

# NEWSLETTER

Michaelmas Term 2018

Issue 2

Thursday, 18 October 2018

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

I am very proud to share the news that Willow Brook Primary has been awarded 'Schools for Success' status by the London Mayor's office. This accolade is awarded only to the top 6% of London schools that demonstrate exceptional performance for all groups of pupils, including those who were previously lower attaining.

I would like to thank and applaud all our pupils who daily demonstrate good manners and kindness to others. In the next half term we will be continuing to highly praise pupils who are making our school, and wider, community so wonderful by being kind and mannerly.

Please remember that all pupils must be reading every day. This is to build not only the stamina to read fluently but also to ensure books and reading are celebrated and encouraged at all times. Reading well in childhood, research proves, leads to success later in life. Some children might prefer non-fiction, comics, sporting magazines or novels. Find out what your child prefers

and support them in building a lifelong love of books.

A huge thank you to everyone who made our Big Draw community event such a success. The variety of activities was wonderful and the art created by children could easily be shown in a gallery! Especial thanks go to the teaching and support staff who made the event to great, and to the PTA who were there to run activities, man the refreshments stall and generally be brilliant!

Safeguarding remains our highest priority at school, and particularly online E-Safety. At all times, children must be monitored when going online, and should not be allowed phones, tablets or laptops to simply 'surf the net.' Additionally, games, programmes, films and music videos all come with age ranges for which they are appropriate. Failure to adhere to these guidelines will be viewed as neglect.

I hope you all have a relaxing half term.

**Graham Clifford**  
Head



On 14 October, Mr Clifford with over 16,000 other runners went in the pouring rain and gusty winds to run the Royal Parks Half Marathon. Mr Clifford was running for a charity called the National Literacy Trust who help give people the chance to become great at reading. Mr Clifford completed the race maintaining a consistent pace so finished in a terrific time of just under one hour and fifty minutes. Mr Clifford is still collecting donations using the justgiving.com website <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/graham-clifford>

**STAYING  
SAFE  
ONLINE**

Willow Brook Primary School is a safe environment where we encourage online learning using recommended websites and school resources. Please remember that children must be over 13 years old to have an account on social media or Instant Messaging.



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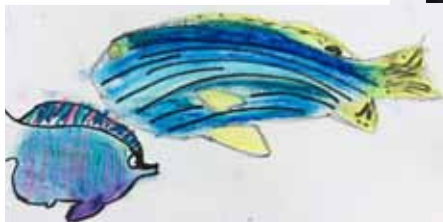
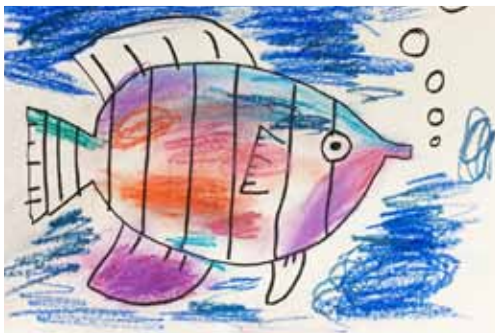


