



Willow Wonders

Monthly updates, news and information

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Focus on our inclusion team



Hi, we're the inclusion Team!

We are made up of: Dawn, Sheree, Cynthia, Stuart, Meghan, and Naomi (who is currently joining us and getting to know the team).

Dawn, Sheree, Cynthia, and Naomi are Inclusion Mentors. Meghan is the Inclusion Lead, and we are supported by Stuart, Assistant Head of Regulation and Inclusion.

We know that school can sometimes feel overwhelming, and we're here to help with that. No issue is too small – we're always happy to check in and support.

We each have key children that we check in with regularly, and we also run targeted support sessions where needed. We go into classes each week to run pastoral sessions with students, and we support the transition of new students joining the school.

We have two pastoral rooms that students can use – with games, activities, and calming resources. These can be used for planned sessions or as a quiet space if someone needs a break or time to reset.

If anyone is unsure about what we do or just wants to know more, please feel free to come and say hello – our door is always open when we're not working directly with students.



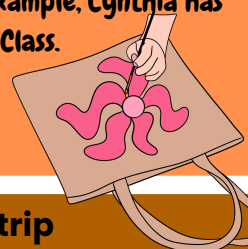
Outdoors with Freddy!

Our onsite occupational therapist, Freddy Moss, has organised Outdoor Therapy optional taster sessions for all students. The sessions will be fun, engaging and allow the students to explore den building, fire lighting, wildlife, tool use and bushcraft! The sessions will take place in early June.



- Arts & Crafts
- Whittling & Tool Crafting
- Games & Chill Time
- Fire lighting
- Den & Shelter Building

When our Inclusion Team go into classrooms, they create a sense of calm and trust through play, craft, communication and other inclusive activities. For example, Cynthia has been making canvas bags with Oak Class.



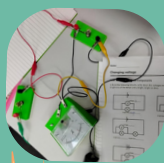
Whipsnade trip

Chestnut Class had a great time at Whipsnade Zoo. They saw lots of animals, had fun and showed excellent social skills.



Term dates

Break up for summer holiday – Friday 17th July (1pm) Back to school – Thursday 3rd September
October half term – break up Friday 23rd October, back to school Tuesday 3rd November



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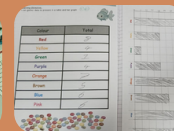
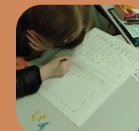
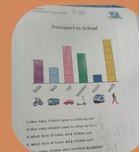


FUN!

Maths lessons



Data handling, surveys and graphs have been the maths focus during May. Students have been counting and asking to obtain data, drawing pie charts and bar graphs, and then analysing their results. Well done!



Word of the Week



As part of Willow Park's commitment to making literacy a key part of school life, we have introduced Word of the Week. There are upper and lower school words and students are encouraged to use the words in their everyday language - both written and spoken.

June will see more new students and families join Willow Park. We welcome them and can't wait to get to know them.

welcome!



HAMERTON WILDLIFE PARK

Hazel Class enjoyed a (rainy!) day out at Hamerton Wildlife Park. They saw baby owls, tigers, meerkats and pudu deer to name but a few animals. They showed confident social skills in the play area, the cafe and the gift shop.



AQA Unit Awards

Students will start their new AQA courses this term. Well done to all of them for working so hard.



Careers in Construction Visit



Students were treated to a visit from the international construction company Laing O'Rourke. Our visitors talked about the vast range of careers within the sector - from crane operatives to architects. The visit was inspiring and our students learnt that they could all be successful in this fully inclusive industry in the future if they choose that pathway.

Podcast Part 3...!

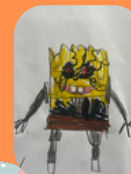
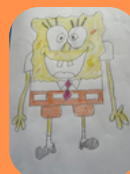
Our Podcast host from Sakura Class entertained us again with this month's Podcast. This time, he chatted to another Sakura Class student about a wide range of topics. They chatted about their shared interests and views about school and social activities.



Sponge Bob drawing competition...



OAK CLASS GOT CREATIVE AND CHALLENGED EACH OTHER TO A SPONGE BOB DRAWING COMPETITION. IT WAS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO CHOOSE A WINNER!



THANK YOU

Our Core Values



Belong

We create a community where every pupil feels seen, safe and included. Relationships are the starting point for learning.

Commit

We expect and model effort, attendance and perseverance. Staff and pupils stick with the plan, even when it is hard.

Achieve

We focus on meaningful progress in learning, wellbeing and life skills so that every pupil moves towards a positive future.

Thank you to all parents and carers who have contributed to our Parents/Carers Forum. Your views are incredibly important and highly valued.

Everyone is welcome to the next meeting - to talk to us or just have a cuppa and listen!

Contact Sandra or Vicki for details.