

Willow Wonder



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Newsletter 5

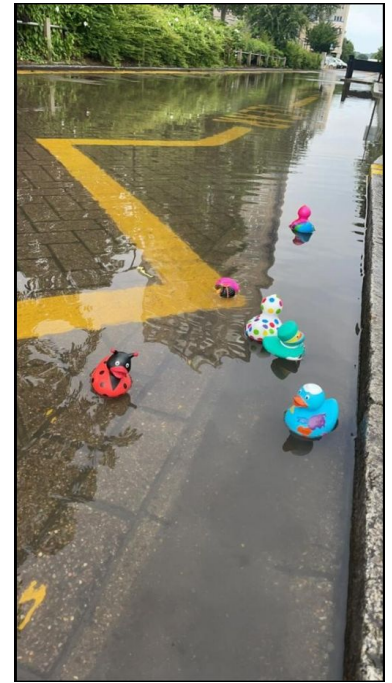
July 2021



Dear Families

Firstly, I would like to apologise about the closure of the school on Thursday, 1st July. I **never** make such decisions lightly as I know every day of education is so important for our children. However, many of you will have seen that the **water pipe burst AGAIN** just outside school. Therefore, the water pressure was extremely low. By 7.30am some of the toilets were already failing to flush. COVID-19 safety measures make having water even more vital as we have to ensure children wash their hands regularly. It was *impossible to guarantee we would have enough water to keep everyone safe*. I am corresponding with Haringey council to lobby Thames Water, to ensure that this situation does not happen again. But... our *plastic ducks got to enjoy the river!* Your child may have told you that they have been doing tests over the last few weeks. It has been great watching them trying their best - that's all we ask of them, to stay INCREDIBLE learners. Please continue to give them as much encouragement with their learning as you can. ***Praise their efforts, as this is more important than the actual scores they achieve.*** Praise will help to build their confidence and self-esteem, which in turn will encourage them to try even harder, and that's what brings progress and success.

Thank you to all of you who completed the end of year survey. See below for the results. **It is great to see that 98% of you believe that your child is happy at The Willow... we are aiming for 100%** so please let us know if your child is not happy! Stay safe (Hands, Face, Space) Miss Ferdinand, Proud Headteacher



**Broadwaters
Riviera**

Year 3

This term, Year 3 have been learning about Ancient Egypt. In literacy, we learnt and acted out the legend of Isis and Osiris, then wrote our own versions.

Thursday 27 May 2021

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I have used some direct speech with the correct use of punctuation.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
I can write in paragraphs.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
I have read through my work to check it makes sense.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

End of Unit Assessed piece

Isis and Osiris

One day Isis and Osiris went out. Osiris suspiciously asked "why is your belly so big?"


Isis nervously stuttered "I'm having a baby boy". Osiris was shocked. He knew that if Seth found out he would take the baby.

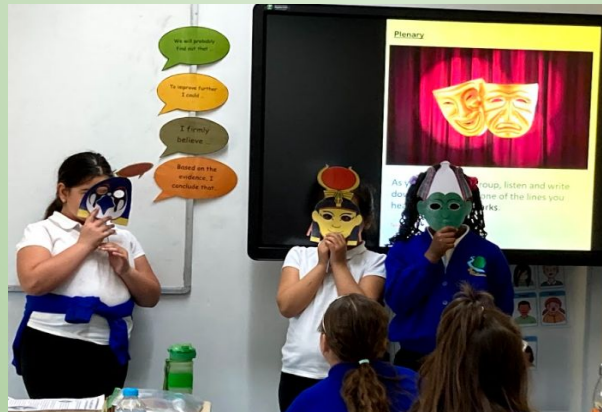
After a month, Isis got birth and asked Ra "Can you take care of my son?" Ra agreed so she left her son with Ra and told Osiris.

Osiris was OK with it. One day Seth visited Ra and saw baby Osiris. The second, they started to fight for the baby. Seth managed to stab Ra in the eye.

