

Willow Wonder



**The Willow
Primary School
N17 6HW**

Newsletter 3

May 2021

Dear Families

Yes... it's half term already. As they say, time flies when you are having fun, and we certainly are having lots of fun here in school.

A lot of our school community celebrated Eid. The children came back into school full of joy and told us all about their celebrations and the presents they received. It is heartening to be in such a diverse community where differences are respected. There may be troubles in the world, but here at The Willow we work and play together harmoniously. Our thoughts and prayers are with those caught up in the unrest in Israel and Palestine.

We are **focusing on getting our children fit and healthy** and have introduced more activity in our daily timetable to help children to 'get moving':

- There is the **Daily Wake up** to help children start their day.
- **Drop Everything And Dance** - some teachers are using this throughout the day to give children a dance break during lessons.
- Additional outdoor activity time in the afternoon - especially for KS2.
- **Pass the Baton** - a child takes home the class baton over the weekend and is asked to take a picture or video of themselves doing something active - this is then loaded onto google classroom.
- **Pedometer challenge** - who can get the most steps in a day! This is being trialled in year 5.
- Much more to come after half term, such as music in the playground and sports day!

As lockdown eases, we are also looking at our COVID procedures, see later for changes. However, the virus is still amongst us, so please keep us all safe by **keeping social distance, good hygiene and wearing a mask on the school site**. Wishing you all a wonderful half term (I hope we get lots of sun).

Last but by no means least, we are saying a really sad goodbye to our beloved 'Ray'. Ray has been our site manager for over 15 years. He has been absolutely tremendous in serving our school community through the rebuild of the school, and weathered many storms (with sunshine). He has been a true 'Ray' of light. We wish him well for his retirement, and look forward to hearing all about the adventures he will have with his lovely wife, (and our ex-cook), Lesley.

Dawn Ferdinand, Headteacher



Rock, Paper, Scissors

On top of the crumbly mountain, Rock was staring at this fluttering, delicate creature called Paper... All of a sudden Scissor came and Rock fell speedily as Paper fluttered across the soft forest.

As Rock fell across the mountain, his heart was pounding because of how Paper was fluttering around. As he fell, Paper helped him up. All of a sudden, Scissors was cutting the trees! But that didn't end Rock from having Paper.

Scissors had been injured... but Rock had been confident so he fought Scissors. Scissors had been defeated and Rock had grabbed Paper and put her to heal in the sun.

Meanwhile, when Paper woke up... Rock had died. She sobbed.

Softly, Paper grabbed Rock's head and sadly started tearing herself up because she killed Rock by accident.

Elena, Year 3



Thursday 29th April 2021

WAL: to retell a fantasy story.

Steps to Success	Child	Teacher
I can use at least 2 different openers.	✓	✓
I can use cool conjunctions (other than 'and').	•	✓
I can use at least one ?, two ! and correct full stops and capital letters.	✓	✓
I can use exciting vocabulary e.g. tumbled, sobbed and violently.	✓	✓

