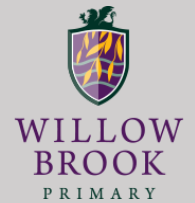


Weekly Update

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Dear Willow Brook Families,

This week our focus value has been **Critical Thinking**. In our Monday assembly, we explored what it really means to think critically, asking questions, looking at problems from different angles, and not always accepting the first answer we hear. Pupils across the school have been encouraged to be curious, reflective, and brave in sharing their ideas. It has been wonderful to see classes making links between this value and their everyday learning.

In sport, we had our first off-site tournament of the year, with a group of our Year 3 and 4 children taking part in the **Waltham Forest Racket Pack Festival**. They represented Willow Brook with great enthusiasm, teamwork, and resilience. It was a fantastic opportunity for them to build confidence and experience competitive play against other schools.

Year 4 also had the chance to visit the **Bank of England Museum** this week. The trip gave pupils a hands-on experience of exploring money through time, the history of the Bank, and even the chance to lift a real gold bar! This linked brilliantly with their current studies in history and maths, giving a practical insight into the role of money in society, both past and present.

Our **Inclusion Coffee Mornings** continue to be a highlight for families each Friday. These sessions are a relaxed opportunity to meet with other parents and carers, share experiences, and talk with staff about support and inclusion at Willow Brook. If you would like to find out more, please contact our SENDCo, Ms Chivers, who will be happy to help.

Finally, we are absolutely thrilled to announce the launch of our brand-new year-long partnership with **Rock Steady Music School**. The launch assembly on Wednesday was nothing short of electric – pupils left saying things like *“That was the best assembly of my life!”* Following the performance, children had the chance to take part in workshops, trying out instruments, learning the basics of playing together, and discovering how it feels to be part of a real band. The excitement around school has been infectious – the **Willow Brook School of Rock is officially open!**

As always, thank you for your ongoing support in making Willow Brook such a vibrant, creative and caring community.

Best wishes,
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	Key Dates
Tues 30 September	Griffin Sports Festival
Weds 01 October	Black History Month begins
Fri 03 October	Year 5/6 Girls Football Tournament
Fri 03 October	Inclusion Coffee Morning - 9- 10am – Friends of Willow Brook
Tues 07 October	Year 3/4 Boys Football Tournament
Fri 10 October	Hello Yellow Day
Fri 10 October	Inclusion Coffee Morning – 9 – 10am – Understanding Dyslexia
Tues 14 October	Year 5/6 Boys Football Tournament
Thurs 16 – 17 October	School Photographs
Mon 20 October	Fieldwork Festival Week
Mon 27 October	Half Term week
Mon 03 November	Back to School

Detailed letters will follow shortly for these upcoming dates.