



WILLOWS NEWS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Enrichment classes got off to a fantastic start this week, with children across the school diving into a wide range of activities. They enjoyed developing their Chess strategy, experimenting with levers, building in Construction, getting creative in Arts and Crafts, exploring Electronic music, and taking pride in caring for our environment as Eco Warriors and through litter picking. The enthusiasm and focus shown by pupils in every group made for a brilliant first week of enrichment.

We were also extremely proud of two groups of children chosen from across the school who represented The Willows at sporting fixtures this week. On Tuesday, a team took part in a multi-sports event, and on Wednesday another group competed in cricket. Their sporting efforts were impressive, and their excellent behaviour was noted and praised — they were true ambassadors for our school.

Wishing you a good weekend

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Design and Technology - Elm

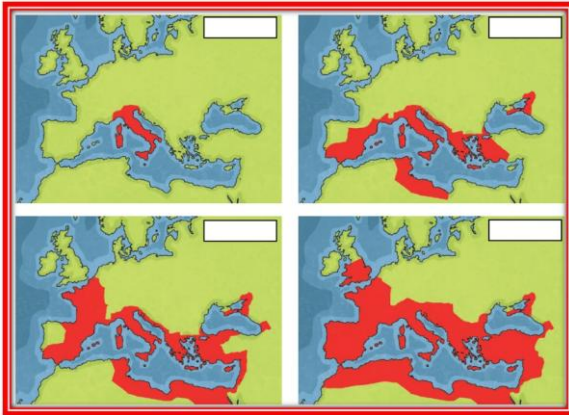
Elm Class have enjoyed creating clubhouse models from cardboard boxes as part of their literacy learning. The activity encouraged creativity, teamwork, and inspired lots of imaginative storytelling and discussion.



Pine - History

This week, Pine Class began an exciting new topic: the Roman Empire! We started by exploring its origins, learning how Rome grew from a single city into a massive power by conquering lands all around the Mediterranean Sea.

Did you know that Augustus Caesar was the very first emperor of this vast new empire?



Maple – History



In Maple Class, we have been learning about Florence Nightingale. We learned who she was, where she was born, and why she is an important figure in history.



The children discovered that she was born in Italy and is best known for her pioneering work in healthcare, helping to establish modern nursing.



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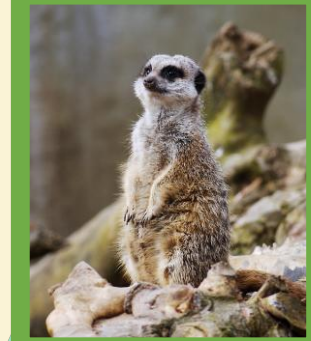
Ash – Visit Hanwell Zoo.

Ash Class visited Hanwell Zoo as part of their Science topic, Animals and Their Habitats.

The children enjoyed observing a variety of animals and learning how they have adapted to their environments.

After a picnic lunch, the class worked together to complete the zoo maze challenge, showing excellent teamwork as they searched for Mr Levi and found their way out.

It was a wonderful day of learning, exploration and fun.



Lime – Cooking



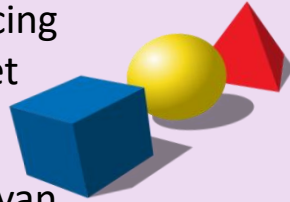
This week, Lime Class enjoyed baking their own bread. The children carefully mixed flour, yeast, salt and water to make their dough before choosing extra ingredients, such as chocolate chips, to create their own unique bread.

They had great fun developing their baking skills and were proud of their delicious creations!



Beech – Maths

Another fantastic week of learning in Beech class. In English we have been looking at the different features of a persuasive argument. We even practiced writing arguments for and against school uniforms. In math's we have been finalising our angles unit and finished off with looking at 3D nets and producing different shapes and alternative net structures.



In History we covered how the Mayan civilization survived in the rainforests and researched the different ways they coped with such an extreme biome. In Science we covered how to reduce plastic waste and found out it takes 2 whole years for a banana peel to fully decompose. PE saw us attempting more yoga relaxation.



Hazel- Yoga

This week, Hazel Class took part in a calming yoga session, where pupils practiced gentle stretches, breathing exercises, and relaxation techniques. The session helped the children regulate their bodies, improve their focus, and promote mindfulness. They were all very excited to participate and thoroughly enjoyed every minute of the experience.

It was wonderful to see everyone engaging so positively and benefiting from this relaxing activity.



