



Willow Brook News

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Dear All,

We have come the end of a happy and successful fortnight at Willow Brook and I just wanted to thank you all for supporting our ventures and making our school such brilliant place to work and learn!

A Willow Brook Coronation Celebration

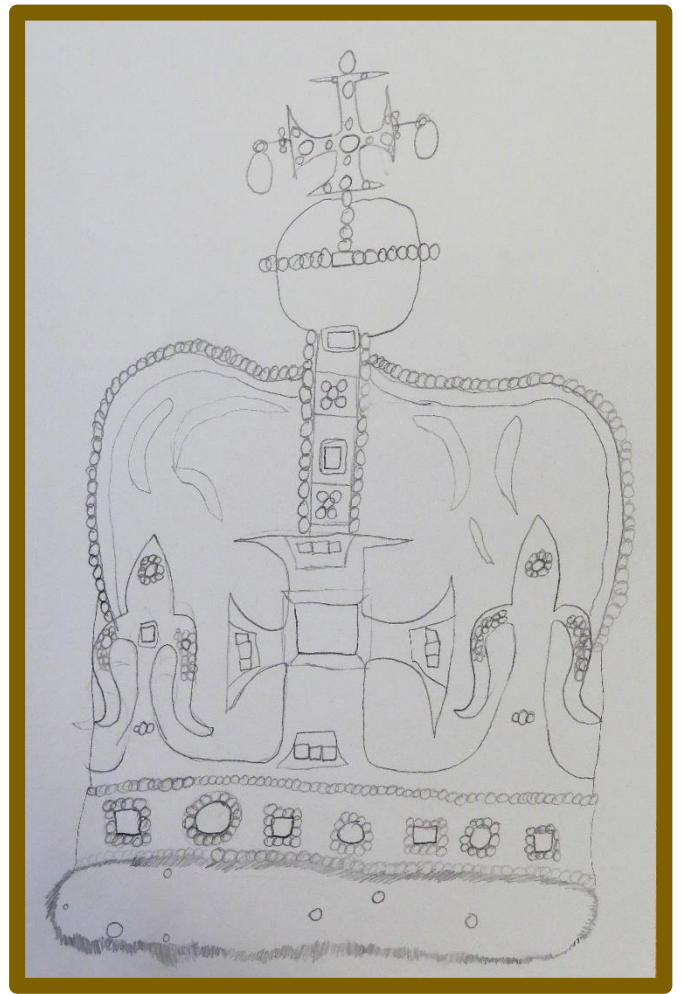
As you may have seen on our website, Willow Brook had a wonderful day full of celebration and pageantry last Friday to mark the King's Coronation! We hope that you felt welcomed on the playground! Bunting and balloons and some rousing 'Pomp and Circumstance' set the tone for the day and demonstrated the power and joy of a special national event. There was plenty of singing - as well as the National Anthem, our 'Sound of Trumpets' song set an upbeat tone, and the playground party included some well-known tunes!



Our street party lunch was just fabulous!

Sandwiches, sausage rolls, salad, jam tarts and iced buns added to the feast and the sun shone on our dancing and play. Chantel and the midday team did a fabulous job.

The day ended with three cheers for the new King, and the children were ready for the rest of what we hoped would be a truly memorable weekend.



Year 6 SATs

I have to take a minute to add a special mention for our Year 6 children this week. They have tackled four days of SATs tests with great maturity. When we look back to the start of the year, it is clear that they have come such a long way thanks to the drive and experience of the brilliant Year 6 teaching team of Mr. Jones, Mr. Magner and Mrs. Armitage. At Willow Brook we are determined to ensure that the adults shoulder the stress rather than the children... they know they have to work hard and our standard is high, but we know that they should enjoy a primary curriculum that isn't all about exam results. We had a moderator in to watch this morning. She sat silently observing our processes and the final maths test. Before she left, she said she had never seen such calm children and left with the words, 'this is how it should be done'.

The year is far from over for Year 6. There's lots planned and Mr. Jones is hoping that calm continues!

I will leave you with dates in the diary for the summer term. Please note the added information meeting for the Year 5 and 6 residential on June 12th. The second payment for the trip is now due. Again, please get in touch with me directly if this creates any concern at all.

Summer term dates already in the diary for this term	
INSET day	Friday 16 th June
Parents information meeting for our residential	Monday 12 th June at 6pm
Year 5 and 6 away on residential	Wednesday 21 st to Friday 23 rd June
Year 6 transition days to South Wolds Academy	Thursday 29 th and Friday 30 th June
Sports Week	July 10 th to 14 th
Sports Day	Tuesday 11 th July
Open Afternoon	Thursday 20 th July (TBC)
End of term and Year 6 Leavers' Assembly (10am)	Tuesday 25 th July 2023

I wish you all a happy weekend.

Kind regards,

Louise Ballard