

École Willows School Newsletter Update

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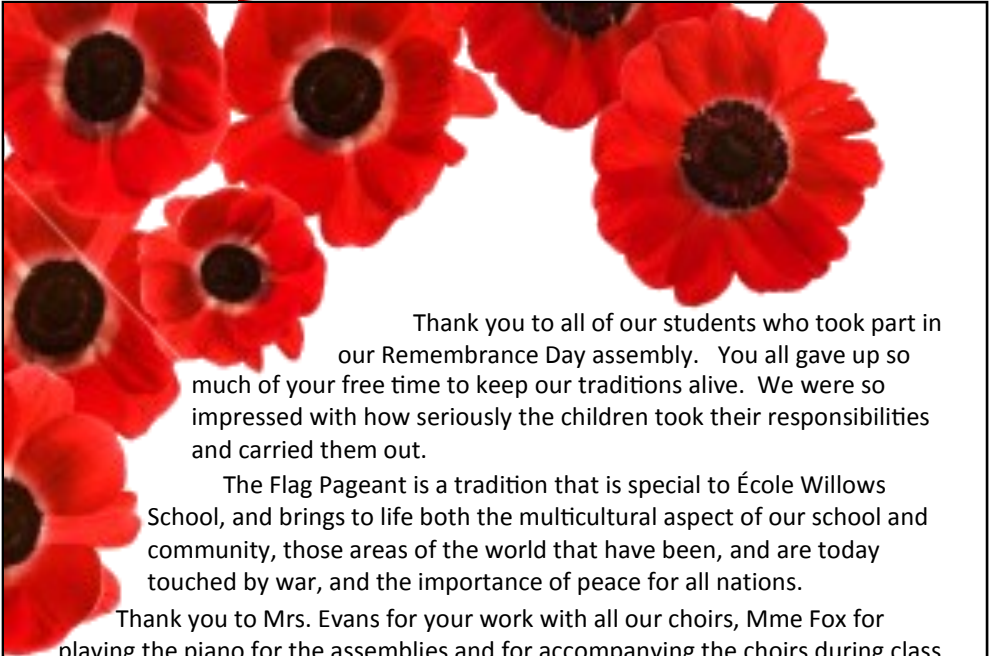
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Thank you to all of our students who took part in our Remembrance Day assembly. You all gave up so much of your free time to keep our traditions alive. We were so impressed with how seriously the children took their responsibilities and carried them out.

The Flag Pageant is a tradition that is special to École Willows School, and brings to life both the multicultural aspect of our school and community, those areas of the world that have been, and are today touched by war, and the importance of peace for all nations.

Thank you to Mrs. Evans for your work with all our choirs, Mme Fox for playing the piano for the assemblies and for accompanying the choirs during class time, and Mme Fox, and Ms Chretien for their work with the students who hosted and spoke during our assembly. And finally a special thank you to Ben Johns for playing “The Last Post and “Reveille”.

It was wonderful to see so many invited guests with us again this year. We would like to thank Oak Bay Mayor, Kevin Murdoch, our local MLA Andrew Weaver, and Oak Bay Police Chief Andy Brinton for making time in their day to attend. Another big thank you goes to our Veterans and residents of Oak Bay Lodge that join us each year. Their presence always adds a very personal aspect to our assembly and we are honoured that they take the time to be with us.

This year we were pleased to have Chief Petty Officer Second Class Mark Bateman speak to the children about his role in the navy and how important it is to remember. He loved our school and was impressed with how seriously the children took our assembly. I believe that it is thanks to our teachers, that the children understand the importance of the day and assembly, and because of that teaching and care we know our students will not forget.

This is a special year—the 100th anniversary of the signing of the armistice to end the First World War. All those men and women who served have now passed away and it is up to all of us to pass on the importance of Remembrance Day. As the poem says “...to you from failing hands we throw the torch, be yours to hold it high...” Let’s all try to keep the torch alive and burning bright in the hearts of our families.

