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WILLOW'S NEWS

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been another busy week at The Willows Academy, with lots of creative education along with the usual heads-down class-based routines and rituals that make for a learning-focussed.

Literacy Learners in Elm

It's been a creative week in Elm this week, and a feature of this has been their poetry learning. Perhaps, one of the highlights has been the limerick writing and Hamza has been writing up a storm with this humorous result. Well done Hamza.

My Limerick
There once was a boy from Harrow
Who looked just like a sparrow
He had a long shower
Then went up a tower
He said it was terribly narrow!

By Hamza

Restaurant Visit

As a reward trip for excellent behaviour and learning, and as a practical exercise in social education, Elm class were treated to a restaurant lunch at Nando's. They had a lovely time, enjoying different flavours of chicken and showing the public what impeccable manners they have.



Beech Learns How bulbs grow

This is our exploring nature topic. We observed bulbs from inside and some art for our nature library was made. I was very impressed with children drawings. We were about to plant some bulbs in our Spring Garden, but weather plays a tricky cards on us.

Maple Takes Learning Outdoors
The playground can be the ideal place for lots of learning, in addition to P.E. and, this week, Maple certainly took advantage of the late Autumn weather to practice their phonics before going into the classroom for the rest of their English lesson.





Coffee Morning

Mrs. Minshull's Maths Morning

Hi everyone! Debbie Downie here.

Thank you to all those parents and carers that attended our coffee morning, 'Maths in the home', and a big thank you to our mathematics advisor Lisa Minshull, who shared lots of ideas about the strategies and resources that parents and carers can use to support their children in learning mathematics at home.

At the end of the workshop they took away a free maths game to play with their child.

Parents stated that they found this workshop to be really informative and asked for more sessions like this, so watch this space to see when this will be happening.



Be a Buddy, Not a Bully



Elm's poster made during their SMSC focus on anti-bullying last week. This is an on-going focus at The Willows Academy.



Geography in Ash



This week in geography, Ash class focused on diversity, encouraging pupils to explore this in their local and wider London context.

The UK's capital is one the world's most multicultural cities, with diverse roots that go a long way back in time - Roman soldiers, Huguenot silk-weavers, Jamaican airmen, Bangladeshi sailors and a whole host of other people from around the world, who have helped to shape its history and its future.

The children explored the different flags on London's map to understand the ethnic diversity map of London.



Eco-Warriors

The warriors found their helpers!

We happily hired Leyton and Clayton this week to help us monitor the classrooms. Are we saving energy by keeping our computers off during playtime? Are we saving water by having our taps closed after use?

What we found and our results will be shared next week during our Monday assembly!

Ash

Computer screens



Taps



Toilets

