

NEWSLETTER

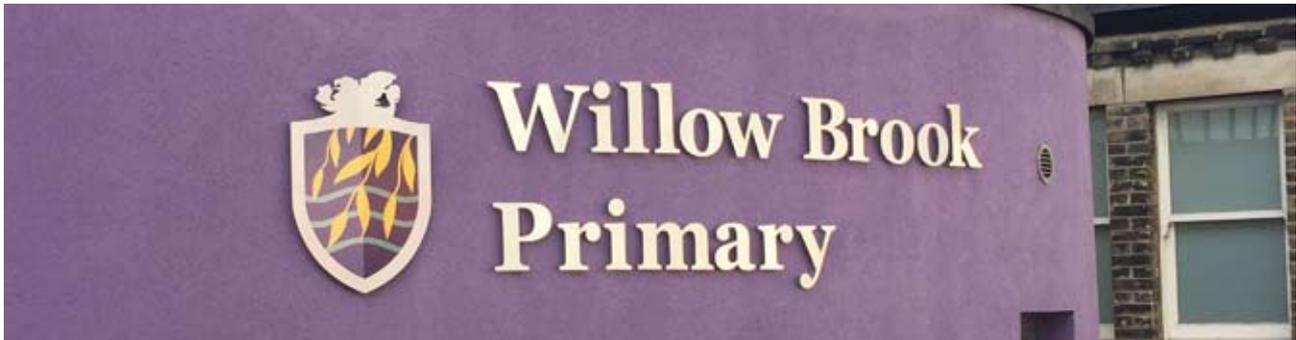


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Lent Term 2017

Week 4

Friday, 27th January 2017



Dear Parents and Carers,

Despite the cold weather, the learning and enjoyment never stops at Willow Brook. I have been delighted and impressed to be listening to pupils from all year groups tell me how they have progressed in their learning, and their targets to become more successful. This is testament to their self-reflection and how teachers are guiding our young people to become self-aware and resilient.

I am excited to share with you our plans to locate a greenhouse in the Zen garden, in order to teach children about sustainable living, healthy choices and how to grow their own produce. We have partnered with Organic Lea who will be training fifteen children and

adults over a 12 week period, beginning at the end of Lent term.

This will see pupils managing the planters around school, using their Enterprise skills to develop a sustainable business plan and bring growing into the curriculum. I would like to remind parents of the Parental Maths workshop on 7th February at 9:10am.

Our skiing trip continues to be high priority for us all. Those lucky year 5 children are meeting with our team to continue to plan for what will be the most exciting trip the school has ever facilitated. This trip will be a proud tradition for the school and will be repeated every year. This week, we have trips to The Petrie Museum and

The Tower of London as we continue to access all the history and culture of our wonderful city.

Can I remind all parents of Years 1 & 2 that children must line up in the playground in the morning, not wait outside classes.

Attendance continues to be high priority for our school, as with all. We celebrate and reward 100% attendees at every Reward Assembly. Failure for your child to be in school at least 96% of the time will result in meetings with myself and potentially a fine from the Local Authority. Your child must be in school to learn otherwise they will not achieve success.

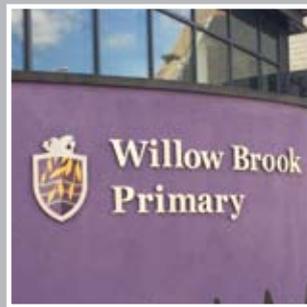
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Key Dates

Lent Term 2017

Half Term

Monday 13th February –
17th February 2017

End of Lent Term

Friday 31st March 2017



Apollo Music

Year 4 have started the Apollo Music Project. This exciting course exposes the children to 6 live music workshops hosted by professional classical musicians. It will complete in the Trinity term with a number of educational visits

to concert venues to watch a full orchestra. The children will be learning about a variety of instruments and some very important classical works from music history including music by Beethoven, Benjamin Britten and Mozart.



