



Pride News...

Headteacher's Message...

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Dear Parents / Carers

Heart Heroes

Many thanks for the donations last Friday for the local charity, Heart Heroes. I am delighted to share that we raised £75 towards this important Charity. I am sure that Heart Heroes will appreciate this financial support.



Learning at Home Survey

Most respondents to the Learning at Home Survey feel that the amount of homework is about the right amount, and it is clearly a consolidation of the children's learning. Some parents feel that online learning for homework could be a potential option. There are some parents that feel the projects are too much for them to complete. Leaders at Willow will review the responses from the survey and make appropriate changes to the expectations if we feel this is necessary. Thank you to those of you that have taken time to complete the survey.

Comic Relief

Thank you to all the children and staff that participated in Comic Relief. Some of the hairstyles were brilliant! We are delighted to share that we raised £117.

Have a look at the photos below:



Have a great weekend!

Pete Hales



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Acorn

In Acorn class this week, we have been continuing our learning about Spring. We

have enjoyed observing the tadpoles hatching from the frogspawn! They really like to wriggle! Our caterpillars are also getting bigger and bigger, and we cannot wait to see them change into a chrysalis and then a beautiful butterfly!

During our Maths sessions, we have been counting to 20 and have learned about teen numbers. We have learned that a teen number has one whole ten. We have been making these using ten frames and Numicon.

We have also loved planting flowers in our nature area this week. We even have a herb garden for our mud kitchen!

Birch

We have had another busy week in Birch class. In Maths we have been learning to tell the time for quarter past and quarter to the hour. This week we have moved on to telling the time with five-minute intervals.

We have been enjoying our English book 'The Day the Crayons Quit' and are working hard to write a recount about our day as a crayon.

In Science, we have been learning all about plants and have impressed our adults by using our knowledge from last year!

We are looking forward to our trip to the Church next week.

Ash

Ash class have been busy planting this week. We all planted sunflower seeds and have been watering them every day. We can't wait to see them grow!

We have also been doing lots of experiments to be able to tell the weather forecast. We made rain gauges and have been using the thermometer to measure the temperature. The children could even tell us why it is warmer in the afternoon!

In Maths, we have been learning about fractions. The children have been thinking about halving and sharing an amount into 2 equal groups. They have been very determined to successfully half objects and amounts.

Chestnut

This week in Chestnut class we have been busy preparing to write a non-chronological report on volcanoes during our geography lessons. We have been showing lots of determination to consider the best way to present our reports. In English, we are writing a story based on the lion and the mouse by Jerry Pinkney. The children have been trying really hard to order the story and learn the features of a narrative. The children continue to show lots of determination during swimming sessions and have loved making food webs during outdoor learning.



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Elm

Elm class have started the unit of decimal places in maths this week. We are finding it a little tricky but showing our determination skills!

Our English unit has allowed us to create our own imaginary castles. This has been very fun and the children have shown their wonderful imaginations.

In DT, we have enjoyed exploring different ways of moving objects and creating our own pulley systems. We are excited to create our own vehicles soon.

In Art, we have started the unit of Islamic Art. We have loved making our own motif and geometric patterns.

Maple

Maple Class have been reading 'Quest' by Aaron Becker. This is the sequel to the 'Journey' that we read in the Autumn term. We have enjoyed looking at the pictures and making inferences.

In Music, we have been creating and performing our own body percussion sequences.

We have also been learning about old age and how the body declines in Science. Willow loved helping us with this lesson!

Oak

We have been very focused in Oak class this week. In English, we have produced balanced arguments based on whether people should be allowed to live forever?

In Maths, we have been calculating the area of parallelograms and triangles.

In Guided Reading, we have been performing a poem, 'Humpty Dumpty: The Truth'.

We also started our new science unit, 'Light Theory' - we reviewed what we have already learned about light in the past and what questions we still have. We are excited to begin our investigations!



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PRIDE AWARDS!

These children have shown what it means to be:

- ★ **Be Positive**
- ★ **Be Respectful**
- ★ **Be Individual**
- ★ **Be Determined**
- ★ **Be Excellent**

PRIDE Award WINNERS...

