



Willow Class

E-Newsletter



IMPORTANT DATES:

- March 1st - Pancake Day
- March 3rd - World Book Day
- March 8th - International Women's Day
- March 13th-16th - Science Week
- March 14th - International Day of Mathematics
- March 17th - St. Patrick's Day
- March 18th (20th) - Holi
- March 21st - Bahraini Mother's Day
- March 22d - World Water Day
- March 26th - Spring Fayre
- March 27th - UK Mother's Day

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Welcome back Willow! I hope you've all enjoyed a restful half term break. The time is just flying by! The month of February saw us learning all about the Chinese New Year, in which this year is the Year of the Tiger. The children worked so hard on our fiery dragon display, which you can now see for yourselves in the reception area. Please pop by and take a look at your children's incredible work. As well as Chinese New Year, we also had great romantic fun on February 14th, when we celebrated a day of love, Valentine's Day.

Event days in our calendar are a superb way for our children to learn about a new cultural event and also test their skills, such as gross and fine motor functions by engaging in event themed activities such as play dough tables, creating art pieces with various materials of different textures and sizes and using thread to really build up those crucial hand muscles for their early writing skills.



As well as the calendar events we celebrated, we also began our new Topic for Term 2, How the World Works. To kick off this topic we began learning about different kinds of Transport. Do planes fly on water? No! Do trains run in the air? No! We learned about all the different kinds of vehicles people use and what they use them for. The fire truck was definitely a Willow favourite, which led us beautifully onto our next part of the topic: Occupations. What job could be more exciting to a 3 year old child than a firefighter? It certainly went down well in Willow and we spent a few days learning all about what a firefighter does, how they help people, what they wear and what equipment they use when fighting fires. As well as firefighters we also learned about doctors, nurses, construction workers, chefs and police officers. We had amazing fun with our role play tables and costumes outdoors where the children were able to dress up and really get into character. As well as role play, we also had a wonderful time creating one of the biggest art pieces we have made yet, which can now be found inside Willow Class. By using our own trucks, cars and motorbikes, we experimented with all the colours of the rainbow to see what each of the different tracks looked like and together we created a beautiful giant car art piece of which the children are very proud.

The month of February also saw us getting more physical during Circle Time where we got up and engaged in Scavenger Hunts around the classroom. We have searched for everything from numbers, shapes, colours and items of different textures as we continue our incredible learning. A more hands on approach is a brilliant way to help children remember and through play children are much more likely to want to revisit a math or language skill than sitting down and being shown.

This incredibly busy month even saw Willow Class take part in Sports Week where we maneuvered our way along an outdoor obstacle course and raced against our classmates in the good old fashioned Egg & Spoon race and yes we ate the eggs afterwards!

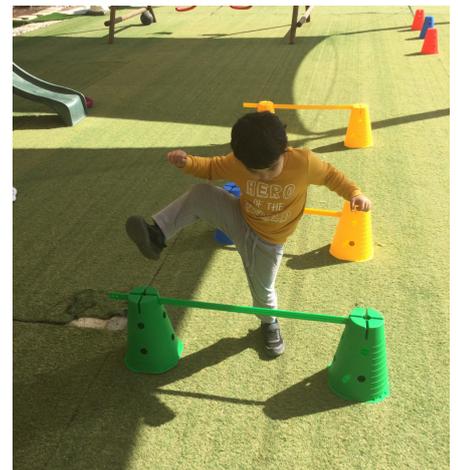
What's Next?

The month of March is going to be a very busy one for Willow Class. We have so many incredible events coming up such as Pancake Day, St Patrick's Day and World Book Day. If that wasn't enough we also have Bahraini and British Mother's Day to celebrate where we will be making some beautiful handmade gifts for our beloved mums. We will also be taking part in experiments in Science Week, getting to grips with the wonderful world of Math on International Mathematics Day and learning about the incredible importance of the one thing we cannot survive without on World Water Day. An important date to remember is our Spring Fayre which will be taking place on March 26th. If it is going to be anything like our Winter Fayre, we expect an incredible day of fun and activities that should not be missed.

Finally, the children's reports for Term 2 will be sent home at the end of March also, and will be shortly followed by Parent Teacher Meetings where I will look forward to speaking to you all again about your child's progress and next steps.

Arabic

Willow class are enjoying learning more and more about Arabic. February was amazing with the Arabic classes, we were enjoying our learning through the Arabic circle time with all the sorting and matching games and that was all adding more to our Arabics, children enjoyed crafting muthalath (Triangle) and Kalb (heart) with naming new colours every time. Next month we will 4 (arbaa), mustateel (ε be very busy as March is full of lovely dates. We are going to learn .Rectangle), new colours and new actions



Science and Nature Camp Snapshots

