



# WILLOWS NEWS

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Dear Carers and Parents,

It is so great to be back full time again working alongside our Willows family. We are all now settled into the third week of the Autumn Term and the academic year of 2023/2024.

It was so wonderful to see such a great turn out for the parent/carers - teachers introduction meeting this week-it was our highest turn out ever with 92% of parents meeting their child's staff and hearing about the programme on offer and the routines and programme that your child will be involved with during their school day. We have had an excellent start with ensuring that all children are wearing their school uniform. Please remember if you need support with this we are happy to help-just contact your classroom staff or Mrs Downie for support in this area.

Next week we have the local press in to do an article for the newspaper on our new library area opening-thanks to Miss Jones. I look forward to sharing some photos with you all. We are also in the midst of preparing the opening of a new classroom so will keep you all updated on the opening of this.

If there is anything further you would like to discuss please feel free to contact me or Mr Gregory Hunt.

Regards,

Mr M Shaw  
Headteacher

Meet Your  
**TEACHER**



The Willows School Academy Trust has achieved the Inclusive School Award with Centre of Excellence. Becoming a Centre of Excellence is an opportunity for schools to build on the success of being one of the very special schools which holds the Inclusion Quality Mark award. A Centre of Excellence brings schools together to share and build on their existing good practice in inclusion best practice.



Around 240 schools in the UK have met the standard required to become an IQM Centre of Excellence for outstanding levels of inclusion best practice and we are proud to say we are one of them!



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## Maple Class- IPC - Science

Maple class have started their learning of materials. We used different materials to make our very own sculptures. We spoke about what materials might be used to make sculptures and why.

We enjoyed our creative lesson!



## Ash Class – IPC

We have been learning about Forces in Ash class this week as part of our IPC lessons. The class had lots of fun making their own marble runs to help us understand motion.



## Elm Class- Art

Elm class is exploring stories creatively using art. We decorated our painting using different materials to create an Antarctica environment.

Our book this term is "The Blue Penguin"



## Lime Class- trip to the local library



Lime class thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Uxbridge library.

They got to listen to stories and explore the different books.

Lime students can't wait to visit again soon.



## Beech class- English

This term, Beech class are reading the book 'Wonder'. In the chapter 'Choose Kind' the teacher, Mr Browne, talks about precepts with the class.

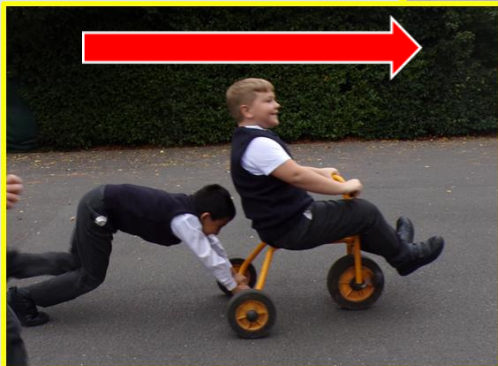
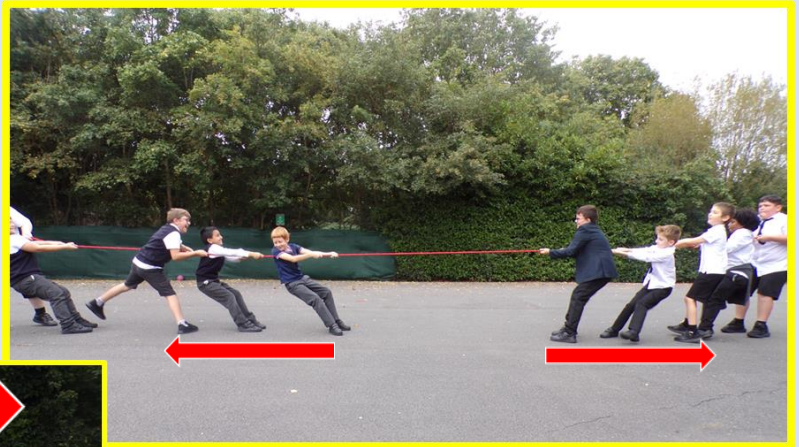
After researching different precepts, Beech class then came up with their own ...



## Pine Class- IPC

This week, Pine class started investigating forces as part of their IPC topic “Feel the Force”. Forces are just pushes and pulls in a particular direction.

Forces are shown by arrows in diagrams. The direction of the arrow shows the direction in which the force is acting. The bigger the arrow, the bigger the force.



Autumn Term	
First Day of Term	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2023
Staff only - INSET day	
Staff only - INSET day	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2023
Pupils back	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2023
Half Term	Monday 23 October 2023 - Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2023
	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2023
Last Day of Term	1:30pm Early Finish
School Holiday Dates	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2023 – Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2024

### WORD OF THE WEEK

## Tactic

an action or strategy carefully planned to achieve a specific goal.

*The footballer used a clever tactic to score a goal.*



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