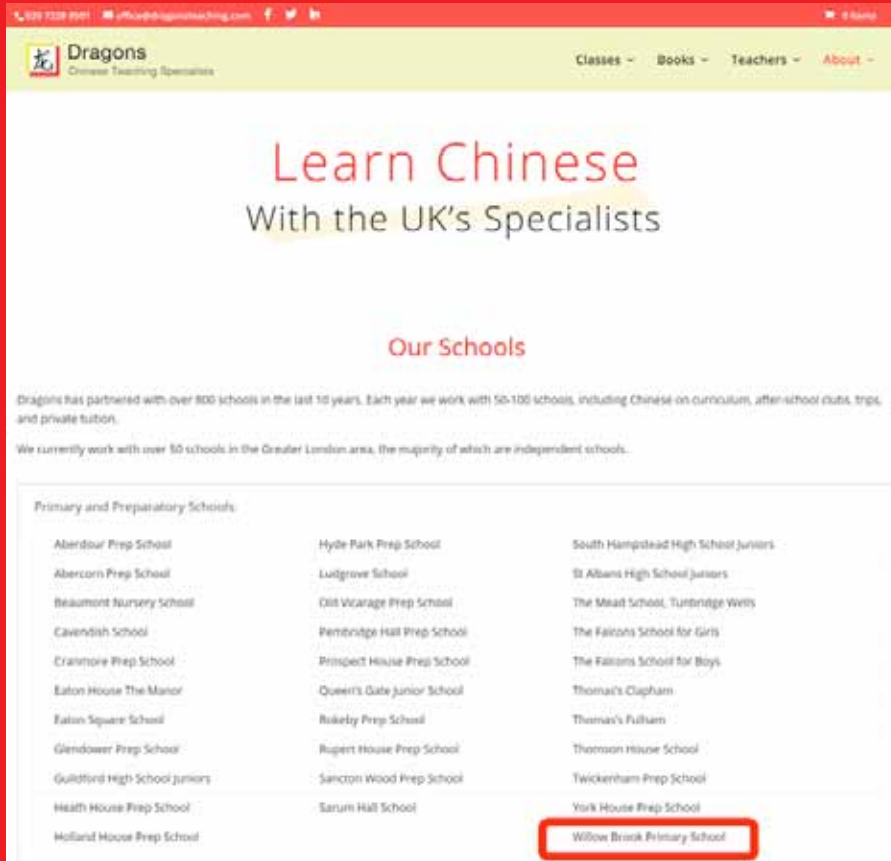
PLAY THE 2018 BIG DRAW FESTIVAL



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What an amazing Big Draw! We had over 230 people attend the drop-in event last Saturday and saw some truly inspirational creative work. The event was open to the public and we welcomed families from both Riverley and Willow Brook schools, as well as friends and neighbours. Thank you to everyone who came to draw together and to our wonderful supporters who helped make this possible. Children and people of all ages were thoroughly engaged as there was so much on offer!

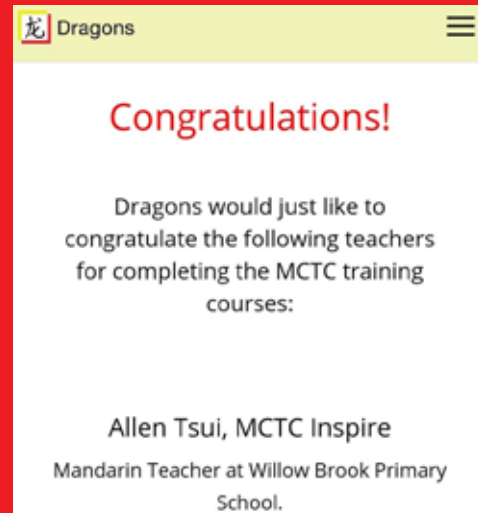




# 柳溪小学

## Mandarin

As the Year 5 cast for the Shakespeare's Schools Festival production of *The Tempest* continue to work hard on their rehearsals for their performance at Stratford Circus Arts Centre on Friday 9 November, those not directly involved have begun Mandarin lessons with Chu lao-shu. We are one of over 500 official partner schools of the Dragons Teaching programme which is the UK's specialists in Mandarin Chinese teaching. The Dragons Teaching programme is followed by leading Independent schools. Chu lao-shu has recently been awarded the Dragons Teaching Inspire award in recognition of the high standards and quality of teaching Mandarin through a blend of learning to speak and write in Chinese. Chu lao-shu also runs an after school club that meets on Thursdays where children get to use their artistic and creative skills to learn more about the history and cultural aspects of China and Hong Kong where his family are from. For Year 5 and Year 6 families who might be interested in completing the Independent Schools Examination Board assessment in Primary Mandarin from 2019, please ask at the school office to arrange an appointment for more information.



# SCHOOL NURSE

## DROP IN SESSIONS

School Nurse Team are providing sessions offering advice and support on a range of topics including:

HEALTHY EATING  
BEHAVIOURAL PROBLEMS  
HEAD LICE  
HYGIENE - HAND WASHING AND ORAL HEALTH  
BED WETTING  
SMOKING CESSATION  
HEARING AND VISION  
HEIGHT/WEIGHT MANAGEMENT  
IMMUNISATIONS  
EMOTIONAL HEALTH  
or any other health related concerns you may have regarding your child.

Available to all parents and pupils. Ask at School Reception for more information, upcoming dates and appointments. NB. Sessions are limited to 10mins per parent/Carer.

**7-9 November**  
**9:00 to 10:00 am**



**NELFT NHS**  
NHS Foundation Trust



## Philosophy for Children

### Trolley Problem

This discussion is based on the work of the German philosopher Immanuel Kant. He is considered a central figure in modern philosophy. He argued that reason is the source of reality. The Trolley Problem is linked to that idea.

SHARE WITH YOUR CHILD THE FOLLOWING STORY OR VISIT <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bOpf6KcWYyw>

There was once a run-away trolley or train. Unfortunately, it is heading towards five people tied to the track. There is a lever nearby that you can pull. If you pull the lever, the trolley/train will go down another track and save the lives of the people. **Do you pull the lever? Why?**



Now the same trolley/train is going along the track. Unfortunately, it is heading towards five people tied to the track. There is a lever nearby that you can pull. If you pull the lever, the trolley/train will go down another track and save the lives of the people. **However, on the other track is tied one person.** If you pull the lever, you will save the five people but the one person will be killed. **Do you pull the lever? Why?**

Finally, the same trolley/train is going along the track. Unfortunately, it is heading towards five people tied to the track. There is a lever nearby that you can pull. If you pull the lever, the trolley/train will go down another track and save the lives of the people. However, on the other track is tied one person. **There is a bridge over the track with a fat man on it. If you push him off the bridge, you will save all the people tied to the track. Do you push him? Why?**



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