

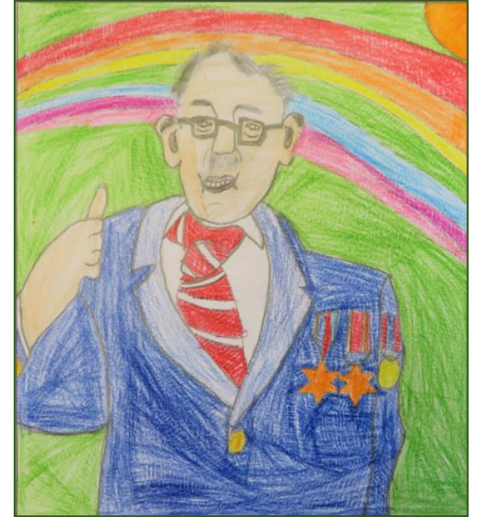


Willow Brook News

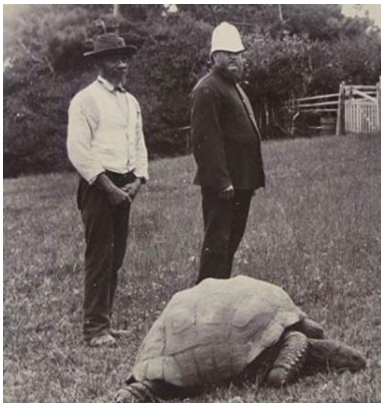
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It was an absolute joy to share a day together last Friday thinking about those who have earned the right to be called our covid heroes. Every member of the school completed their entry for the Royal Mail stamp design competition and wrote a compelling piece of writing to explain their choices. As you can see from Oliver's incredible picture of Captain Sir Tom Moore, it's going to be a tough competition to judge. We can but hope that it will be a Willow Brook entry that is presented to the Queen and winging its way around the world on a stamp later this year!



This morning in assembly Mrs Best shared her family home and the children celebrated St Helena Day with her. We learnt lots about the Island and the joy of their national day. In the photos you'll see Dinuzulu kaCetshwayo, who is otherwise known as a great, great grandad in the Best household! As tradition demands, the assembly was accompanied by coconut cake and Mrs Best's joy that the island is on the 'green' list for holidaying this summer!



There was a very 'high tech' feel to Willow Brook yesterday and what was supposed to be a quick trip around the classrooms turned out to be a gripping hour that I couldn't quite walk away from! There were dinosaurs in the playground – captured (as you can see) on the school's CCTV! Apparently, Mr Castledine's time machine had made it back from the Triassic period and he'd inadvertently left the door open! Reception were beside themselves with the excitement of 3 large eggs that had returned with the machine. Having seen real quail eggs hatch last week, it was no wonder that they were on tenterhooks when the first dinosaur egg started to crack... Suffice it to say that their writing and imagination for the rest of the day rivalled the drama of Jurassic Park!

On a similar theme, Year 6 were coming to the end of a week in the company of Frankenstein, and having been gripped with Mary Shelley's macabre creation, were excited to create some horror of their own!



With similar enthusiasm, Year 2 were at the end of their fortnight of programming a fictional robot from the book 'Can I Build Another Me?' that might behave exactly like them... They were busily instructing their creations to trick their teacher at school and annoy their parents at home. They had plenty of ideas!

Next door, Year 3 were getting to grips with some real life programming using the school's new flip books. Using Scratch, they were aiming to understand how to make their on screen creations move.



One final mention of pride has to go to Noah in Year 2. Knowing that the school has taken to bird watching over the spring, he has worked with his Grandad to use his skills to make a fabulous new feeding table for the front of the school. It is nothing short of brilliant! As soon as Mr. Castledine has finished with the time machine repairs, he will be installing it in its new home at the front of school.

An exciting week!

Summer 2 Half Term

With one more week to go until half term, the staff are busily planning our final whole school topic. Our shared theme will be 'Journeys' and we have some exciting voyages and adventures in store!



Easing of Covid Restrictions Roadmap

I would like to thank you all for continuing to work with us to make our community COVID safe. We continue to be instructed by the County Council and Public Health England to keep our COVID risk assessments in place. As restrictions nationally start to lift, we continue to exercise care and protect each other. Many of our staff still await their first vaccinations. Please continue to wear a facemask whilst you are on the school site and adhere to our staggered entry times. The one way system ensures that the children in Years 5 and 6 are safely inside before we open the playground and use the drive for the next bell. Coming too early to drop your child off before staff are out to meet them at 8.45am will only block the entrance.

I will leave you with some more entries from our stamp design competition. There will be more on the website in due course.

Have a great weekend. Wherever you may be, I hope it is warm and dry!

With my very best wishes to you all,

Louise Ballard



Elise's Family



Mirabelle's NHS design



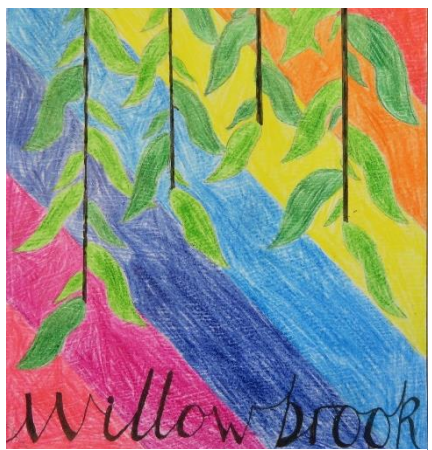
Evie's Firefighter



Billy's refuse collectors



Max's Marcus Rashford



Lucy's school



Zak's pet



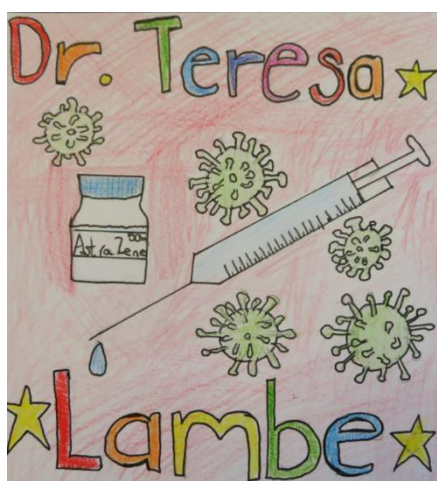
Ella's NHS volunteers



Matilda's Pops!



Edi's Mum



Ivy's vote for Teresa Lambe



Mercedes' Joe Wicks