Isis the god of life, healed Ra's eye and brought his revenge and he won. When Osiris died, Osiris the second was a grown up. He was crowned King...

The end





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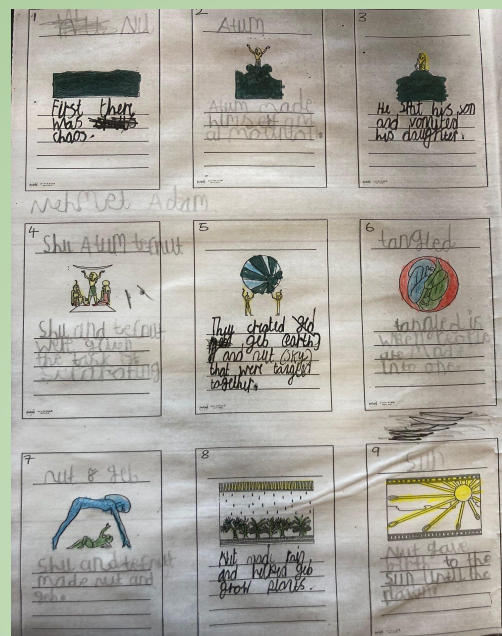
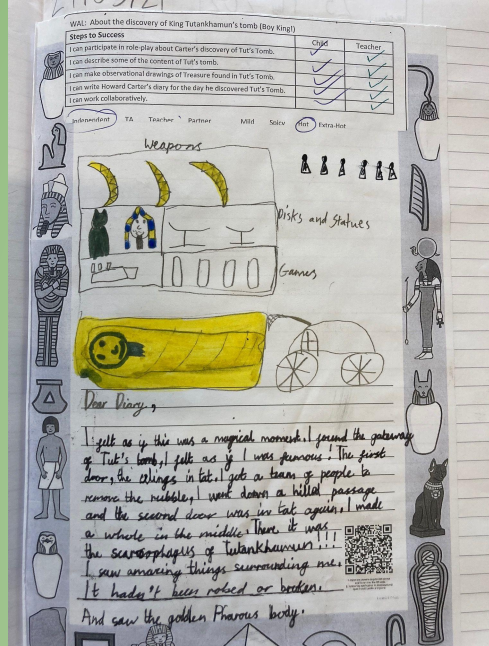
The legend of Isis and Osiris

Long ago there was a far honest, mighty ruler named Osiris and his wife named Isis.

When they were walking around town, Seth approached them. Hello Seth said, "would you like to come to my party" next week. We would love to join said Osiris.

Everyone who where invited had so much fun. Seth asked who ever can fit in this golden box can keep it as a gift. So Seth measured Osiris head to toe.

So everyone got inside the were told that there were to small or to tall. Finally Osiris turn everyone new he fitted perfectly. Seth had trapped Osiris in the golden box. he commanded the servants to throw it in the Nile river.



Year 3 - In our **topic lessons**, we wrote our own comic strip version of the creation story and learnt about the tomb of Tutankhamun.

We also made ***Egyptian cartouches*** out of **salt dough**. We had to roll the dough into a pendant shape, make a small hole, then attach some wool.

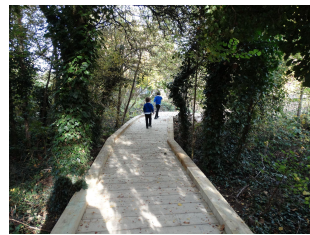


The finished cartouches

Jorgia's cartouche, and headdress homework project

Did you know... Interesting facts about the school

- The current building took three years to create.
- It was officially **opened on 21 July 2014**.
- There is an **underground reservoir** that stores rainwater to be re-used in the school toilets.
- A **grass roof** on the school attracts vital bees and other wildlife to the area.
- The **windows open and close by themselves** to regulate the temperature in school.
- The building was designed so that at **lunchtime, the hall floors are lit with pink and yellow lighting** from the sun.
- The school is **unique** in that we have a **purpose built environment** for a special primary, mainstream primary and children's centre which all form the **Broadwater's Inclusive Learning Community (BILC)**
- There is **one governing body** for all three parts of BILC
- We have an **outdoor classroom** growing space **and** a **forest** area



Frank in Rabbit class - Congratulations on 2nd place in the London Taxi Driver's Mad Hatters party competition!