Acorn – Elicora and Sanaiyah

Ash – Nimah and Theo

Birch – Mason and Theo

Chestnut – Zofia, Anayah and Athena

Elm – Sam and Chelsea

Maple – Lyra, Jenson and Lola

Oak – Lola-Rose and Keomi

PRIDE Champions

Sam

Lola





WILLOW'S STAR READER SPECIAL SURPRISE AWARD



STAR READER...



Each week teachers will nominate a star reader from their class. A star reader is someone who has shown progress in reading, shown enjoyment of reading someone who has overcome difficulties in reading or shares their love of reading with the class or a friend. At Willow Primary Academy, we know the key to knowledge is reading and we want to inspire a lifelong love of reading! Willow has a special surprise book for the Super Star Reader to take home, keep, read and enjoy!



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Attendance Superstars

This week: **91.70%**

Our year so far: **93.07%**

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



| Class | Attendance |
|----------|------------|
| Acorn` | 97.85% |
| Ash | 83.72% |
| Birch | 93.27% |
| Chestnut | 96.95% |
| Elm | 90.86% |
| Maple | 96.17% |
| Oak | 90.64% |



REMINDER

Gates are open by 8.45am gates are closed shortly after. Please make sure your children are in school for 8.45am if the gates are closed and you have to access school at Reception please sign in on the sign in pad this will then be classed as late.





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Dates for Your Diary

Term Dates for 2022 – 2023

Term 4 from Monday 27th February 2023 to Friday 31st March 2023

Term 5 from Tuesday 18th April 2023 to Friday 26th May 2023

Term 6 from Monday 5th June 2023 to Tuesday 25th July 2023

School Events

Wednesday 22nd March 2023 – Birch Class Trip to St Barnabas Church

Thursday 23rd March 2023 – Screening vision and Measuring height and weight of children in Reception and Year 6

Saturday 25th March 2023 – Football Cup Final

Monday 27th March 2023 – Chestnut Class Assembly

Thursday 30th March 2023 – Maple Class Trip

Monday 17th April – INSET Day

May 2023 – start of Key Stage 1 SAT's

Monday 8th May 2023 – Bank Holiday, King's Coronation

Tuesday 9th May 2023 – start of Key Stage 2 SAT's week

Monday 22nd May to Wednesday 24th May 2023 – Year 6 Residential

Thursday 25th May 2023 – Year 6 Trip to Skillzone

Friday 26th May 2023 – Year 5 Trip to Skillzone

Monday 5th June 2023 – start of Year 4 multiplication tests

Monday 12th June 2023 – start of phonics screening check

Monday 3rd July 2023 – start of Willow Primary Academy Careers Week





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With The Ball **CheerDance**

Multisports and CheerDance Easter Holiday Club

(9:00am - 3:00pm)

£24 (1 day)
£66 (3 days)

St Peter's Catholic Primary School, GL13PY

25+ Sports, Activities and Styles of Dance

Tues 4th, Wed 5th & Thurs 6th April

Weds 12th, Thurs 13th, Fri 14th April

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Suitable For Ages 4-11

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Booking for the spring Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) is now open.

To see what's happening in your area and when, visit your district HAF site:

Cheltenham <https://orlo.uk/TwgU7>

Gloucester <https://orlo.uk/OTvX4>

Tewkesbury <https://orlo.uk/b1w90>

Stroud <https://orlo.uk/eOuly>

Cotswolds <https://orlo.uk/dYgsq>

Forest Of Dean <https://orlo.uk/iCHTz>





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Willow Primary Academy are looking to hold an inspiring and exciting careers week from Monday 3rd July 2023. They will be taking part in workshops, activities and talks around their future throughout the week.

We are looking for a variety of people interested in talking to our pupils about their career. We want to expand children's horizons, and this is a fantastic way to provide them with first-hand knowledge of potential career opportunities.

Working with you, we would determine which year groups would be best for you to work with and whether you could offer a talk or a workshop.

We would anticipate that talks would last for approximately 30 minutes and would involve a short presentation. Workshops would be more practical hands-on demonstration for pupils and would last around about an hour. We could also bring pupils to a place of work to further enhance their experience.

If this is of interest to you, please don't hesitate to contact me. Alternatively, if you know of anybody who may be interested, then please pass on the information