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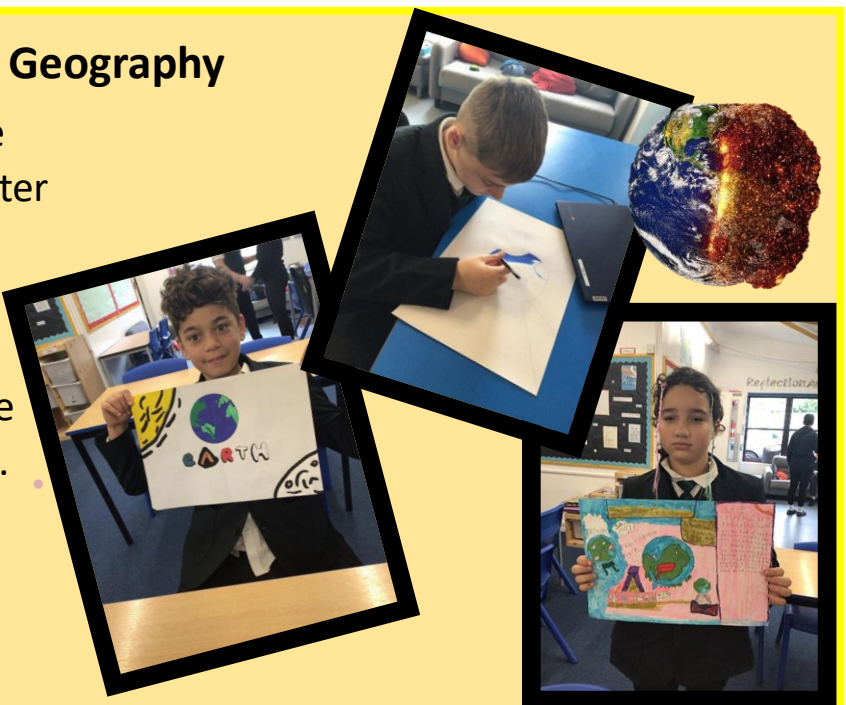
Chestnut – Hanwell Zoo

As part of our learning about habitats in Science, we visited Hanwell Zoo to explore how different animals have adapted to survive in their natural environments. The children observed a variety of animals and discussed how features such as fur, claws, beaks and camouflage help them find food, stay safe and cope with their habitats. This hands-on experience helped the children develop a deeper understanding of how living things are suited to the places where they live.



Oak – Geography

This term for Oak class are learning about 'Looking after our environment'. For this lesson focused on climate change and they created posters on how to improve and help the environment.



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London Youth Games

This week, The Willows proudly took part in the London Youth Games, Europe's largest youth sports festival, which brings together young people from across London to participate in a wide range of sporting activities and celebrate the values of teamwork, respect, and inclusion.

On Tuesday, the children attended a sports festival where they had the opportunity to experience and celebrate a variety of different sports and games.

On Wednesday, they took part in a cricket tournament at Gunnersbury Park, enjoying an exciting day of competition and learning.



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Participating in events such as the London Youth Games helps children develop many important life skills. Through sport, they learn how to support and encourage one another, work as part of a team, communicate effectively, and show resilience when faced with challenges.

The children demonstrated excellent sportsmanship throughout the week, celebrating each other's successes and showing kindness and respect to their teammates and opponents alike.

The experience provided a fantastic opportunity for the children to build confidence, develop new skills, and create lasting memories. We are especially proud of their positive attitudes and teamwork, and we are delighted to share that they also won some new sports equipment for our school!



School Council Meeting

The School Council met along with Mrs Downie to discuss the suggestions that pupils have been placing in their class suggestion boxes.

Each class has a School Council book, and before each meeting, the School Council representatives take the suggestions from the box and discuss them with their classmates. The ideas and opinions shared during these class discussions are then recorded in the School Council book.

At the School Council meeting, representatives brought their class books and share the suggestions and feedback from their classmates. The School Council then discussed the ideas together and decided which suggestions can be taken forward to the Head teacher for further discussion. Pupils shared lots of fantastic ideas, including having a playground gym, introducing new playground equipment, and finding ways to make playtimes even more enjoyable for everyone.

School Council plays an important role in promoting pupil voice and ensuring that every child has the opportunity to share their views and contribute to school life. This links directly to Article 12 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), which states that children have the right to express their views freely in matters affecting them and for those views to be listened to and taken seriously.

We are very proud of how our School Council representatives listen to their classmates, share their views, and help ensure that all pupils have a voice in making our school an even better place to learn and play.





Article 2

We have the right to be
treated fairly.
(non-discrimination)

Article 12

We have the right to be
heard.
(respect of views)

Article 28

We have the right to
learn.
(education)

Article 19

We have the right to be
safe.
(protection from violence)

Article 24

We have the right to be
healthy.
(health & services)

Article 31

We have the right to
play.
(leisure, play & culture)



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