Founded in 1928, the London Taxi Drivers charity for children has assisted many special needs and vulnerable children. The charity is renowned for the taxi outings, taking hundreds of children to the seaside (including the Willow). A firm favourite is the annual Mad Hatters party at the Grosvenor House, Park Lane, London which we usually attend. Unfortunately, due to the covid 19 pandemic, the party was cancelled this year. Chairman Michael Son BEM came up with the brilliant idea of a competition to find the best mad hatters hat made by London's schoolchildren. The second prize was Frank in Rabbit class, who received a £150 cheque prize!



Our school lunches are prepared daily by a team of eleven staff. Together they make 750+ meals for children and staff, using fresh ingredients.



For children in years 3,4,5 & 6, the cost is £2.20 per day, £11 per week.



What does a school lunch comprise of? **Hot meat/vegetarian option (or vegetarian only ie pizza), hot vegetables, hot carbohydrate (rice, potatoes, pasta).** They children can choose from the **salad bar (7-8 options), some fruit/yoghurt for dessert, or an occasional pudding such as cake/biscuit/ice cream.**

Lunchtime

The government pays for children in Reception, years 1 and 2 to get a **free lunch.**



Heritage Day @ The Willow Primary School

At the Willow Primary School we are very proud of the diversity of our staff and pupils! This year we are introducing a *Heritage day* (which will expand to a Heritage week next year). *Heritage day* gives us all an opportunity to research and celebrate our own, and others' heritages. Each year, we will choose an aspect of our heritage to explore and learn about.

This year's heritage day will take place on Wednesday 14th July and the theme is;

Geography

What do I know about the country/countries that my family come from ?

Year 5's visit to Into University (by Luis Ciku)

What we learnt

On the 25th and 26th May 2021, Year 5 went to Into University, a place where children are inspired to think about going to university when they're older. Year 6 went there in Year 5 and now it was our turn. We were learning about Zoology. We learnt a lot about animals and habitats. Outside the Year 5 middle area, we put up posters about endangered animal species to showcase our learning. For example, did you know? It's really sad that there are only 3000 tigers left in the WHOLE WORLD!!!

Playground

At lunch-time, we went to the park, which is right in front of the building. It was MAGNIFICENT!!!! Lots of children hogged the swings; some had a race to get to the top of the huge rope climbing frame; and some were hanging out on the wooden climbing frame. It also had a see-saw and a slide.

Zoolab

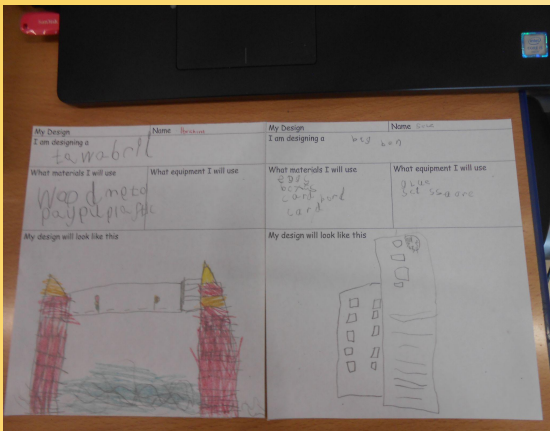
In the afternoon, we were on a Zoom call with a lady called Georgie. She had a lot of reptiles. We learned about tarantulas, stick insects, cockroaches and tree frogs. She had more than 300 cockroaches, as well as a tree frog that could leap up to 2 metres! That is everything we have done at Into University. Thank you for reading!