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Practising our phonics



Learning about plants

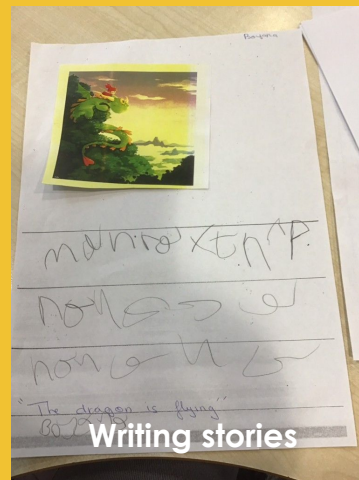


Grouping and sharing objects



Researching on the internet

A day in Reception



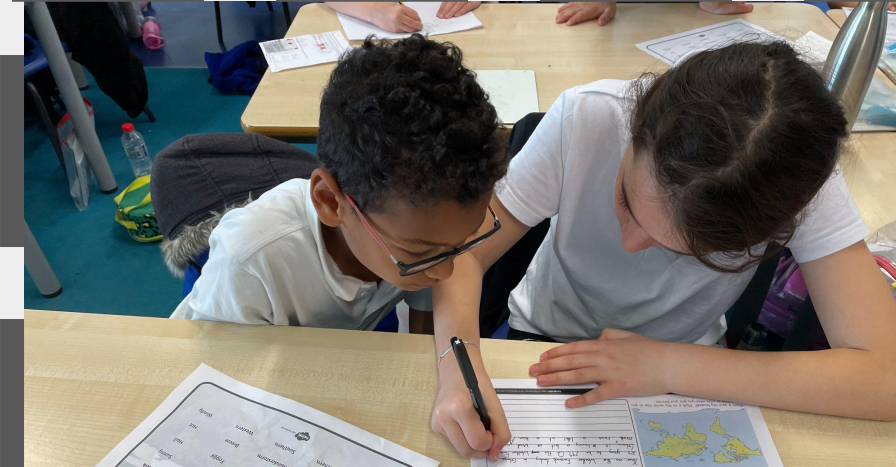
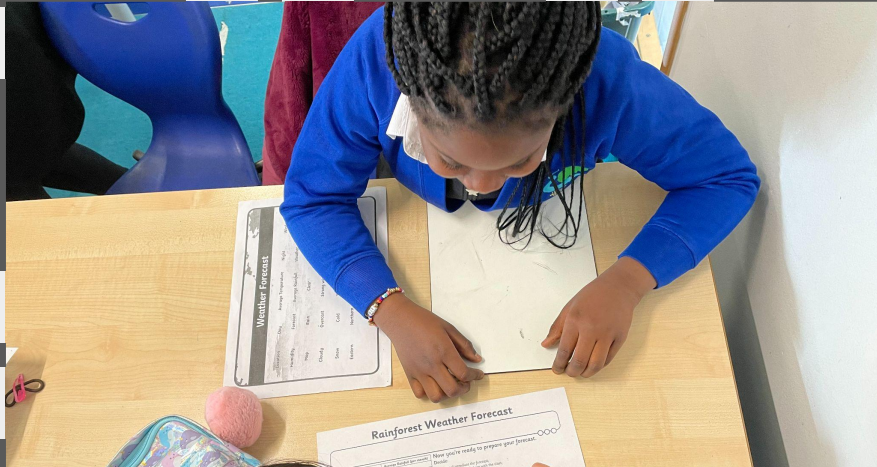
Writing stories



Developing our cutting skills

Year 4

This is Lily class preparing to do a weather report on countries that have hot climates. We have been looking at different rainforests and comparing their climates.



Year 6 interview their teachers

Do you prefer dogs or cats?

Miss Hawthorne: I like both equally because dogs are friendly and cats are very pretty.

Mrs Richards: Cats because they take care of themselves a bit better than dogs!

Miss Turan: Dogs, because they don't suddenly jump on you like cats do and they are much cuter.

What do you enjoy doing in your free time?

Miss Hawthorne: I play football and I do any kind of exercise and I also like to read and watch Netflix.

Mrs Richards: Reading, watching football and doing jigsaw puzzles.

Miss Turan: I enjoy reading, seeing my friends and riding my bike in the park.

What is your favorite plant?

Miss Hawthorne: Peace lily.

Mrs Richards: A Bodhi tree, a Koa plant and an Ash tree.

Miss Turan: Rose, because it's the meaning of my name.



Ray our **INCREDIBLE** site manager retires....

After 15+ years, this legend has retired. Well known for his obsession with Tottenham football club, this gentle soul has many admirers in the school for his cool, calm demeanour even under pressure. To give you an idea of the **MANY** things he deals with... here are some examples for just one day:

- Opening up and closing up the building (very early i.e. 7am or very late i.e. 10pm) including weekends
- Knowing the ins and outs of the complex swimming pool or sustainable school building, and how to fix things!
- Dealing with fox faeces on site
- Children's centre/school issues such as blocked toilets, broken washing machines, fixing lights and telephones.
- Salting the entire site when snow or ice comes.
- Getting the building looking wonderful including painting, working with contractors (constantly) and mending things urgently.
- Setting up tables and chairs for children's lunches daily.
- Driving the School minibus.
- Buying cakes for the office staff!

He is irreplaceable and will be really missed. We wish him and his lovely wife Lesley a happy retirement!



