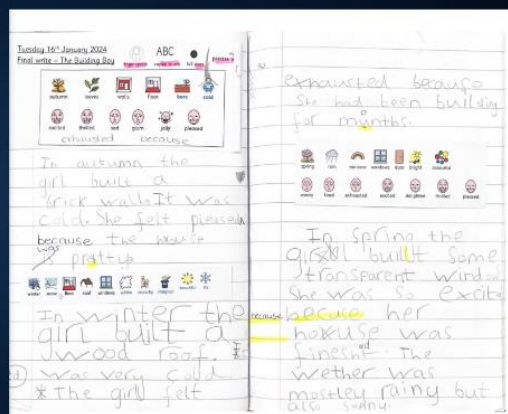
Reception

In Reception this week, we have started learning all Superheroes. We have been reading *Supertato* and unbelievably we've had lots of evil peas loose in the classroom. We even received a letter from Supertato from himself! Evil pea was on the loose in the outdoor area and needed us to build him a trap! The children worked really well together.





Year 1

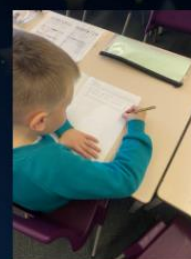
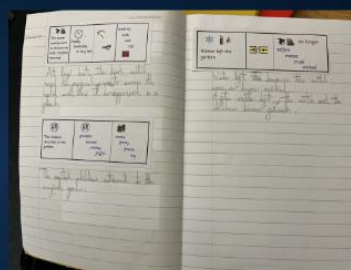


Y1 are enjoying their tennis lessons and learning to control the ball. This week we learned about forehand.

The children are also working so hard in their English lessons. They finished a whole story based on the building boy and are now learning about powerful adjectives as we explore the book Handa's Surprise.

Year 2

Year 2 have been enjoying learning about everyday materials and their properties in Science. They have also been building their balancing skills in PE and had great fun working their way around their balancing track!



In English, the children have written their own stories based on the story of The Selfish Giant. They all showed excellence, trying their best with their handwriting and using powerful adjectives, conjunctions and personification!

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal	Main Meal	Main Meal	Main Meal	Main Meal
Brunch with Saute Potatoes and Baked Beans	Beef Burger in a Bun, Wedges and Peas	Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes, Fresh Veg Medley	Ham and Cheese Carbonarra, Garlic Focaccia Bread and Mixed Salad	Breaded Fish, Chips and Baked Beans or Sweetcorn
Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Option
Spring Vegetable Frittata, Saute Potatoes and Peas	Quorn Sausage, Wedges and Beans	Cauliflower and Broccoli Bake, Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables and Gravy	Tomato and Basil Pasta, Garlic Focaccia Bread and Mixed Salad	Cheese and Bean Pasty, Chips and Baked Beans or Sweetcorn
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
Muffin Or Fresh Fruit/Yogurt	Shortbread Or Fresh Fruit/Yogurt	Fruity Jelly Or Fresh Fruit/Yogurt	Cake Or Fresh Fruit/Yogurt	Cookie Or Fresh Fruit/Yogurt