Playtime

Children really love playing with their friends and discovering all the endless opportunities our vast playgrounds offer. **Four square, football, hula hoops, skipping ropes, dance, insect/nature exploration, tag, running, chats and more.**





The children designed and then made their landmarks using recycled materials.

A big thank you to Andrea who helped with all the Year 1 displays.



Design and Technology

In **Year 1**, all the children worked collaboratively to create 3D London Landmarks . We linked this to our geography topic which is all about the United Kingdom.





Religious Education

The children in **Year 1** have been learning the story about the **Hindu God Ganesha**.

They wrote about their favourite part of the story and then created a collage of Ganesha using different art mediums.

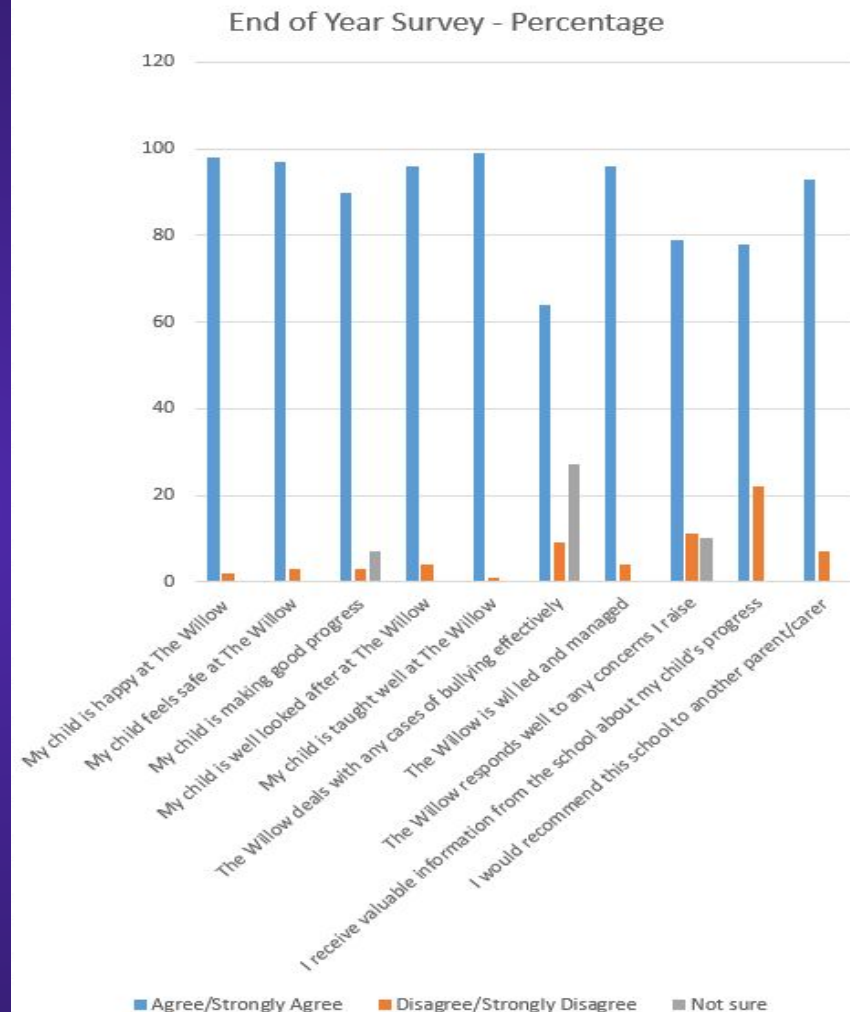
The children have been taking Pete the bear home to inspire their writing and imagination.



