

Newsletter 1 – Autumn Term



Wistaston Academy
Primary and Nursery School
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This Week's Events

Date	School Events	International Events
Monday 13 th September		Jeans for Genes
Tuesday 14 th September	Y6 Swimming Y4 Dodgeball club	
Wednesday 15 th September		International Day of Democracy Yom Kippur begins
Thursday 16 th September	Yom Kippur ends Y4 Dodgeball club Y6 Dodgeball club *only this week*	
Friday 17 th September	Y3 Dodgeball club	
Advanced Notice:	Chip Party with Chip Kendall for Year 5 and 7: Saturday 16 th October Healthy eating week 18 th October Walk to school week 18 th October	
Polite Notice:	Please note the school office opens at 8.30am each morning and is manned until 4.30pm. Before and after these times, there will be no access to the Main Reception area.	

Principal's Comment

What a great start we have had to the new school year! It has been lovely to see so many children back at school and with a smile on their face! Our new children in nursery and reception have settled in so well and it has been really good getting to know them. We have also welcomed Miss Latta and Mrs Muller in Year 4, Miss Gratton in Year 1 and Miss Kubra who is delivering RWI and speech and language interventions. Miss Orme has joined the admin team on a full-time basis and may already be familiar to many of you.

Before summer we had 3 new additions to the school. I wonder if anyone has spotted them? I am sure that all children will be meeting them over the coming weeks!

It has been wonderful to see so many enrichment activities taking place and children thoroughly engaged in their learning. I saw the year 4 children were making telephones out of plastic cups and string and this really took me back to my childhood! The year 5 children had a wonderful experience in the Wonderdome and the children in The Hub managed to sneak a visit. The lovely weather has certainly made outdoor learning easier and the children have enjoyed the outdoors.

For the foreseeable future we will still continue to face challenges around covid and we are certainly seeing an increase in cases in our school. We ask that parents/carers are understanding of this as the virus presents and affects individuals differently and we want to continue to protect members of our community. Please contact the main office if you are unsure of what to do if your child is unwell.

I look forward to seeing you all in the coming year.

Dominique Griffiths

Important Information

Please note that our telephone number has changed. You can now contact the office on 01270 910500.

We are Brilliant Winners

KS1: Charlie, Gabi, Ameen,

KS2: Ajeen, Eva, Igor, Alison, Ashton-James

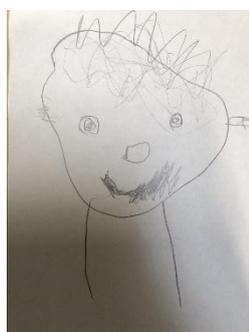
The Hub

This week, The Hub children have been carrying out tasks to help improve their fine motor skills. They worked with scissors, Playdoh, whiteboard markers and threading equipment. The Hub staff were very impressed by how hard they worked and how careful they were.



Reception

The Reception children have had a fantastic week exploring their new classrooms and the outdoor area. They have been getting to know their new teachers and friends too. The teachers have been very proud of how well they have settled.



Year 1

To start out new topic 'All About Me' the children have begun to explore their five senses. They took part in several experiments that involved their sense of smell, touch, sight, taste and hearing. They learnt which part of their body is associated with each sense.



Year 2

Year 2 have been having lots of fun in their topic lessons and learning lots about the seaside. We began our learning by creating sculptures out of shells and pebbles which was lots of fun! We then used the maps and atlases to locate the UK and the four seas surrounding it.



