

Newsletter – 5th July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is a pleasure to write a quick newsletter at the end of a busy but wonderfully successful Olympic Week at Willow Brook! We have achieved so much and had a great deal of fun.

Monday morning started, as all Olympics do, with the golden torch. We were lucky to have Evie's mum come to assembly to show us the torch that she ran with in 2012. She was given the honour after being nominated for her charity work. The children learnt that each hole in the torch represented one of the runners who had carried it.



After Monday's key stage 1 Scatterball tournament, the games were afoot! Our second treat of the week was a visit from a real Olympian! Sam Oldham competed in the 2012 games in London and took a bronze medal home. His assembly was absolutely inspiring. As well as backflips and incredible handstands, he told us his story. As someone who struggled at primary school, he threw his energy into gymnastics. It took 6 hours a day to train and grow in strength and skill but resilience and perseverance certainly paid off. He still has the piece of paper that his Dad gave him at the age of 9 where they set their Olympic dream together.

Sam did a motivating coaching session in Year 6 and taught a gym session to each class. The children loved every minute... even the ones who were convinced that they were never going to bend, roll or stretch!





The rains held off on Wednesday and our Ancient Greek Olympic Games certainly proved to be a Sports Day to remember!

Year 6 produced the programme that listed our 'running' order! We raced chariots, balanced Argos's eyes on spoons, ran the stadion and the marathon, collected Midas's gold and the victors wore an olive crown across the finishing line. There were stickers, cheers and lots of happy faces. As well as some competitive spirit, there was lots of fun! Thank you so much for all those who took the time to send an email saying how much you had enjoyed watching – it was much appreciated.

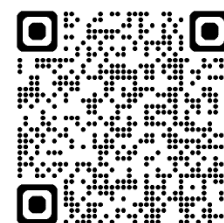
Here's a selection of photos... others can be found on the school website.



More photos from Sports Day are currently uploading to the school website. Please scan this QR code - it should take you straight to the article:

Transition

On Thursday our new Reception class had their first taste of school life. It was exciting to welcome 30 new faces and families. With Year 6 being at Southwolds for their transition visit, every class spent a morning in their new classroom. Again, there were plenty of smiles as children chatted to their new teacher. Mr. de Malplaquet came to meet Year 6 and got their first chance to sit on the benches in assembly! Everyone will make a second visit on Thursday afternoon next week.



This morning's whole school sports event saw us in the Minotaur's Labyrinth! A number of sporting challenges to capture treasure and score points ensured everyone was set free for lunchtime! Again, there was a lot of collaboration and team work as well as plenty of exercise.

Sport Week has been brilliant! Every day has seen the community coming together to combine and promote the Willow Brook and Olympic values.



Since my last newsletter, Willow Brook retained their Rushcliffe Schools Cricket Championship title at a tournament at Platt Lane. It's an event that is always close to Mr. Clarke's heart and he is, of course, very proud of his medal-winning team.

Not wanting to stay still for long... next week's timetable includes our Eurovision Song Contest final and our D.A.R.T. graduation. We are also working hard on our exhibition for Open Afternoon on July 17th. There's never a dull moment!

This week the office sent out the calendar for the next academic year. It is included here for your information.

Whatever you have planned for your weekend, after all of this week's activity, I sincerely hope it is a restful one...

With my best wishes,

Louise Ballard



Willow Brook Primary School Holidays 2024/2025



School Holidays



Public Holidays



Administration Days



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Key Events in this term's diary	
Thursday 11 th July	Year 6 D.A.R.T. Graduation assembly. (9.30a.m. start)
Friday 12 th July	School Disco
Wednesday 17 th July	Open Afternoon
Friday 26 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 10am and school finishes at 3.30pm