



Willow Brook News

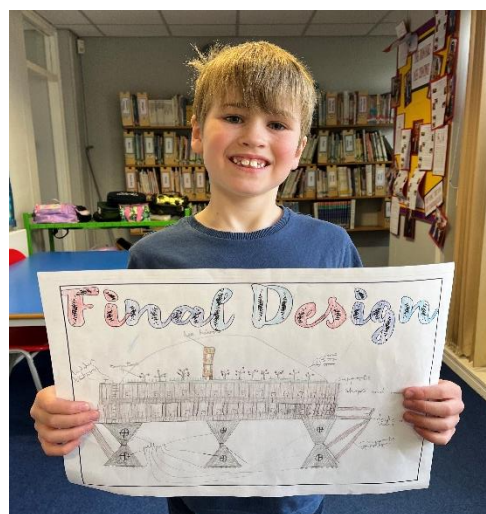
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Dear Parents and Carers,

This is just a quick newsletter to finish the Willow Brook spring term and give you an insight into dates and projects we already have in the diary for the summer weeks.

Yesterday, the children pitched their design ideas for Aquatropolis – our futuristic ‘oceanscraper’ – to the whole school. Combining the science and technology with imagination and architectural drawing skills, they shared their ideas to a panel of teachers in a bid to win government funding! We love watching the developing confidence as our young children conquer their nerves and encourage each other to stand and deliver their work. Year 6 designs were exquisite in detail, and even our EYFS class told us how they had tested different materials and shapes to make sure that their structures would work. At the end of the morning, the judges unanimously presented the Young Engineer’s award to Thomas in Year 3. He had combined his knowledge of growing food, using bees for pollination with a secure structure that would capture the energy of the sea and withstand the waves. Impressive, indeed!



This afternoon, our Year 6 children are presenting their DAaRT (formerly DARE) assembly to the school and their parents and carers. Mr. Magner has worked really hard with the class during their ten Thursday sessions and has put his own performance skills to the fore and helped the children to prepare and rehearse their assembly. We are all excited to see it!



When we return after the holiday, our whole-school topic takes on a royal theme as we celebrate the Platinum Jubilee! We will be building on our history and geography skills as we explore Queen and commonwealth. As well as understanding a little more about monarchy, we will be investigating the sights and splendour of London and the importance of British Values. As there are so many trips and residentials already on the agenda, we don’t have a London outing on the calendar, but should you have the opportunity to visit over the term, it would be a fabulous experience to reinforce everything that is happening in school.

Whilst there are other days and dates lined up, (and more will clearly be added), I will leave you with the summer term calendar for your information.

Whatever the next fortnight brings, I wish you a happy and healthy break from school until we are back together on Tuesday 19th April.



Louise Ballard

Summer Term - Proposed Dates for Parents

May

April
20 th April - Parents information Evening for Year 3 / 4 residential 28 to 29 th April – Year 3 /4 residential
Week beginning May 2nd
Bank holiday Monday
Week beginning 9th
KS2 SATS assessments
Wk beginning 16th
Walk to School Week Yr 2 SATs assessments 17 th Young Voices at NEC Birmingham
Wk beginning 23rd
26 th Jubilee Celebration Day 27 th INSET day before half term begins

June

Wk beginning June 6th
6 th INSET day Phonics Screening assessments for Year 1 Multiplication test for Year 4 8 th Yorkshire Wildlife Trip for EYFS and Year 1 (to be confirmed)
Wk beginning 20th
International Refugee Week Peter Pan Music Concert – evening performances provisionally 21 st 22 nd and 23 rd
Wk beginning 27th
29 th June Year 2 Adventure Day at Colwick Park 30 th / 1 st July Intake Day for South Wolds 30 th June Proposed class swap day and new EYFS first visit

July

Wk beginning July 4th
4 th – 6 th Year 5/6 Residential
Wk beginning 11th
Sports Week 13 th Whole-school Sports Day 13 th End of year reports out
Wk beginning 18th
20 th Second transition morning and Parents Open Afternoon (21 st Back up Sports Day in case of bad weather)
Wk beginning 24th
27 th 10am. Leavers' assembly and end of term (Wednesday)