End of Year Survey To Parents/Carers Results

Question	Agree/ Strongly Agree	Disagree/ Strongly Disagree	Not sure
My child is happy at The Willow	98%	2%	
My child feels safe at The Willow	97%	3%	
My child is making good progress	90%	3%	7%
My child is well looked after at The Willow	96%	4%	
My child is taught well at The Willow	99%	1%	
The Willow deals with any cases of bullying effectively	64%	9%	27%
The Willow is well led and managed	96%	4%	
The Willow responds well to any concerns I raise	79%	11%	10%
I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress	78%	22%	
I would recommend this school to another parent/carers	93%	7%	

Not sure often means that parents/carers have not had an issue (ie, bullying or raising concerns). Therefore, they cannot comment on how it was dealt with.



Some of the compliments...

- Thank you for all you do for our families 🧑🧒❤️🙏
- I like the way the head leads by example. She's polite, friendly but firm, understanding, not judgemental. She gets involved with things like activities, that's really lovely
- I am happy with the Willow staff. Every time I go to Reception to ask some information, they are welcoming. My son is every day happy to go to school. I am happy too, well done the Willow staff.
- Thank you very much to all the staff. I'm very happy my child goes to this school as he loves it and I can see my child progressing and doing so well, thanks to the staff in the class.
- The best 🏆 school.

Some of the suggested areas for improvement...

Communication:

- The school and the teachers are doing a great job, especially this year with everything that has been going on. My only slight concern is a lack of correct communication at times. Or communication doesn't happen at all and we miss out on things. Just think this could be tightened up.

Feedback on child's progress:

- At times, it would be great to receive some more feedback about our child's progress as we only had one call in the first term and two calls during the homeschooling period. We are assuming he is ok as his reading and writing is progressing well, but it would be helpful to know if there is something we could focus on at home.

Other:

- I would recommend the school but with the reservation that the management is disorganised and not proactive in resolving issues that do arise.



From the deputy -
Sarah Harris

School finishes after lunch on Thursday 22nd July -

ALL children need to be collected.
School closes for all and there is
no childcare.

Pick up from the usual place at:

Reception: 12.50/1.00pm

Y1: 1.00pm

Y2: 12.50pm

Y3: 1.00/1.10pm

Y4: 1.05pm

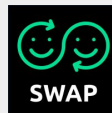
Y5: 1pm

Y6: 12.50pm

Goodbye!



Class swap morning - On Monday
12th July your child will spend the
morning with their new teacher, in their
new classroom. Look out for a letter
later this week letting you know who
their teacher will be!



Class Picnics - will be on Wednesday 21st July
AFTER LUNCH. Children all need to bring their
own snack and drink for the picnic in a small bag
with their name on it. No glass bottles, NUTS or
fizzy drinks allowed. Children will NOT be allowed to
share their food with others.

Reports and Parents Afternoon

Your child's report will be sent home
with him/her on **Monday 12th July.**
After reading the report, if you wish
to make an appointment to talk to
the teacher, please email or phone
the school to let us know and a
telephone appointment will be made
for you for on the afternoon of
Monday 19th July.



We are sorry,
due to COVID
parents are
not able to
come to sports
days.

Y1-2 - Friday 16th July

Y3-6 - Monday 19th July

Children must come to school dressed in PE
kit with a water bottle. If sunny, please put
suncream on them before they come to
school



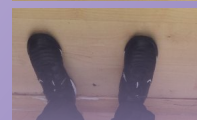
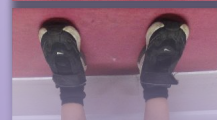


PE KIT - a white top,
black shorts/jogging
bottoms and plimsolls

*Our **football** teams go from strength to strength, playing other local schools in inter-school informal competitions.*

- **Girls: The Willow School 2 v Ferry Lane school 1**
- **Boys: The Willow School 1 v Ferry Lane school 3**

Our year 3/4 children also participated in a **tennis** inter-school competition in Wood Green and gained 3rd place.



