

Willow Wonder



**The Willow
Primary
School
N17 6HW**

Newsletter 3

**Black
History
Month/ Hair
Day Special
Edition**

**Friday
22 October
2021**

Dear Families

I know it is unbelievable but we have come to the end of our first half term.
Time flies by when you are having so much fun!

Like most schools, we have been celebrating Black History month with assemblies, workshops, music, food, quizzes and much more. I did a special assembly for the children on Monday, which told them my journey from birth to being their headteacher. As a black headteacher I felt it was important for the children to know that I was brought up in an area very similar to Broadwater Farm and even though I grew with some disadvantages this did not stop me in my dream to become a Headteacher. I love the fact that, at The Willow, we have staff with lots of different ethnicities, and that children have role models that they can identify with, and learn from. I hope you have joined your child in learning lots about the contribution of black (African heritage) people to our world. See below for lots more information in this edition dedicated to Black History Month.

We also had an extremely exciting filming day last week. A massive thank you to Eliza's dad, Hugh, for using his expertise and filming all day for a new school promotional video. His drone made the children shriek with excitement. Look out for the video and a new website coming in 2022!

Wishing you a wonderful half-term and we will see you back in school on Monday, 1st November.

Dawn Ferdinand
Stay Safe





SATURDAY 23RD OCTOBER 2021 12:00-3:00PM
BROADWATERS CHILDREN'S CENTRE

BLACK [HISTORY] MONTH

Steel Drums warm up performance



CHICKENSHED
THEATRE CHANGING LIVES

Stephanies Faces of Fantasy

FOOD &
DRINK



DEFINE ME
DANCE TROOP PERFORMANCE

Cake Stand
Hair Braiding
Stalls & more



Sola Story Session

Adams Road
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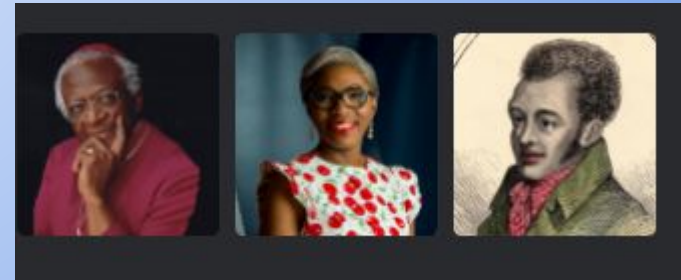
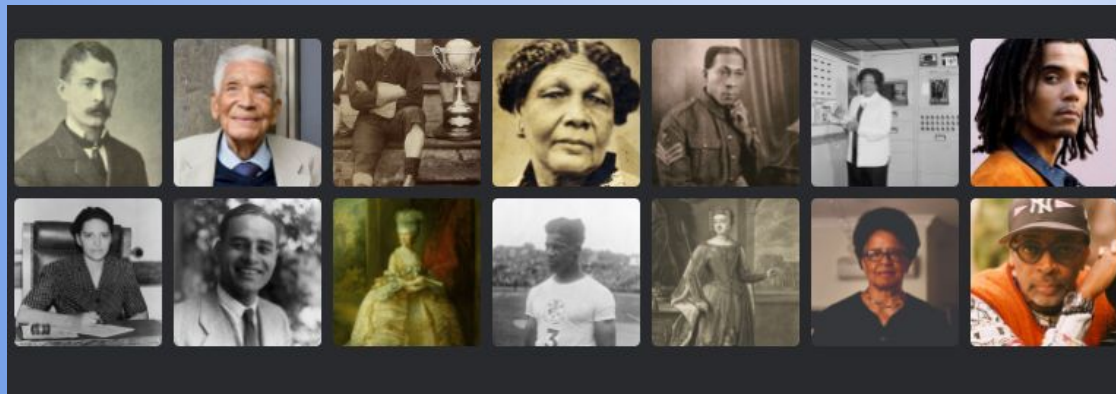
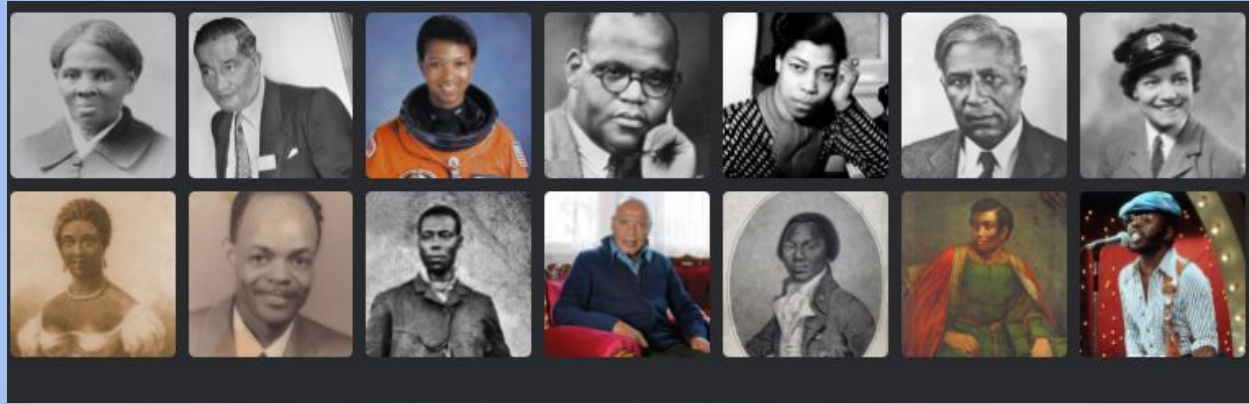
Come along to this exciting
event at our children's centre

