

Newsletter – Summer Term



Wistaston Academy
Primary and Nursery School
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This Week's Events

Date	Event
Monday 24 th May	
Tuesday 25 th May	Y3 Glee Club Y6 Dodgeball Club
Wednesday 26 th May	
Thursday 27 th May	Y5 Dodgeball Club
Friday 28 th May	Y1 Dance Club LAST DAY OF HALF TERM
Advanced Notice:	Children return back to school on Monday 7 th June 2021.
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.

We are Brilliant Winners

KS1: Freddie, Alice, James, Caleb

KS2: Ava-Rose, Kaydie, Holly, Harley

Staffing Changes – Maternity Leave

We are pleased to welcome back 2 teachers over coming weeks. Mrs Richardson, formerly Miss Robb to the Nursery on Tuesday 25th May. Mrs Lowry will return on Monday 7th June to join the Year 6 team. Mrs Shaw will be leaving us on Friday 28th May, we wish her the best of luck for baby no 3.

Nursery

This week in nursery we have had great fun learning about and making scarecrows. We have made small ones in our workshop using different materials such as paper, straw and lollipop sticks and we have made a large one to keep the birds off nursery's vegetable patch. The children have also learned the action song Dingle Dangle Scarecrow.



Reception

Last week was Mental Health Awareness week and on Friday, we talked about how we could keep our brains healthy. We discussed how we could do this by resting, exercising, breathing etc. We spent some time in our forest school area making happy faces with natural objects.

National Numeracy Day was on Wednesday and in Reception we have been looking at how numbers are an important part of everyday life. The children discussed where they would find numbers in the environment e.g. using money in the shop, road signs and house door numbers. We went on a walk around our local community to explore numbers and the children made a note of all the numerals that they could see.



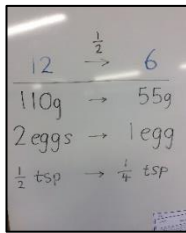
Year 1

Year 1 have been baking cakes as part of National Numeracy Day. We thought about the different numbers that we needed to make cupcakes and then how we use numbers every day both at school and at home.



Year 2

Wednesday 19th May was National Numeracy Day. As part of this, Year 2 looked at how numbers are important in our daily lives. We looked at lots of different jobs and hobbies that use numbers and were surprised by how many there were! We watched a video from one of the National Numeracy Day ambassadors, Peter, who won the Great British Bake Off. We then had a go at following his recipe to make our own cupcakes. The recipe was for 12 cakes but we were working in groups of 6. We realised that we had to halve the quantities and so used our recent work on halving to do so. We also used fractions when thinking about how much vanilla extract to add!



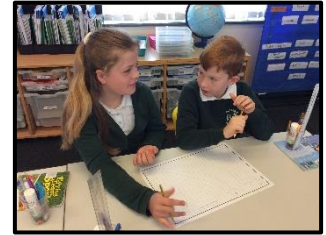
Year 3

For National Numeracy Day, we discussed how we use maths in our everyday lives. We thought about hobbies and jobs that use maths, as well as everyday activities such as shopping or telling the time. Then, we followed a recipe to bake cupcakes. We measured out the ingredients and checked the scales carefully to ensure we had the correct amounts of each ingredient. Once we had finished our baking, we discussed how we had used maths.

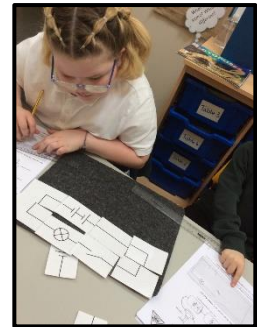
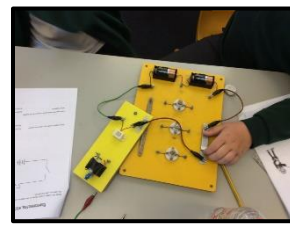
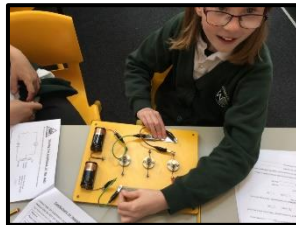
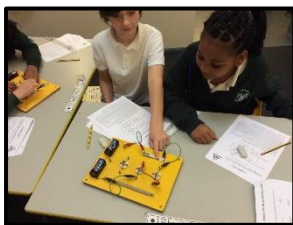


