



WILLOWS NEWS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot believe how quickly the weeks are flying by as one day falls into another and, suddenly, here we are again at the weekend. The children have been settled for the most part and the learning has been exceptional.

Even the staff had an opportunity to sit down for some learning after school yesterday, when we relaxed and painted canvases ready for the art exhibition being organised by Miss Moreno. Thank you, Miss Moreno, for all your hard work.

Currently, the teachers are busy writing reports and assessing the pupils and our PE Co-ordinator, Mr Khan is planning the final bits and pieces for our Olympic Sports Day which will happen in early July.

Again, there was a great turn-out for coffee morning, where the theme was yoga. Thank you again for your support. Keeping the home-school connection active is very important for children's ongoing progress; it shows that they are valued, that there is good communication between home and school, and they are supported in their endeavours.

I wish you all a great weekend and hope for a sunny spell to brighten the days.

Paul Gregory-Hunt – Head of School

Pine Class – Religious Education

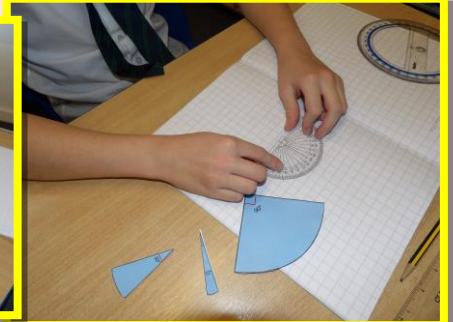
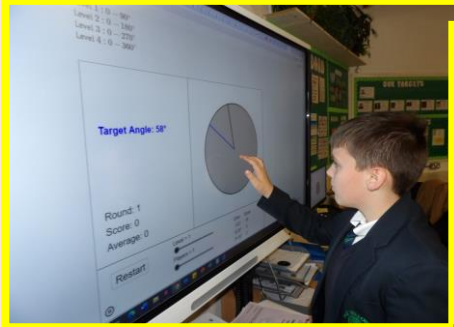
This week, Pine Class focused on Buddhism and explored the various features of a Buddhist temple. Buddhist temples are built as sacred places of worship for followers of the Buddhist religion, who are called Buddhists.

Did you know that Buddhism originated in India about 2,500 years ago?



Ash class - Mathematics

This week in math, Ash Class focused on measuring and estimating acute, obtuse, right, and reflex angles. They used protractors to assist with their calculations.



Elm class - Literacy

This week, Elm Class has been learning about the book "Handa's Surprise" as part of their English curriculum. To enhance their understanding and engagement with the story, they enjoyed making a fruit salad featuring the fruits mentioned in the book. This activity helped bring the story to life and provided a memorable hands-on learning experience for the students.



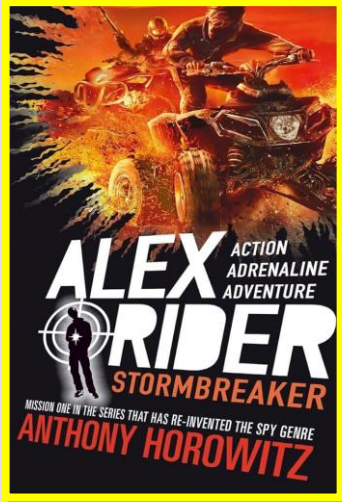
Lime class - Computing

This week in Computing, Lime Class learned about programming and were introduced to micro bits, pocket-sized computers. They were taught how to give commands to the micro bit and were given the opportunity to creatively test its various functions.



Beech class- Literacy

Beech Class has been reading "Stormbreaker," an exciting novel about a teenage secret agent named Alex Rider. The story follows Alex as he is recruited by MI6, the British intelligence agency, after the mysterious death of his uncle. The class has been captivated by the thrilling plot and the character's daring adventures!



Chestnut class - Literacy

Chestnut has been reading "Look Up" by Nathan Bryon. They have successfully ordered the events in the story and mapped the emotions of Rocket, the main character.



Maple class - PE



This week in Maple class, the students played an exciting game of Rounders, where they worked on developing their communication and teamwork skills.



Oak class - PE

This week, Oak class were enthusiastic about returning to Kung Fu. The lesson focused on striking combinations, with the children testing their agility and stamina in a high-intensity session.



Staff Wellbeing – Canvas Art

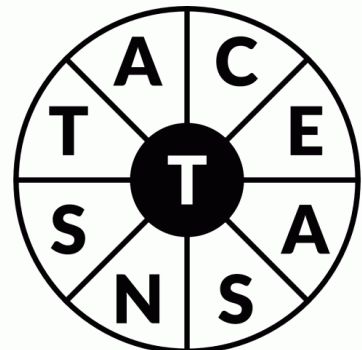
This term, as part of our staff wellbeing initiative, we organized a canvas art evening. The event was intended to prepare for our upcoming art exhibition on the 26th of June. All staff members enthusiastically participated, drawing inspiration to create their own unique pieces of art. It was a creative and enjoyable experience that fostered relaxation and artistic expression among our team.



COMPETITION ALERT!

See how many words you can make.
Use the word wheel to make words...

Bring in your words on a named piece of paper and hand it in to your class teacher.
Over 20 words earn you a special dip.
Make a nine-letter word and earn a special dip.
The highest number of words a special prize!



Coffee Morning – Yoga with Mr. Oscar

This week at The Willows, parents and carers had the wonderful opportunity to participate in a yoga session with their children, led by Mr. Oscar. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with many expressing their enjoyment of the experience. We're excited to announce that there will be more yoga sessions in the future!



	Summer Term
First Day of Term	Monday 15 th April 2024
Early May Bank Holiday	Monday 6 th May 2024
Half Term	Monday 27 th May 2024 - Friday 31 st May 2024
Last Day of Term for students	Friday 19 th July 2024 1:30pm Early Finish
INSET Days	Monday 22 nd July 2024 Tuesday 23 rd July 2024 Wednesday 24 th July 2024
School Holiday Dates	Thursday 25 th July 2024 – Monday 2 nd September 2024

WORD
of the
WEEK

reluctant

**unenthusiastic
or hesitant**

e.g. My grandad was reluctant
to use the new computer.