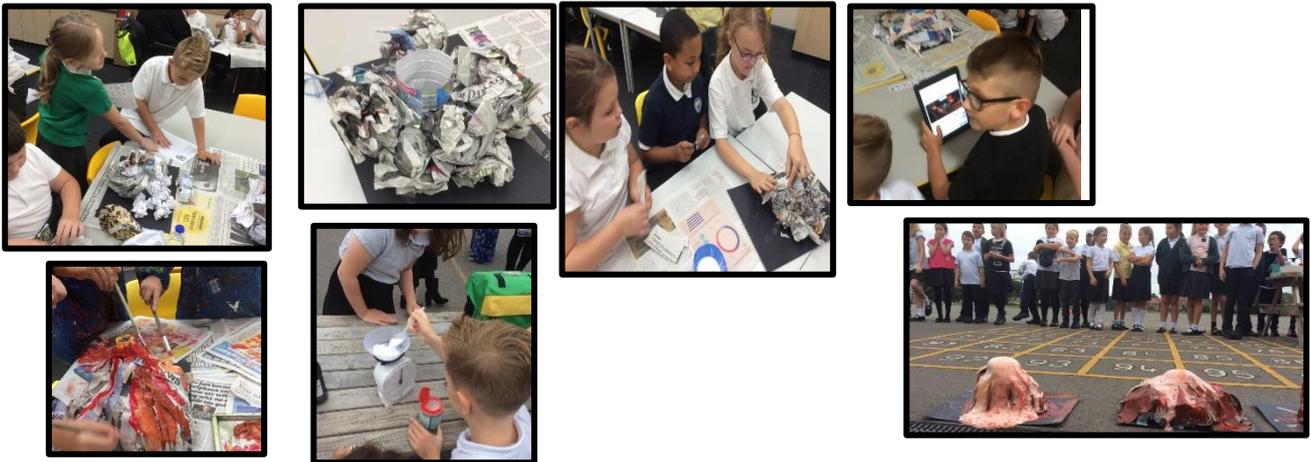
Year 3

Year 3 have had a fabulous time in Literacy this week, using their drama skills to extend stories. They created sketches about the three little pigs hearing that there was a wolf in their village and the three bears discovering that there was an intruder in their house. The children used their bodies and furniture as props and practised displaying emotions.



Year 4

Year 4 had a great day on Friday 3rd September for our Pens down day. For Pens down day, we were introduced to our new geography topic of earthquakes and volcanoes. In English, we created tv adverts to persuade people to visit a volcano on holiday. In maths, we used our measuring skills to create the 'lava' for our volcanoes that we created. This week we have also created our own string telephone in Science for our topic on sound.



Year 5

Year 5 had a great day on Friday 3rd September for our Pens down day. We travelled to outer space! We were so lucky to have Wonderdome come to our school and be able to see a really clear view of the planets in our solar system. We also learned about stars and space travel, so we are now super excited to learn more in our science lessons. We also spent lots of time creating pieces of art and making our own mnemonic to remember the order of the planets.



Year 6

Year 6 have had a great start to the term. On Friday 3rd September, we had Pens Down Day, where we introduced our new geography topic. This half term, we are learning about where things come from and, in particular, we have been looking at Fairtrade. The children read some stories about how Fairtrade has affected real people and we then tried some Fairtrade food. After considering the positives, we started to wonder whether Fairtrade is doing enough for people in developing countries. Once we had considered both sides to the argument, we had a class debate.



PE NEWS

PE expectations

As we start the new school year, we wish to remind you of the correct PE kit that children should be wearing in school.

Indoor PE kit: Green or white T Shirt, black shorts, black pumps



Outdoor PE kit: Black or navy blue plain jogging bottoms, hoodie or zip up and trainers. Children may wear a plain black or navy blue waterproof jacket if they wish.



After school clubs are back!

There are still spaces in some of our after school clubs. **All clubs are free of charge.** If your child is interested in taking part in any of our clubs, please sign them up through Arbor.

Year 1 Dance Club with Miss Sophie from SQJ Academy for Performing Arts

Friday 3:05-4pm

Year 2 Dance Club with Miss Sophie from SQJ Academy for Performing Arts

Tuesday 3:05-4pm



Dance with Miss Sophie is for boys and girls who would love to attend a club with no pressure of examinations, but would love to dance, and maybe even perform for their parents once a term. The classes theme will change each term, and children will learn different dance methods, including street, contemporary, ballet and much more, all whilst having fun. Props will also be used to stimulate the enjoyment.

Year 3 Dodgeball Club with The Sports Coaching Company

Friday 3:15-4:15pm

Year 4 Dodgeball Club with The Sports Coaching Company

Thursday 3:15-4:15pm

Year 6 Dodgeball with Mrs Adamczyk

Monday 3:15-4:15pm

Year 5 Dodgeball with Mrs Adamczyk

Tuesday 3:15-4:15pm



Dodgeball is a team sport in which players on two teams try to throw balls and hit opponents, while avoiding being hit themselves. Children will be active, enjoy playing with friends and will have fun!

Please ensure that ALL children are collected from clubs outside the main reception on time.

Club links

Here at Wistaston Academy we are fortunate to have so many children that are passionate about sport and healthy living. In order to follow a healthy active lifestyle and encourage a growth mind set for improving ourselves in everything we do, we encourage our children to not only get involved in extra-curricular activities offered here at school but to also pursue their sport or love for being physically active at club level. Therefore, to promote this transition from school to club level, we have a range of sport club links located around Crewe and Nantwich listed below:

Crewe and Nantwich RUFC
Crewe and Nantwich Athletics Club
Crewe Vagrants Hockey Club
Cheshire Hornets Basketball Club
Crewe and Nantwich Gym Club
Deeside Orienteering
Nantwich Swimming Club
Wistaston Cricket Club
Crewe Cricket Club
Nantwich Tennis Club
Nantwich FC

KS2 Healthy Snacks

It is important that your children lead healthy active lifestyles. If your child is in KS2 please provide them with a healthy breaktime snack.

