



# Willow Bank Infant School Newsletter

## Diary Dates :

### May

8<sup>th</sup> Pantomimus Sessions

12<sup>th</sup> Bikeability sessions

15<sup>th</sup> Pantomimus Sessions

17<sup>th</sup> Open Day 10-12:00

19<sup>th</sup> EYFS Family Time and Coffee Morning

22<sup>nd</sup> Dance Festival

23<sup>rd</sup> External moderation of EYFS

24<sup>th</sup> Year 1 Multiskills Day

26<sup>th</sup> Year 2 Aquasplash

26<sup>th</sup> End of Half Term

## Remember:

Please do not let your children climb on the outdoor equipment before or after school- this includes siblings who do not attend our school.

## ***From the Headteacher:***

***5<sup>th</sup> May 2017***

### **New Schools Funding Formula**

Many of you will have been aware of this issue, which is having such an impact on schools across the nation. Headteachers are rightly very keen to keep parents aware of this, and to keep it in the minds of everyone who can do something about it. We are not supposed to try to attempt to have influence over political agendas by showing a preference, and I will not do so here. But I would like to ask all of you, in the run up to the General Election on June 8<sup>th</sup>, to ask all and any of the campaigners and canvassers who knock on your doors, what their party is intending to do about funding for schools. Many of them may not be able to answer that question, but when they go back to base, wherever it might be, if enough people ask it, they will be able to report that it is an important issue which might influence outcomes for them if treated with the respect and attention it deserves. Children are the future, as has been said many times – and they are worth investing in, more than anything else. Thank you in advance, for doing this.

***Michelle Masters***

## ***Family Time:***

A reminder:

**Year 2:** Family Time will not continue for the Summer Term, in preparation for Junior school.

**Year 1:** Family time session on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May which will be followed by a coffee session with the teachers and Headteacher

**EYFS:** Family time session on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May which will be followed by a coffee session with the teachers and Headteacher.

Sessions will begin at 8:40 when parents and children can look through work or do an activity together in the classroom, and finish at 9:00am when registers are taken and the school day begins. For the final session of the half term, parents are invited to have coffee or tea with the teachers and Headteacher from 9:00am until 9:30am.

Thank you!

## ***Classroom Quotes:***

**EYFS:** Paul Klee inspired art:

"I used shapes to make a city with stars and a moon"

**Year 1:** Fractions

"I have found a ½ written on the bottom of my shoe!"

**Year 2:** Chickens

"I can feel the chick's heart beating in my hands!"

### **Assembly Guide**

#### **Monday: Achievement Assembly**

This assembly is run by Mrs Merritt, and focusses on awarding Gem Bear to the children in the class which has collected the most gems during the week. It is also an opportunity for the children who have achieved an award or certificate for activities outside of school (such as swimming badges, Karate belts etc.) to show their peers and be celebrated for their achievements. This assembly will happen on a Tuesday if circumstances prevent it from happening on a Monday.

#### **Wednesday: Music Assembly**

This assembly is run by Mrs Killick and focusses on developing children's understanding and awareness of music and to teach them new songs.

#### **Friday: Celebration Assembly**

This assembly is run by Mrs Masters and focusses on celebrating the past week's birthdays and children's hard work. Birthday children are encouraged to bring in one card, or one present that they can show their peers. They receive a birthday sticker and card from the school. Children who have worked hard or tried hard during the week receive a Head teacher's certificate and a special Golden Sticker.

### **From the Governors:**

Last night the Governors had a presentation by Claycot school in Slough. This is the first meeting, the governors as a whole, have spoken to another school about the possibility of joining them in an academy. Claycot school are setting up the Enigma Learning Trust and they came to share their plan of academisation with us. This is still early days for Willowbank Infants and we are doing lots of research into the best options for us, but it gave us lots of information about how it could work and what changes would be needed. It brought up some interesting points as well as many questions which will take time to answer and understand. We will keep you up to date as we make progress with this. If you have any questions regarding Academisation please do speak to one of the governors or email us - [governors@willowbank-inf.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:governors@willowbank-inf.wokingham.sch.uk) or Twitter - @WBIGovernors

### **From the Parents Association:**

**PTA meeting - Tuesday 9th May 7.30pm**

Please pop along to our next meeting and find out what exciting things we have planned for this term. Everyone welcome. Starting at 7.30pm in the Infant staff room.

#### **Name labels**

Need name labels? You can order from [www.stikins.co.uk](http://www.stikins.co.uk) and help raise money for the school. Quote our school code - 25462.



Congratulations on your achievement!



**Congratulations to these children for earning the  
Headteacher's Special Award!**



**Happy Birthday to these children!**



# This Week's Wow Moments!!

## Year 1 Wild Plant Hunt



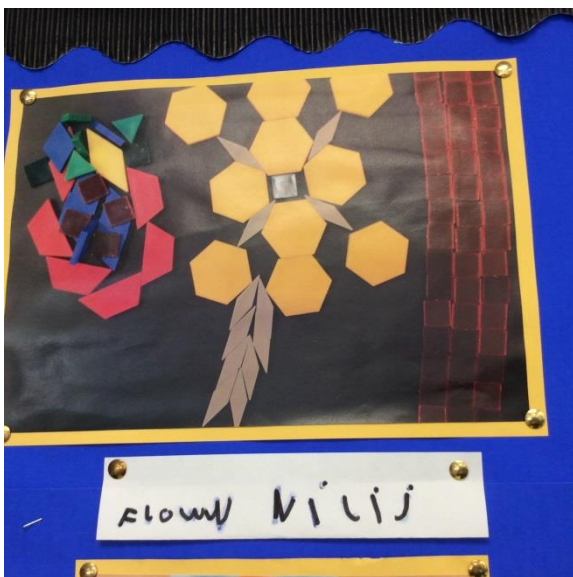
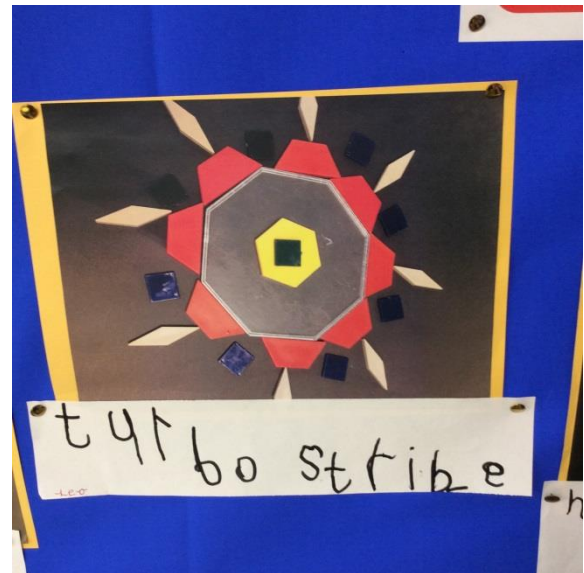
## Year 1

## Fraction Lunch

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## The Chicken Thief





## EYFS

have been creating shape pictures inspired by the work of Paul Klee





**Year 2 Holding the chicks**