Football/Tennis Update



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Here's Nick our guitar tutor teaching N to play the guitar. Walking, running and the alphabet were mentioned....to help read/play music. #guitar #music #learning #learningmusic #Perseverance #resilience #Enjoy Proud to support music tuition in school @haringey_music



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These delightful creatures are part of our #life cycle topic in Year 2 - they are really 'eggsciting' 🐣🐣🐣 for the children here! #Science #chickens #eggs #learning #cute #animals



Other school news including Twitter

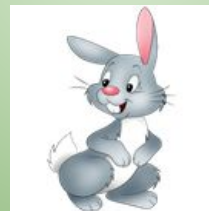
Attendance



Class	Week Ending 25 th June 2021	Week Ending 18 th June 2021
Butterfly	94.1	93.1
Frog	96.1	94.1
Rabbit	100	97.8
Squirrel	94.4	97.2
Fox	96.4	99.3
Hedgehog	89.6	97.9
Buttercup	86.2	89.4
Primrose	95.6	94.4
Bluebell	89.3	94.6
Lily	89.3	98.7
Cuckoo	97.2	95.9
Owl	90.0	91.9
Hawk	97.1	97.9
Woodpecker	88.0	98.0

Winner with 2
weeks of great
attendance

Rabbit



Class with no child
late for the full
week:

Frog



Breakfast and After School Clubs from September 2021

BESS

We are really looking forward to being able to extend the BESS offer in September for activity clubs and are looking forward to be able to offer;

Drama

Art Club

Street Dance

Dodgeball

Forest School

Soft Play

Hockey

Ballet

Archery

Swimming

Knitting

Boxing



We will write to you in early September with the club offer. Breakfast club and Childcare will continue as they have done this term.

All uniform is **BLACK** on the **BOTTOM**, including tights, skirts, trousers, and PE kit

Uniform checks will resume in September

Shoes/Trainers must be **BLACK ONLY** - no other colours allowed

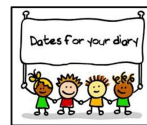
All uniform is **WHITE** on **TOP** including shirts, polo shirts and t-shirts

The **logo cardigan/jumper or fleece** can only be bought from the uniform shops. The school logo bag too!



ALL uniform MUST BE LABELLED - there are two schools here!

Useful Dates and Information for Parents/Carers



Term Dates:
School ENDS for
the Summer
holidays at 1pm
(approx) on
Thursday 22nd
July 2021

Return to school

8.45am Yrs 1-6

Monday 6th
September 2021

Important dates:

Monday 12th July - *class swap & meet new teacher*
for all children

Friday 16th July - *KS1 Sports Day* - KS1 children
in PE kit all day (Sorry NO parents/carers allowed)

Thursday 15th July *KS2 Sports Day* KS2 children
in PE kit all day (Sorry NO parents/carers allowed)

Monday 19th July - **Parent/Carer afternoon**

Wednesday 21st July - *Leavers assembly* for Year 6
only

Thursday, 22nd July - End of Term Awards

Are e-scooters illegal?

The only e-scooters that can be used on public roads are those rented as part of government-backed trials (not anywhere in Haringey). ***If you own an e-scooter, only use it on private land and not on public roads, cycle lanes or pavements.***



Why can't they be used on public roads?

They fall under the **same laws and regulations as motor vehicles**. They are subject to all the same legal requirements - MOT, tax, licensing and specific construction.

Please remember to **put sunscreen on your child** before they come to school when the weather gets hotter. **Children should not wear open toed sandals** to school as during play, children's toes can easily get broken.



Family Information & Events

At the Lordship Hub for teenagers
Summer Holidays: Tues 27th July - 31st August

Street Dance: Tues 16:15 - 17:15
(ends 31st August) Ages **11-16 years**
Girls and young women's self
defence: Tues 17:15 -18:15 (ends 31st
August) Ages **11- 21 yrs**
Parkour beginners: (outdoor class)
Thurs 12:00 - 13:45 (ends 26th
August) Ages **14-25 yrs**
Please email
debra@lordshiphub.org.uk with any
queries. Or go to our website

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