Ramadan

- Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar and the holiest month in Islam. Ramadan begins when the new moon is seen.
- During the month of Ramadan, Muslims fast for the entire month from dawn to dusk. This means healthy grown ups, who are Muslims, do not eat or drink anything, including water, during the day while the sun shines.
- For Muslims, fasting is one of the five pillars (essential religious duties) of their faith. Fasting teaches self-control, encourages a focus on prayer and allows them to devote their attention to worship, and get closer to Allah.
- During Ramadan, Muslims try to say more prayers and try to read the Holy Quran more, so they gain Allah's favour and get closer to Allah. Muslims believe that Ramadan is a month of great blessings and mercy from Allah. It is the month of forgiveness.
- Muslims believe that during the month of Ramadan, their holy book (the Quran) was sent from Allah to guide the people.
- Eid-ul-fitr is the first day of the new month after Ramadan. Muslim families celebrate Eid-ul-Fitr by wearing new clothes and going to the Mosque for the morning prayer. They prepare different kinds of foods like samosas, pakoras, kebabs and more. They visit their friends and family and children may receive gifts of money, new clothes and toys.
- On Eid day, Muslim people say "Eid Mubarak!" which means "Have a Blessed Eid!"

Many of our school community celebrated Eid on Thursday, 13th May 2021.





Girls football focus - Nike Academy

- Girls from all over Haringey had a 4 week trial to qualify for the Nike girls' academy football scheme
- The scheme's aims are to boost girls football nationally and enhance girls football in general
- Only 3 students from every school that participate can go through to the next stage
- ***On this occasion, they chose 8 of our amazing girls instead of 3 as they had such fantastic football skills!***
- The 8 girls who were chosen to move to the next stage had their first introduction meeting on Monday 24th May 2021 at the Broadwater Farm Community Centre.
- **The next stage:** The girls will train with the other girls from Haringey to get through to the final stage of the process.
- **The final stage:** The girls chosen for the final, will receive free Nike football boots, sports coaching and get a chance to be part of a girls football team playing regular matches

WELL DONE TO:

Naz, Havin, Harisa, Selena,
Tim'Mia, Ilhan, Ilham, Natasha



Last year, 5
girls got
through and
one is now
the London
Nike captain!

Edyta Ballantyne Assistant Headteacher

What unites us is greater than what divides us.

A year since...

It has been a year since George Floyd was killed in police custody in the US, an event which sparked protests around the world.

He was an unarmed black man who was stopped by police in Minneapolis and died after being held down by a police officer.

The officer involved, Derek Chauvin, lost his job and was later found guilty of George Floyd's murder.

Floyd's death led to lots of debate about racism and inequality and there were big Black Lives Matter marches in lots of countries calling for changes to policing, education and culture.

In assembly on Tuesday, a minutes silence was held to remember and reflect.



As a school we have begun reviewing our curriculum to ensure it is as diverse and inclusive as possible ensuring that all our children are represented.

**We wholeheartedly believe in the promotion of racial equity for children of all ethnic, cultural and national heritages.
We are taking action in order to eradicate racial inequality.**

MS B'S BOOK *Recommendation*



Paid music lessons for your child in school - 1:1 or shared with another child

Did you know, we offer in school instrumental lessons in guitar, piano, violin and cello? We also offer trumpet for KS2 children only. We are hoping that drumming lessons will be able to start from the next term.

CURRENT SCALE OF CHARGES as follows, although **children can qualify for free lessons if there is proof of free school meals** (ie in receipt of income support/universal credit) is given:

10 x 20 minute **individual** lessons £110.00

10 x 30 minute **individual** lessons £165.00

10 x 30 minute **paired** lessons * £82.50

*** only possible with sibling or child in the same bubble at the moment**

Some instruments are available to hire from Haringey Music Service and some instrumental lessons have a waiting list at the moment. ***Please contact Miss Collier (our music teacher) if you have any questions or would like an application form by emailing her at: admin@thewillow.haringey.sch.uk***



Relationships and sex education (RSE) and health education

RSE will continue to be taught following our scheme of work (1 Decision). We have consulted with parents and the overwhelming majority feel happy with the policy and implementation of our RSE curriculum. The RSE Lead and Assistant Head Teacher will be contacting those parents who needed some further clarification after half term. As always, letters will go out to Year 5 and 6 parents in the Summer term, informing them how and when we are teaching RSE and giving them the choice to opt out if they so choose.



Pick up at the end of the day

From **8th June, KS1 and Year 4** parents can **collect** children from the playground. Families still come in and leave at Moira Close. The *morning drop off at the Moira close gate will remain the same.*

We ask that all **parents wear a mask on the school site.**

Keep **social distance** rules.