Saturday 23 October 2021!

It runs from 12-3pm and is a
family friendly event with lots
of performances to watch and
refreshments to buy.

(The children's centre is next
door to the school)

Use this link to find out about all these famous black people: [Black History Month Advent Calendar \(ourhistoryissharedhistory.com\)](https://ourhistoryissharedhistory.com)



Filming day in school - so much fun! Children really enjoyed the filming experience, (even those without permissions) - thank you so much for your support.



Year 5 visited the Royal Opera House (ROH) to watch The Magic Flute

The talented Ms Collier (our year 3 and music teacher, who used to work for the ROH), took year 5 to watch opera at this grand venue.

The children were also lucky enough to perform a song with piano accompaniment, as well as the full orchestra! They also enjoyed a tour behind the scenes.



PAID Music lessons in school (If you are on **FREE school meals**, you may be able to get **lessons FREE** and **reduced instrument hire**)



We offer music tuition for piano, cello, violin, guitar and trumpet. The ***waiting list for piano lessons is extremely long*** although we would very much **welcome applications for trumpet, violin and cello lessons**. We also have a new string teacher and so we can **offer viola lessons for the first time**. Please fill in this **ONLINE form for Haringey Music Service** who run these facilities at our school.

https://www.haringey.gov.uk/sites/haringeygovuk/files/music_lessons_application_form.pdf



**Broadwaters'
Parents and
Carers group
(BPAC) are back!**

**Friday 12
November from
9-10am in the
school dining
area.**

**FREE tea and
coffee drop in -
ALL families
welcome!**



Daisy is returning to school!



Above, are the guide dog staff (from Staffordshire) who came to see us before Daisy was brought here . Guide dogs is a national charity.

For those of you who do not know, **Daisy is a 3 year old withdrawn guide dog (part black labrador, part golden retriever), bred to help those with sight loss.** She came to the Willow family in May 2019, and for the past 18 months has been away due to Covid19. She is coming back into school life slowly, and **is currently in the playground most Friday mornings for the children to enjoy.**

*Every child from year 1-6 has a **choice** whether to stroke Daisy in their break time. Reception will soon have more opportunities as well as the Children Centre/Brook children.*



A wonderful array of outfits celebrating different cultures/colours of flags for our non-uniform day
Can you guess the countries?



The Willow primary school's Reception 2022 Information Morning



Tuesday 9 November 2021

9.00am - 10.55am BY ZOOM



Come along and discover what happens at The Willow primary school. Meet the Headteacher Dawn Ferdinand, Head of Early Years Edyta Ballantyne, and Parental Engagement Lead Umarani Nathan (Uma).



Any questions you have about The Willow school and your child's school journey will be answered at this parent/carer meeting.



ZOOM meeting details

Meeting ID: 886 5891 1554

Passcode: 536242

We are also holding small family tours to see the reception playground, corridors, eating areas (but not inside classrooms) on pre-booked tours.

See the back of this poster for booking details and dates.



Please see our school website page below for the most up to date information

<https://www.thewillow.haringey.sch.uk/Admissions>

The dates are here for tours of the reception class corridors/outdoor play areas (with a view of the hall that children eat in). We also look into the classrooms from outside, (sorry no tours will be able to go into the classroom due to Covid).

Please note that I will ask you to pre-book your attendance, and wear a mask wherever possible to reduce infection spread.

This tour is ideal for small children and adults as a family unit and will last no more than 15minutes.