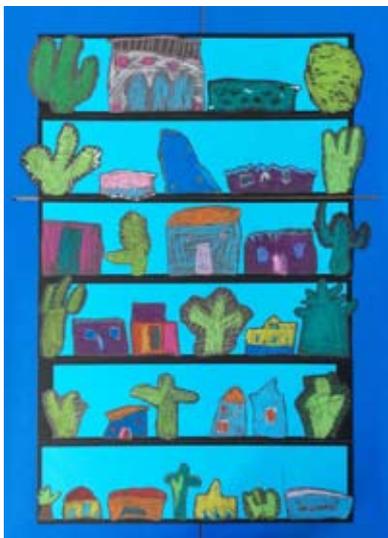
Cupid's Disco for UNICEF

One of Willow Brook Primary School's charities is UNICEF. UNICEF is the world's leading organisation working for children in danger. To raise funds for this charity, we are having a Day for Change on Wednesday 8th February 2017 and a Cupid's Disco

afterschool. For this, we would like the student and staff team to wear blue on the day and donate 50p for UNICEF. Cupid's Disco will be from 3:30pm to 5:45pm. There will be lots of exciting games and activities going. See you all there, please join us.

First assembly of Lent Term 2017

Our first assembly of the Lent term was a wonderful celebration of achievement. Many children received their Merit certificates and were applauded for being such great role models. Pupils told us about the school values and the Griffin School Trust three pillars: wide horizons, high aspiration and proud traditions. We also celebrated the class with the highest attendance figures. We all know that those children who are in school every day make the best progress and we thank those parents who have ensured excellent attendance.



Children have been working hard completing work for their shared area displays. In art we have been learning all about Traditional Mexican Folk Art.

This is the work from Old Vic and Savoy class. Children created bright pastel drawings on black paper inspired by the book 'Off We Go to Mexico! An Adventure in the Sun' by Laurie Krebs. The book is illustrated by Christopher Corr, and if you come and visit the art area you will see lots of artwork from all year groups, inspired by the illustrator and the traditional Folk Art of Mexico.



50/50 FUNDRAISER

In partnership with **Leyton Orient Football Club**; **Willow Brook Primary** will be selling tickets for the Live League Two football match on Saturday 25th February 2017.

A lucky few of our students will also have the fantastic opportunity of getting involved in the match with a half-time penalty shootout with Theo the team's mascot!

To be able to support the school and have a fabulous family fun day out watching a live football match then please do book your tickets now.

Leyton Orient vs Cheltenham Town

Saturday 25th February – 3pm Kick Off

Adult Tickets £15 each

Child Tickets £5 each

(Children must be accompanied by an adult)



LGBT History month

Willow Brook will be celebrating LGBT history month throughout February with themed assemblies and class discussions. The theme this year is Citizenship, PSHE and Law; as 2017 marks the 50th anniversary of the partial decriminalisation of male homosexuality in England and Wales.



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Philosophy for Children

FAIRNESS

In this Newsletter, we are considering the concept of Fairness. Children often have a strong opinion on what is 'fair' and 'not fair.' The idea of fairness is an essential concept for moral and political thinking. We are very sensitive to acts of unfairness in our own lives.

The item:

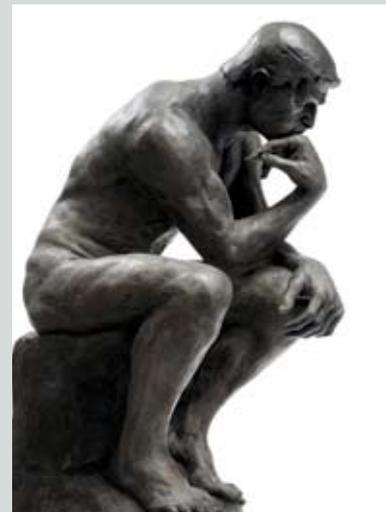
'The teacher gives everyone in class five hours homework every day,' suggests equal yet unfair treatment of everyone in class. After all, not everyone is of the same ability or has the same amount of free time? What about the child who has to care for a family member? There is an overlap between the concept of fairness and justice.

You can give your child different scenarios to

consider what is fair or not fair. Try to get them to give reasons for their response.

Here are a few scenarios to get started:

- A starving person steals some food
- A hungry person steals some food
- Some people have many homes while others are homeless
- Male athletes get paid more than female athletes
- A school makes sure everyone wins a prize on sports day



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