Staggered times will remain, so please only come into the school playground at your allocated time.

Please do not use this time to speak to teachers. *If you need to speak to the teacher at the end of the day, you MUST wear a MASK (staff will not talk to parents/carers not wearing a mask, unless you are exempt).* **For general information, please continue to email or call the school.**

Covid School Procedure update



HANDS



FACE



SPACE

Magic Breakfast - 8.20-8.35am daily from 14 June for KS2

If your child is in KS2 and you would like them to have a free bagel before school, please **make sure they arrive by 8.20 through the KS2 gate, straight to the middle hall.** They will be asked to sit with their year group only. **KS1 will continue to have bagels in class for now.**

Playtimes

We will continue to have two different playtimes in the morning, but children will be allowed to mix with one other year group.

Broadwater Farm Development Updates

We have now held two parent meetings for anyone interested in the development of the Broadwater Farm Estate.

The next meeting date is 1st July 2021, 9am meeting online (by Zoom)

Both meetings have been recorded and are on the school website under news.

If you wish to contact the Haringey Housing team about the development, please see details below:

Phone Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm, 020 8489 1000

Email tottenhamregeneration@haringey.gov.uk

Write to Haringey Council, 639 High Road, London, N17 8AA

Did you know... Interesting Facts about our School and local area...

- There has been a settlement at Tottenham for over a thousand years.
- Tottenham was made an urban district in 1894.
- We moved into the Reception and KS1 (pink) side of the new building in September 2011 (10 years ago this September)
- Broadwater Farm Estate started to be built in 1967
- There are over 700 Broadwaters' children (The Willow, The Brook and The Children Centre)
- Broadwater Farm Community Centre was opened in 1992.
- Over 35 languages are spoken by The Willow families (Turkish being the largest after English).
- Lordship Rec won a Heritage Lottery Fund in 2007 which was used to redevelop the The Rec (City Farm, BMX track, Model Traffic Area, Restoration of the Shell Theatre, Eco-centre)
- Our children and their families come from over 50 different countries.
- BWF is built on the River Moselle.
- Tottenham is said to be one of the most diverse areas in Europe - and maybe even the world!
- Bernie Grant was one of the first Black MPs (Member of Parliament). He was the MP for Tottenham from 1987 to April 2000.

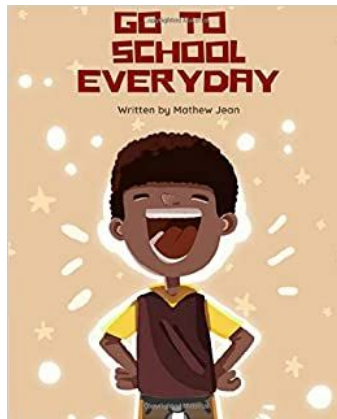




Attendance



Class	Last week percentage	Previous week percentage
Butterfly	97.7	86.7
Frog	97.9	96.0
Rabbit	94.8	96.3
Squirrel	92.4	93.3
Fox	100	98.1
Hedgehog	98.9	89.3
Buttercup	96.3	96.3
Primrose	92.0	97.3
Bluebell	97.8	97.5
Lily	98.7	98.9
Cuckoo	97.2	94.4
Owl	97.3	100.0
Hawk	97.5	94.0
Woodpecker	99.3	98.3



Winners with over
98% attendance for 2
weeks in a row...

Fox
Lily
Woodpecker

Please **put sunscreen on your child** before they come to school as the weather gets hotter. Please **LABEL** the bottle with your child's name and this can be kept in class.

Children CANNOT wear OPEN toe sandals as during playm children's toes can easily get broken.

Please make sure your child wears a **helmet to school** when riding a bike/scooter.

If your child has a **bruise or injury that occurred outside school, please inform the teacher upon drop off.** This is really important so we know how/what happened.

NO nuts, fizzy drinks, sweets, crisps should be brought to school, including after school snacks or packed lunches.



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Can you help us run the Felix food project?

BPAC (Broadwaters' Parents and Carers group) and the school are seeking volunteers to support the running of the Felix project (currently held on Friday afternoons). Felix project provides food for those in need.

You don't need experience, just a willingness to ensure food does not go to waste, and be supportive of the the principle to re-distribute supermarket/restaurant food.