On the information morning (9th November) you will find out everything you want to know about school life, particularly in reception.

The school tours are for you to see the main areas for reception children, and to introduce your child to the school environment.

Wednesday 10 November at 2pm

Tuesday 16 November at 10am

Thursday 18 November at 2pm

Thursday 25 November at 10am

Wednesday 1 December at 2pm

Thursday 9 December at 2pm

Friday 7 January 2022 at 2pm

Thursday 13 January 2022 at 10am – FINAL RECEPTION TOUR

Tours are Pre-booked in advance ONLY, so please email: parents@thewillow.haringey.sch.uk

I will also start school tours in November 2021 for those wishing to see the main areas for years 1-6 (aimed at adults, not children) - the next one after this will be in February 2022.

Again, please pre-book in advance and email to express interest: parents@thewillow.haringey.sch.uk

Goodbye and
good luck to
Verona Pullar

Good Bye
Wishing
you the
Best
of Luck

Verona has worked in our family outreach community team as part of the Broadwaters' Children's Centre for the past five years. She has decided to study and we wish her well on her new journey as a student.



Black History Month - celebration lunch

Children ate a wide variety of foods on offer for a special lunch. Dumplings, Jollof rice, Nigerian Pepper soup, Jerk chicken, Cajun style bean stew & fried plantain.



Broadwaters' Children's Centre Carnival displays

Staff member Shenika as
Carnival Queen



Click here (<https://tuntimo.com/>) to find out more about Black History. Do you know these important black people...



Queen Nzinga



Mansa Musa



Malcolm X



Queen Nefertiti



Marcus Garvey



Olaudah Equiano



Mae Jemison



Madam C. J. Walker



Nelson Mandela



Kwame Nkrumah

Black History Facts... Black Inventors

1. Ironing Board - Sarah Boone in 1892
2. Home Security System -Co-Invented by Mary Van Brittan Brown in 1966
3. The Three-Light Traffic Signal - Garrett Morgan in 1923
4. Refrigerated Trucks -Frederick McKinley Jones in 1940
5. Air conditioner - Frederick Jones
6. Automatic Elevator Doors - Alexander Miles in 1887
7. Carbon Light Bulb Filament -Lewis Latimer in 1881
8. Hot comb - Walter Sammons
9. Hair Care Inventions - Madam C J Walker
10. Dust Pan - Lloyd P Ray
11. Clothes Dryer - George T Samon
12. Pencil Sharpener - John Love
13. Lawn Mower - John Burr
14. First Blood Bank - Charles Drew
15. Traffic Lights - Garrett Morgan



We are getting ready to take card payments in the office!

At the end of November, we are hoping to take CARD payments in the office.

This will mean a quicker way to pay for late fines, BESS activities/childcare and Dinner money.



Reminder to monitor what your child is watching

Netflix have launched an update to their parental controls. Netflix have updated these settings to help families around the world get the most from their viewing experience, as well as allowing them to make decisions about what content is right for their family. With over 5,052 TV shows, documentaries and movies currently on Netflix in the UK, there is a lot of great content that young people can use to learn from, engage with or use just to to relax with. The sheer number of titles on Netflix does however mean that there is some content that is not appropriate for all users to watch, with some films and TV shows age rated as 15 or 18.

What are parental controls?

Parental controls are designed to help protect children from inappropriate content they may come across online. These controls can be used to restrict access to age-inappropriate content, to set usage times and to monitor activity. **On Netflix specifically, parental controls are available to restrict what young people can watch, as well as to see what young people have been watching.** It's worth being aware that no parental controls or filtering options are 100% effective. **As children grow up, they can become quite tech-savvy and this could mean that they learn how to disable or bypass parental controls.**

With parental controls, it's important to remember to keep passwords private from your children – sharing it may mean they can turn off or modify the parental settings which you have put in place.

Before you implement or change your parental control settings have a conversation with your children, talk about why you are doing this and what it means for their internet use. Use this as an opportunity to talk to them about the way they spend their time online and the things they may see online.

For more information:

<https://www.childnet.com/blog/new-parental-controls-launched-on-netflix>

The Netflix logo, consisting of the word "NETFLIX" in a bold, red, sans-serif font, is centered within a black rectangular background.

Uniform checks and lost property

We know some children are losing named jumpers/tops.

Please do label the jumpers/cardigans as they will be returned.

The admin team try to look every other day at the lost property box and children can check at breaktime/lunch in the lost property boxes. You are welcome to support after school looking for uniform.

We are also hoping to help this by labelling jumpers/tops as your child comes into school to avoid different tops going home with different children.

