

# Willow Brook News

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a chance to browse the website and see the photos from last week's World Book Event. The children had a great day, and from the giant game of Guess Who to the last session where there was a wonderful reading-calm across the school, we were able to raise the profile of good books and enjoy the power and joy of stories. Thank you so much if you gave up your afternoon to come and read with/to the children – they enjoyed your company. Some parents found cosy corners to share a book, some listened to children read and some were brave enough to read their favourite tale with a whole class! (Perhaps some new class teachers in the making!)

Our half term holiday writing competition based on the first chapter of David Almond's book 'Skellig' was equally as successful. It was a difficult task for the staff to select the most creative after the final edit and write-up, and find those paragraphs worthy enough to be read in assembly. From Florence in Reception to Eden in Year 6, the work of our seven chosen champions showed maturity, imagination and skill. As well as having pride of place on display, their work earned them a worthy prize.

The half-term's Science and Engineering topic is certainly capturing the imagination of children (and staff!) Days have been spent investigating, plotting, building and testing, and we are starting to work like engineers. K'Nex has enabled us to have more hands on experiences, follow instructions and test different sources of energy. Year 4 have costed their supplies and have started sawing wood for their chassis; Reception tested balloon power to move their 'tech card' creations; Year 3 have already named their vehicles and drivers and the boxes are piling up in the infants ready to model and invent. We look forward to showing you some of our finished prototypes after our end-of-project rally!

Whilst I will remind you on the day, we have had a polite request from the church next door about parking on Monday afternoon. There will be a funeral service taking place that will coincide with our home-time and Willow Brook may experience a high volume of traffic. Please be aware that you may need time to park and walk a little. I have assured the family of our patience and consideration.

For now, I need to polish my disco shoes and look forward to seeing the infants at 6.30pm (7.30 finish) and the juniors at 7.45pm (8.45 finish). There's still time to buy tickets for the Friends Quiz Night – details once again are on the reverse of this letter, together with some useful dates for your calendar.

Have a happy weekend – I hope the Red Noses have made it to the end of the day!

Louise Ballard



## **A reminder of dates for you diary to the end of term**

Tuesday March 19<sup>th</sup> – year 5 and 6 residential parents' information evening. 6.15pm

Friday March 22<sup>nd</sup> – closing date for governor elections

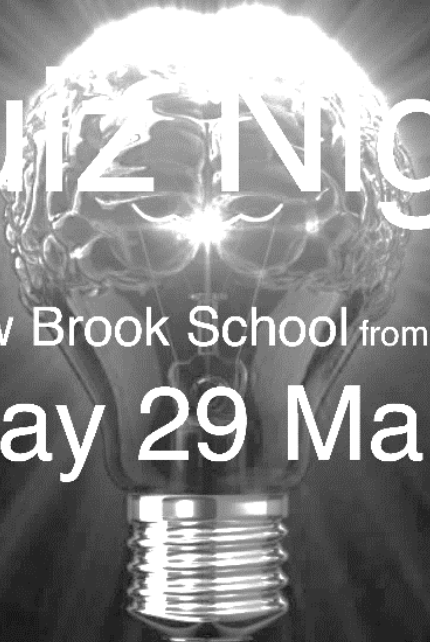
Wednesday March 27<sup>th</sup> – Friends of Willow Brook meeting

Friday March 29<sup>th</sup> – Friends of Willow Brook Quiz

Monday – Wednesday April 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> – Year 5 and 6 residential

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – On the Stage show for parents 5pm

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April – Term ends



You are invited to the

# Willow Brook Quiz Night

at Willow Brook School from 7pm on

## Friday 29 March.

Teams of up to 6 Willow Brook parents/carers plus friends are welcome.

Just £10 will get you entry to the quiz, plus fish and chips, and butterscotch tart for pudding. Please bring your own drinks (and glasses), nibbles and some pound coins for games during the break.

**Tickets are available from the school office.**

All proceeds go towards *Friends of* **WILLOW BROOK.**