Contact parents@thewilow.haringey.sch.uk or broadwaterspac@gmail.com for more information.



Family support

Crisis Navigation support - *Need food urgently? Mon, Weds and Fri 10am to 3pm. WhatsApp 07845 013 956*

Tackling violence against women and girls.

<https://publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/2021/03/16/tackling-violence-against-women-and-girls/>

Need half term care for your child? Click here: <https://www.haringey.gov.uk/libraries-sport-and-leisure/culture-and-entertainment/whats-haringey/holiday-fun>

BOLOH Welcome to Boloh, Barnardo's COVID-19 helpline and webchat for those 11+

Are you a ***Black, Asian or Minority Ethnic child, young person, parent or carer, affected by Covid-19***? You can speak to us about your worries, problems and stresses during this time, and we can provide emotional support, practical advice and signposting to other organisations who can provide further help.

Call us FREE on 0800 1512605 or chat to us online. **We are available to talk Mon-Fri, from 10am-8pm, and Sat-Sun 10am-3pm.**


Update on Roadmap out of lockdown...

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-advice-novel-coronavirus#history>

Please see the link above for information regarding travel.

The government continues to advise against all non-essential international travel to some countries and territories.

 HM Government



COVID-19: Restrictions in England

From 17 May

STEP 3

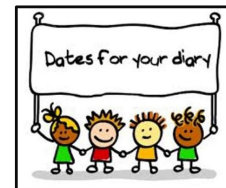
MEETING OTHERS You can meet outdoors in groups of up to 30 people. You can meet indoors in groups of up to six people or two households. You don't have to stay 2m apart from friends and family, but consider the risks to you and those you are with.	OVERNIGHT STAYS Domestic overnight stays are allowed, in groups of up to six people or 2 households.	EDUCATION Schools, colleges and universities fully open. Regular testing provided.	WORK AND BUSINESS You should continue to work from home if you can.
RETAIL AND PERSONAL CARE Open.	BARS, PUBS AND RESTAURANTS Open. Groups of up to six people or two households allowed indoors. Groups of up to 30 allowed outdoors.	ACCOMMODATION All holiday accommodation open, including hotels, hostels and B&Bs.	LEISURE AND SPORTS FACILITIES Open indoors and outdoors, including gyms, indoor sports facilities, swimming pools, saunas and steam rooms. Organised sport and group exercises allowed.
ENTERTAINMENT Open indoors and outdoors, including cinemas, bowling alleys, zoos and theme parks.	LARGE EVENTS Events, including live performances, business events and sporting events can proceed with capacity limits, indoors and outdoors.	DOMESTIC TRAVEL Travel safely. Plan ahead and avoid the busiest times and routes if you can.	OVERSEAS TRAVEL Check whether your destination is on the red, amber or green list. You should not travel to red and amber countries. If you are travelling to a green country, check the rules in your destination as testing or quarantine requirements may be in place.
PLACES OF WORSHIP Open. You can attend in groups of 6 people or 2 households.	WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS Weddings, receptions, life events and wakes can take place with up to 30 attendees, indoors in a COVID-Secure venue, or outdoors. No limit on funeral attendees, subject to how many the venue can safely accommodate with social distancing.	RESIDENTIAL CARE People who live in a care home can have 'low risk' visits out of the home without the need to isolate when they get back. Residents can also name up to five visitors.	SHIELDING If you are clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV) you do not need to shield, but should continue to take extra precautions, such as shopping at quieter times of the day. You can follow the same advice on meeting friends and family as everyone else.

For more information and detailed guidance visit:
gov.uk/coronavirus

COVID-19
Let's take this next step, safely.



Useful Dates and Information for Parents/Carers



Term Dates:

Half term
HOLIDAY from
Monday 31 May
until Monday 7
June 2021.

Pupils return
TUESDAY 8
JUNE 2021 to
school



Special Events:

Somali families health event

Translated in Somali

Thursday 10 June at 1.45pm by ZOOM

Contact parents@thewillow.haringey.sch.uk

Coming up in the summer term:

- class swap & meet new teacher morning
- Sports days
- Parent /Carer afternoon with report given

New families starting in September 2021. Join us for a Zoom meeting **Thursday 10 June from 9.30-10.30am** to find out more. Please contact Uma regarding this.

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