Reminder that full uniform is expected for each child.

If you have any difficulties see Umarani Nathan (Uma) who has some secondhand clean uniform for children who need it.



Reminders about illness/colds/Covid as winter starts

If your child is ill with ANY Covid symptoms which are:

- A steady/persistent cough
 - A high temperature
 - Loss of taste/smell

They MUST NOT COME TO SCHOOL until a PCR (not lateral flow) test is DONE!

**Call or email the school if your child has symptoms (and keep them at home).
A senior leader or the welfare officer (Zerin) will call to advise on the next steps.**

Link below on how to get a PCR test

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

Here is the official government advice on what to do if you or your child has any of the symptoms above (even if mild):

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/main-symptoms/>



School starts at 8.40-8.45 in the morning

Be on time!

Every minute of school you miss is a missed opportunity to learn

Get to school 10 minutes early, if you can, get settled and ready to learn

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS and every minute is just as important

LOST minutes = LOST Learning!
* over one full academic year

Minutes Late	Days Lost
3 minutes	3 days lost*
6.5 minutes	6.5 days lost*
10 minutes	10 days lost*
13 minutes	13 days lost*
19 minutes	19 days lost*

There may be a genuine reason for lateness

If you are going to be late:

- Try to inform the school beforehand
- Ask your parent or carer to give an explanation so your school can support you

These Girl's Don't Stress Explore and manage personal stress	Natruerel	13+	Jazz Cafe	6-7.30	25 Oct to 22 Nov 6wks
Keepsake Memory Book Learn to make your own customised book with recycled materials	Sandra	Women	Jazz Cafe	5-6.30	1 Nov to 13 Dec 6wks

Check before you come as programme may be subject to change

All Classes are on Mondays between 5-9pm and are for women and girls only

To register or for more details contact:

Isacgroup2021@gmail.com / get.active@haringey.gov.uk
 or **07971 113 463**

Free Membership for first 3-week introduction from 13th Sept to 27th Sept

£3 from 4th Oct

After 4th Oct attend 5 weeks and get the 6th week free



**Every Monday from
5-9pm**

**at Broadwater Farm
Community Centre**

**1 Adams Road, N17
6HE**

**Isacgroup2021@gmail
.com /**

**get.active@haringey.g
ov.uk**

@Isac2021

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No holidays during the school term



- Your child has three months off school each year, and only nine months in school learning. We therefore will not authorise ANY time off during term time.
- Please remember that all emergency appointments should be scheduled as close to the end of the school day as possible and definitely not in the morning.
- Appointments for dentists /opticians should be made in the school holidays.
- Please note that Haringey council can fine you for non-school attendance.

Help understand children's eating habits.

NatCen Social Research is inviting you to express an interest in taking part in the Family Food Experience study being conducted on behalf of City, University of London. NatCen is Britain's largest independent social research agency.

What are NatCen looking for? We are looking for families with primary school aged children (aged 4–11 years old) to take part in this study to help us understand family food environments and children's eating habits. We would like one adult in your household to complete an interview and we will also take the height and weight measurements of one primary school aged child in your household.

What happens if I am selected to take part? If you register your interest and are selected to take part, you will receive a letter in the post in the next few months. An interviewer from NatCen Social Research will then contact you to arrange a convenient time for you to complete the interview. You can choose whether they visit you at home or call you to complete the interview over the phone. This visit or call will last approximately 60–80 minutes during which the interviewer will ask you some questions about your family environment, your child's eating habits and their preferred foods. The interviewer will also measure, or ask you to measure, the height and weight of your primary school aged child. We are working in line with the Government guidance to minimise the risk of COVID-19 transmission and ensure that we keep you and our interviewers safe.

Who is carrying out the survey? City, University of London has asked NatCen Social Research to carry out the survey, with funding from the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR). To find out more you can visit natcen.ac.uk.

How can I register? To register your interest in this study please visit survey.natcen.ac.uk/FFE21

If you prefer, you can also call on Freephone 0800 652 4568. When you register, we ask that you please provide: • the name of the school your child(ren) attends • your name • your address, telephone number, email address • the sex, age and ethnicity of the primary school aged children in your household. For more information please visit www.natcen.ac.uk/familyfood.

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Twitter: <https://twitter.com/thewillowN17>

For any childcare queries/after school/breakfast (BESS) please email:

bess@thewillow.haringey.sch.uk

For any strategic queries/feedback/admissions/confidential matters please email: parents@thewillow.haringey.sch.uk (this will go to Umarani Nathan only)



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