Snacks may include: Fruits, veg (carrot sticks, cucumber sticks, peppers), raisins, yoghurt.



Please do not send your child to school with crisps, chocolate or sweets as these are not healthy snacks.

Type 1 Diabetes – Do you know the 4 Ts?

Type 1 Diabetes is the most common type of diabetes found in children and young adults. School staff and parents play a key role in spotting the early signs that a child or young person may have Type 1 Diabetes.

These are the 4 Ts:

- Toilet - a child may go to the toilet a lot.
- Thirsty - a child may have a thirst they are unable to quench.
- Tired - a child may be more tired than usual.
- Thinner - a child could be losing weight If you spot these symptoms don't delay and act today. Undiagnosed Type 1 diabetes can be fatal

Art News

We are delighted to announce that our postponed Chip Party with Chip Kendall will be taking place for our previous Year 6s (now in Year 7) and our current Year 5s on Saturday 16th October, from 2 – 4pm, here in the Dunwoody Hall. It is a perfect opportunity for us to fuse RE with Performing Arts and a good time is most certainly guaranteed when our Arts Patron Chip Kendall is involved. Children will have the opportunity to party with Chip, to take part in a professionally filmed music video of his song “John 3:16”and to enjoy some chips! Any questions, please email Mrs Walsh at art@wistastonacademytrust.co.uk

Transition



INSPIRE
BELIEVE
ACHIEVE

The Oaks Academy Open Evening

Wednesday 29th September 6pm-8pm



*High quality teaching and learning **INSPIRES** students
A strong pastoral system enables pupils to **BELIEVE** in themselves
A personalised curriculum allows pupils to **ACHIEVE** their true potential*



Welcome presentation from newly appointed Headteacher Mr Peter Kingdom at 6pm & repeated 7pm who will outline his ambition for the school.

Buchan Grove, Crewe CW2 7NQ

British Values

6th September 2021
UN Rights of a Child

Every child with a disability should enjoy the best possible life. If we choose to take part in sport, then we should be able to, whether we have a disability or not.

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CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

British Values
6th – 12th September 2021
Mutual Respect

We know that life is not always the same for everybody. The Paralympics is an event for people who have a disability to compete in sports and become champions!



Chip Party



CHIP PARTY



YOU ARE INVITED

COMING SOON

FROM
SEPTEMBER 10, 2021
SCAN THE CODE*
TO REVEAL
DATE, TIME, LOCATION

CATCH UP WITH YOUR FRIENDS
FROM YEAR 6 AFTER THE SUMMER

*SCAN NOW TO START LEARNING THE SONG



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Vacancy for Midday Assistant

7.5 hours per week – Term Time Only

11:30am until 1:00pm.

Grade 2 (Hourly rate £9.25 to £9.43 depending upon experience).

To start as soon as possible, subject to clearance

Would you like the opportunity to join a friendly, effective team and to play an important part in the overall success of our “Outstanding” Primary School?

Wistaston Academy is an ambitious Primary & Nursery School and we are looking to appoint an excellent and inspiring Midday Assistant to work with our children.

The successful candidates will have excellent communication skills and a commitment to enriching the lunchtime experience for our pupils. We are looking for self-motivated people who will engage themselves with the children.

Wistaston Academy application forms must be used for your application - they are **available to download at www.wistastonacademytrust.co.uk** - under Vacancies, along with information on completing the form and information about our School.

Please email completed application forms to sbm@wistastonacademytrust.co.uk

As a school we are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children. All appointments are subject to satisfactory references and an enhanced DBS check.

New staff at our Academy will be subject to a probation period of 6 months. Employment will be confirmed following the successful completion of the probation period.

Closing Date: 10.00am on Friday 17th September 2021

We look forward to receiving your application.

Wizz Kidz



Welcome

Thank you for the all interest we have had so far for attending Wizz Kidz, we still currently have spaces available.

If you would like to book your child in any sessions we require a deposit of £30 for the year and registration paper work to be completed and returned to the school.

All paperwork can be found on the school website or can be collected from the school office.

Booking Sessions and Payments

Thank you to those of you who have been paying your session on time. We have recently given out copies of our terms and conditions so that you are all familiar with them.

All payments are made via the Arbor app, where sessions are booked and paid for.

Payment is required before attending any before and afterschool sessions, and sessions must be booked a week in advance to manage pupil:teachers numbers.

If you have any question please contact the Wizz Kidz team and we will be happy to help

How to contact us

You can email us on:

wizzkidz@wistastonacademytrust.co.uk

or

finance@wistastonacademytrust.co.uk for any payment queries