Year 4

On Wednesday, Year 4 celebrated National Numeracy Day by looking at how numbers are used outside of school. First, we discussed where we would see numbers in jobs and hobbies and then we were virtually introduced to one of the National Numeracy Ambassadors, Katya Jones. We looked at dancing and explored the maths around some of the ballroom and Latin dances that are popular today. We even had a go at a dance ourselves.



Also this week, we had a visitor from Chemistry with Cabbage for an electricity workshop. We had a go with circuit boards creating simple circuits. After this we looked at a variable resistor, predicting whether the length or thickness of a wire would affect the brightness of a bulb. We consolidated our learning of conductors and insulators, we found out that graphite in our pencil was a poor conductor because the light bulb was dim when connected. Finally, we added a motor and buzzer looking at how connecting it would change the pitch of the sound or the direction of the motor.



Year 5

Year 5 celebrated National Numeracy Day this week, which had a theme of maths in the work place. We spent time researching charities and how they make money by organising fundraising events. We came up with some fantastic ideas like: selling delicious treats, running, cycling, selling books and clothes, even merchandise. The hard part was figuring out how we could run these events to keep our costs to a minimum to enable us to make maximum profit for our charity. Once we had finalised our ideas we then presented them to the class—much like they do in Dragon's Den.



Year 6



As part of our science unit, this week we created small games or artwork that utilised circuits. Most of the children decided to draw a clown and some even had its nose as a switch that would make a noise when it was pressed. Above are Kaitlin, Reuben, Leah and Krzysztof from 6B, who drew inspiration from the Cheshire Cat, using coloured lights to represent its eyes.

As part of National Numeracy Day, we discussed which jobs used numbers. We came to the conclusion that a lot of them did!

Today, the children were given the chance to create games and activities using simple electrical circuits. They were allowed to explore possibilities with a variety of equipment and were encouraged to be as creative as possible. Here are some of the examples of what they produced.



PE

In their PE lesson on National Numeracy Day, Year 6 took part in timed sprint races. Children ran as fast as possible over a short distance whilst others timed using an iPad. Children were given the challenge of trying to beat their time. Children also took part in the long jump and measured each others distances.



Let's Count Day Competition

In March, we participated in Let's Count Day where the children learnt about the census and why it's important. The children then collected data about the local area and presented their findings in different ways. We are pleased to announce that Wistaston Academy was a runner up in the North West, which means we were in the top 5 schools in the area. Congratulations to all the children for their wonderful work!



After school clubs

We are delighted to announce that after school clubs will continue to run after half term! Please note that clubs will run from Monday 7th June to Friday 16th July.

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. All clubs go live to be booked from 4pm on Friday 28th May.



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

Friday 3:05-4:15pm

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

Tuesday 3:05-4:15pm

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 with Mrs Adamczyk

Thursday 3:15-4:15pm

Year 4 Dodgeball with Mrs Adamczyk

Monday 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!

Year 5 Cricket Club with Harry from Cheshire Cricket Coaching

Tuesday 3:25-4:25pm

Year 6 Cricket with Harry from Cheshire Cricket Coaching

Wednesday 3:25-4:30pm



Cricket with Harry is for boys and girls who would like to to develop their skills and who enjoy playing fun games with their friends.

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

British Values

British Values
10th – 16th May 2021
Individual Liberty
In sport, we can decide whether we want to take part in teams and competitions or not. If we do, it is important to consider the effect our decisions will have on the other participants.

UN Rights of a Child
10th May 2021

As children, we have the right to decide how we rest, relax and play. This includes which sporting activities we choose to take part in.

REST, PLAY, CULTURE, ARTS