WILLOWS NEWS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful week we have had at The Willows! Thank you once again to all our families for the kind and generous Harvest donations that have been steadily coming into school. Every contribution, big or small, is greatly appreciated and will help support those in our local community.
On Thursday, we were delighted to mark the beginning of Black History Month with a joyful and engaging whole-school assembly led by a fantastic Steel Pan team. The children learned about the origins of the steel pan in Trinidad and Tobago, discovering more about its history and cultural significance. Our pupils were fascinated and asked some excellent and thoughtful questions to deepen their understanding.
The excitement continued with workshops for every class, giving all our children the opportunity to take part. The team introduced the children to Djembe drums and Tamboo Bamboo, exploring how rhythm can be created using bamboo instruments, before giving pupils the chance to experience the wonderful sounds and rhythms for themselves. There was a real buzz of enthusiasm throughout the school!
This was a fantastic way to begin Black History Month, and we look forward to continuing our learning and taking part in a range of activities throughout October as we celebrate and explore Black history, culture, achievements and contributions.

Wishing you a good weekend
Miss Jones

Walnut Class

Another amazing week of learning has been occurring in Walnut class. This week we have continued our research of WW2 and focused on the different ways the UK defended itself in the Battle of Britain and the Blitz. In science we explored the different parts of blood. In maths we have practised our work of adding and subtracting, using our trusty column method to help us with 5- and 6-digit numbers. In PE we have further our skills at basketball and dribbling. We have also improved our flexibility with yoga too.





Lime Class

This week, Lime Class have been making their writing shine by practicing adverbs in literacy!
To help them understand, we explained that a verb is an action word. Adverbs " add extra detail to an action by telling us exactly how, when, or where it happened.
For example, instead of just saying "the children worked," Lime Class can use adverbs to show they worked quietly, happily, or brilliantly! We noticed that lots of our favourite "how" adverbs end in the letters -ly, which has been a fantastic trick to spot them in our reading.



Chestnut class

This week in Science, Chestnut Class investigated reflective and non-reflective materials. We tested a range of different surfaces and discovered that smooth, shiny materials are more likely to reflect light, while rough, dull surfaces reflect less light.
We also explored how reflective materials are used in everyday life to help keep people safe, such as on high-visibility clothing, road signs and bicycles.











Elm Class

This week in Elm class we have been learning the basics of telling the time.

It was a very interactive lesson with lots of games and practice of o'clock on there mini clocks.

Oak class

This week for religious education, Oak started enquiring about important job roles and what parts they play in society. In categorising these, and identifying the types of qualities they may need for these important roles





Maple Class

This week, Maple class made a fantastic effort during their yoga lesson! From getting changed into their PE kits to following Mr Oscar's instructions, the children worked hard to take part. They tried their best with the different movements and poses, while practising slowing down and relaxing. Well done, Maple!



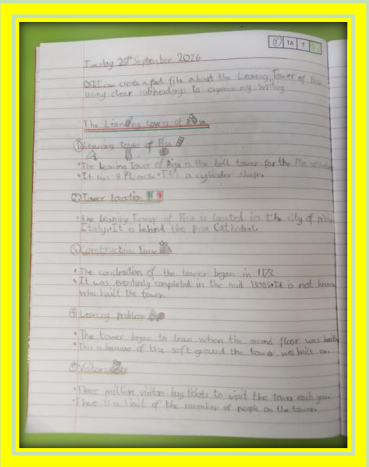


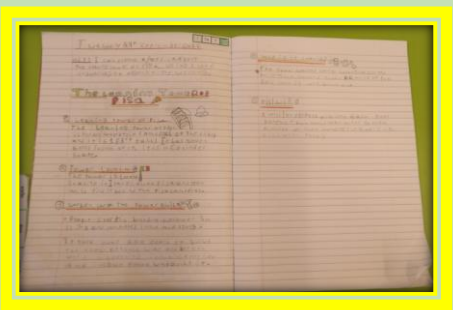


Pine Class

This week, Pine Class investigated the famous Leaning Tower of Pisa in Italy as part of their English curriculum.

The Leaning Tower of Pisa was built in 1173 and took nearly 200 years to complete. Did you know it is leaning because the ground beneath it is too soft on one side? The tower started tilting during construction due to the unstable clay, sand and shells underneath. Today, it leans at about 4 degrees and attracts millions of visitors every year!





Ash

This week in Art, Ash class enjoyed painting rainbows, focusing on really taking our time and painting as neatly as possible!



We looked at the difference between primary and secondary colours and also how to mix certain basic colours.
Everyone did a fantastic job painting!





School lunch boxes…

A nutritious, balanced lunch helps children stay focused, energised, and ready to learn throughout the day. Including a mix of fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and good sources of protein gives children the steady energy they need and encourages healthy habits that last.

We encourage families to help children try a wider range of healthy options—small changes like adding a new fruit or swapping a sugary snack for something more wholesome can make a real difference to their wellbeing.

Please also remember that **we are an Allergy Free Zone and a Nut Free Zone**.

For the safety of all pupils, especially those with severe allergies, no nuts or nut-containing products should be brought into school.











Black History Month at The Willows Steel Pans








THE WILLOWS SCHOOL ACADEMY TRUST

LEARNING, ACHIEVING, SUCCEEDING

HARVEST COLLECTION



Supporting St Anselm's Church in Hayes to help local people and families in crisis.

JUST ONE ITEM WILL MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE

PLEASE DONATE TINNED OR PACKAGED FOOD

- Baby food
- Biscuits
- Cereals
- Dried pasta
- Instant coffee
- Long-life fruit juice
- Microwaveable puddings
- Pasta sauces
- Rice
- Snack bars
- Tea bags
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned meat and fish
- Tinned puddings
- Tinned soup
- Tinned vegetables

PLEASE SEND IN YOUR ITEM BY
WEDNESDAY 14TH OCTOBER

A BIG THANK YOU!

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We are a Rights Respecting School

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)

We Are an Allergy Aware School.

