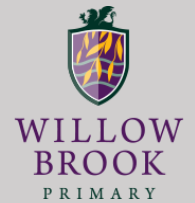


Weekly Update

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Another Wonderful Week at Willow Brook

It's been yet another wonderful week here at Willow Brook, full of learning, laughter, and togetherness. The week has ended on a bright and positive note as we marked Hello Yellow Day, joining schools across the country to raise awareness and understanding of mental health and wellbeing.

Our classrooms and corridors were filled with a cheerful sea of yellow as children and staff came dressed in sunshine shades to show their support. Throughout the day, pupils took part in a range of activities designed to help them explore how to take care of their mental health, express their emotions, and support one another. From mindfulness and creativity to acts of kindness and reflection, it was a day that reminded us all of the importance of looking after both our minds and each other.

This week has also seen our children continue their exploration of Black History, building on their learning through stories, art, and discussion. Across the school, pupils have been finding out about inspirational figures from history and reflecting on the courage, creativity, and resilience that have shaped our shared heritage. Excitement is building as classes prepare for our Black History Month Film Fest next week, where children will have the opportunity to showcase short films, they have created to celebrate the lives, voices, and achievements of Black individuals and communities. We can't wait to see the results of their hard work and imagination on the big screen!

We were also delighted to welcome representatives from Voice 21 into school today. Voice 21 works closely with us to support the development of oracy — the ability to communicate effectively and confidently through spoken language. Our visitors joined a range of lessons and were treated to some brilliant examples of pupils discussing ideas, reasoning through problems, and sharing their opinions with clarity and enthusiasm. It was a proud moment to see just how confidently our children are using their voices to think, learn, and express themselves.

And as if that weren't enough to make the day special, our Willow Brook Orchestra came together this afternoon for their very first full rehearsal. What an incredible sight (and sound!) it was — over 120 children making music together, including our talented Year 7 students from Lammas who joined us to enrich the ensemble even further. The children showed such focus, teamwork, and joy as they played side by side, and it was clear to everyone listening that this is just the beginning of something very special.

It's been a week that perfectly captures the spirit of Willow Brook — a community that learns together, celebrates creativity, and values every child's voice. As we look ahead to next week's film fest and the many exciting things still to come this term, we do so with a real sense of pride in our pupils and gratitude to our staff, families, and wider community for their continued support.

With warm regards,

Lucie Dawn

Head of School



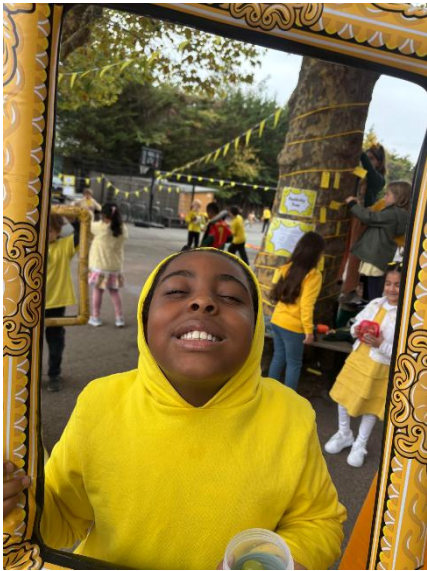
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Today, some children from Year 5 were being Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning systems engineers to potentially create a smart security system for our school controlled by micro:bits.

The micro:bits were connected to our school Chromebooks. Using the camera function on the Chromebooks and a new website that no other school has used before; the children were able to program the Chromebooks using a machine learning algorithm to recognise different objects like the toys the group had. When a toy was recognised, the microbit would either sound an alarm, display a message or could even operate a type of motor called a servo. If the servo was powerful enough, we could use the micro:bit to control an automatic door opening system.

If this system could be made to work across the whole school, we could not need to have to call registers anymore and have lunch be served with our favourite choice of foods as the kitchen would already know what we eat! The teachers could also always receive messages to know when equipment was being borrowed from their classroom.

	Key Dates
Mon 13 October	Ubuntu Film Festival – EYFS & Year 1 – 3.30pm – Big Hall
Tues 14 October	Ubuntu Film Festival – Years 2 & 3 – 3.30pm – Big Hall
Tues 14 October	Year 5/6 Boys Football Tournament
Weds 15 October	Ubuntu Film Festival – Years 4, 5 & 6 – 3.30pm – Big Hall
Thurs 16 October	Ubuntu Film Festival – Adults only – 3.30pm – Big Hall
Thurs 16 – Fri 17 October	School Photographs
Fri 17 October	Inclusion Coffee Morning – WF Services – Early Help 9am – 10am
Mon 20 October	Fieldwork Festival Week
Tues 21 October	Pre-Loved Halloween & Christmas Jumper sale – 3.30-5pm – Small Hall
Mon 27 October	Half Term week
Mon 03 November	Back to School

Detailed letters will follow shortly for these upcoming dates.