WILLOWS NEWS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderfully busy week it has been. There has been a real buzz of learning across the school and some fantastic examples of children working hard and taking pride in their achievements. It has been particularly pleasing to see such positive attitudes our pupils are showing towards their work. As we approach the end of this half-term, there is certainly no slowing down! Our children will continue to build on their knowledge and skills, completing their current units of work and making every learning opportunity count.

We would also like to say a huge congratulations to the group of children who proudly represented The Willows at the London Youth Games Pentathlon last week! They demonstrated wonderful enthusiasm, determination and team spirit throughout the event and were delighted to receive their well-deserved participation medals. We are incredibly proud of how they represented our school. Thank you also to the staff who supported the children at the event.

A special mention must also go to our fantastic Willows Litter Pickers! Over the past few weeks, these pupils have been busy collecting litter from around our school grounds, gathering quite an assortment of items along the way! Their commitment to helping keep our school environment clean, tidy and welcoming is truly commendable. What a wonderful example of teamwork, responsibility and taking pride in our school.

Looking ahead to after the half-term break, we are very much looking forward to welcoming our parents and carers into school for our Parent–Carer and Teacher Meetings. These meetings provide a valuable opportunity to celebrate your child's achievements, discuss their progress and work together to support their next steps in learning. We hope you have already secured your appointment and look forward to seeing you.

Enjoy the weekend

Miss Jones

Ash Class

In Ash class this week, for our PSHE lesson we talked about our hopes and fears for the upcoming year and what we can do if we are ever worried about something. We all took turns speaking and listening to each other's individual and group thoughts.



Beech Class



This term Beech Class are developing their Kung Fu skills on Monday's. Here we are creating our own Kung Fu sequence in pairs and then practicing some drills as a class group. During our English class we are exploring The Green ship, this week we have conducted our debate on "Is it more important that children play outside compared to being on computers"



Chestnut Class

Lime Class turned into a team of master chefs as they made their own delicious chocolate chip cookies. The entire school smelled absolutely amazing! The children practiced valuable life skills by carefully **reading instructions**, **measuring out ingredients**, and **mixing the perfect dough**. Best of all, everyone worked brilliantly as a team to help **clean up** afterwards.



Walnut Class

Another amazing week in walnut class! In English we have been learning to write a non chronological report about Treacher Collins syndrome. We have also been trying our best with multiplying 3 digit by 2 digit multiplication. In History we have further our research looking at the different job roles performed by men and women in WW2. In science we have looked at different exercises and how they affect our heart rate. In Basket ball we played mini games and worked on our teamwork and passing skills. We have extended our knowledge of German with Duo Lingo and have started looking at masculine and feminine language and verb forms.



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5	2	9	2	← This is 98 x 54



Chestnut Class

As part of their Black History Month learning, Chestnut Class explored the colourful artwork of Alma Thomas and learnt about pointillism, a technique that uses small dots of colour to create patterns and pictures. Inspired by her vibrant designs, the children visited Tesco to purchase ingredients for their own cookies. Back at school, they followed a recipe, measured ingredients and worked together to bake their delicious treats. Once cooled, the children decorated their cookies using colourful patterns inspired by Alma Thomas's artwork. It was a fantastic opportunity to combine art, maths, cooking and important life skills, with some very tasty results!









Maple Class

This week in English, we brought our grammar learning to life with a fun "guess the action" game! Each child was given an action verb to act out in front of the class, while their classmates tried to guess the word. The children were enthusiastic and fully engaged, enjoying the chance to learn through movement and play. It was wonderful to see their confidence as they stood in front of their classmates and took turns performing. A fantastic way to strengthen our understanding of action verbs while having lots of fun together!





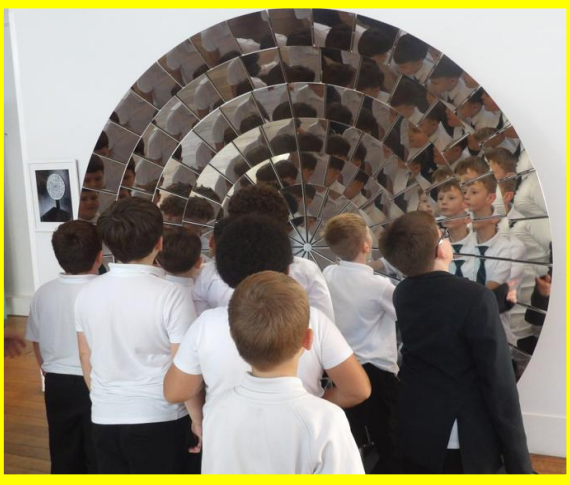


Pine Class

This week, Pine Class visited the Science Museum as part of their science curriculum. We were very excited as it was our first school trip of the year! During our visit, we had the chance to explore interactive exhibits, participate in hands-on activities, and learn about space, forces, electricity and the human body. The pupils were engaged and enthusiastic throughout the day, asking thoughtful questions and demonstrating excellent behaviour.

It was wonderful to see the children applying their classroom learning in a real-world context and developing their curiosity about science. A big thank you to all the staff who supported the trip and to the Science Museum for providing such an enriching experience.







Harvest Donations – Thank You

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to our harvest food collection. On Thursday, some of our School Council representatives proudly delivered your donations to St Anselm's, Hayes. Fr Stephen was delighted to meet the children and expressed his sincere gratitude to them, their families and our whole school for this community support. Thank you for your generosity.

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)