Dates to Remember

- **Wed. Nov. 21 PAC Meeting**
- **Thurs. Nov. 22 PAC Coffee Meeting**
- **Fri. Nov. 23 Pro D Day**



Remembrance Day Ceremony



Our traditional Flag Procession.



Our senior choirs.



Our junior choir.



The children respectfully honour our war dead.



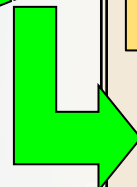
Ryan Yarnell was selected to present, *In Flanders Field*, at the Oak Bay Cenotaph on Sunday, November 11th.

On Friday, November 9th we held our school Remembrance Day Assemblies. The children were wonderful as they presented poems, songs, and hosted our event. We had a number of invited guests including our speaker from the Military, our new mayor, and our lovely friends from Oak Bay Lodge.



Pro D. Day
Fri. Nov. 23rd
 No school in session

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Pizza
Sushi
Day
Fri. Nov. 16

Caring for Containers



We want to thank everyone that is supporting our **Garbage Free Lunches**. It is starting to make a difference both in the classrooms and outside. However we are developing quite a collection of reusable containers and a parent offered this suggestion to get the containers back to their owners. **“Putting the students first name and division number on the container makes getting it back much easier.”**

swim club

Thank you to all those students who have signed up and registered for our Swim Club. The team began trials on Tuesday, November 13th at the Oak Bay Pool. Our team should be ready to go in the next week or so.

Just a reminder that parents are responsible for getting their children to and from the pool.

We are looking forward to a wonderful year. Your coaches.

Litter on the playground

Have you noticed that litter is accumulating on the children's playground. Much of it is plastic waste such as bags and wrappers that can last in the environment for hundreds of years. Litter that make it into storm drains ends up in the ocean, where it harms marine life.

At school we make efforts to clean up weekly with each division taking a turn, and ensure garbage cans are emptied regularly. But the best way to keep the property clean, of course, is for children not to litter in the first place. This is where we can use your help.

Please try your best to send children to school with reusable containers wherever possible; remind them that littering at school is not OK, and that littering at school is like littering in their yard or home; and that waste can harm plants and animals.



We will continue to work with the children at school, and appreciate your support from home.

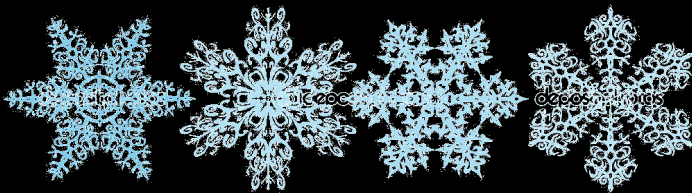
Together we can have a wonderful place to play.



SAVE THE DATES

WILLOWS PAC INVITES YOU TO FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Wednesday December 5th
Thursday December 6th



Gym doors open at 6pm, movie starts at 6:30pm

Students are welcome to wear pjs and bring their blankets and pillows
Adult supervision is required

Willows Wear

Willows Wear orders are now being taken. Samples for sizing are across from the office before school from 8:20—8:45 a.m., as well as after school from 2:50—3:10, November 14th through November 22nd.

Orders must be returned to the school by **Thursday, November 22nd** in order to ensure delivery by Christmas break.

If you are ordering/paying online it is open until **November 25th.** Please make cheques payable to Willows School.



Dressing for the Weather

The wet, sometimes windy, west coast winter weather is upon us. It is therefore important that students are dressed appropriately for these conditions. We would appreciate your support in ensuring that your child arrives at school on rainy days with warm, water resistant/waterproof clothing: a jacket/poncho (preferably with a hood) and closed shoes (rain boots, if possible.) **Unless it is raining heavily,** our students do go out for recess, exercise activities, or neighbourhood walks. Some field trip also involve students being outdoors, even when the weather is wet.

Proper clothing will help keep your child warm and dry throughout the day. Thank you for your

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16	17	18 School Performances of concert at 1:00 in the gym. Swim Club 3:45 OB Rec.	19 School Performances of concert at 1:00 in the gym.	20 Christmas Concert at 6:15 and 7:30 at Oak Bay High	21 Report cards go home. Last day before Winter Break	22
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