

Newsletter 16 – Spring Term



Wistaston Academy
Primary and Nursery School
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This Week's Events

Date	School Events	International Events
Monday 17 th January	Y6 Dodgeball Club	Dr Martin Luther King Jnr Day
Tuesday 18 th January	Y5 Swimming Y4 Forest School Y5 Dodgeball Club	
Wednesday 19 th January	Y2 Cricket Club	
Thursday 20 th January	Year 4 Dodgeball Club	
Friday 21 st January	Year 3 Dodgeball Club Y1 Gymnastics Club	
Advanced Notice:		
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: Maisie C, Lola, Freddie

KS2: Amiee, Tommy T, Izzy, Chyann, Millie R, Riley J, Caine

Information for Parents – Online Safety

The online world gives us access to a huge amount of information and services, but the scale of information available and accessibility also means that there is content that is inappropriate for children. What is or isn't appropriate is up to individual parents/carers to decide, and could be based on things like age, ability, beliefs and family values. We ask that parents monitor what children are accessing in order to keep them safe. Further information on setting up parental controls on specific devices can be found here: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

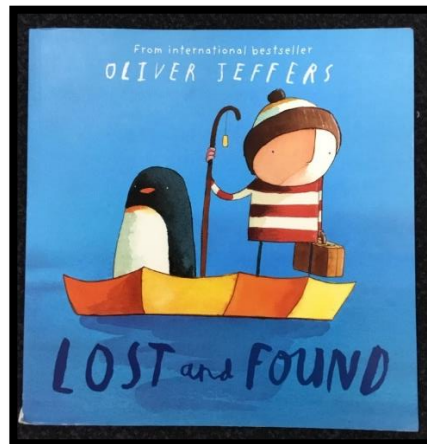
The Hub



After investigating sinking and floating objects last week, the children have been designing their own boats this week. They used lots of different materials to create something that would carry a Lego figure across the water without it getting wet.

Nursery

In nursery this week we have been learning about a new story 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers. We have listened to the story, acted it out in our rowing boat role play area and learnt some amazing facts about penguins by reading a new non-fiction text. We have also been making some lovely winter process art and colouring some fantastic winter pictures!



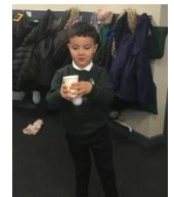
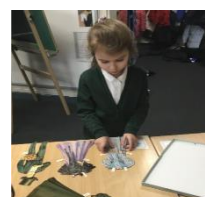
Reception

This week in reception we have started our new topic 'Let's move'. We have talked about and made mind maps on the subject of transport and the different kinds that we already know. We have also been on a learning walk around our school where we looked at the different kinds of transport that we could see in our car park and we also travelled along our 'Wizza mile' track walking in different ways.



Year 1

Year 1 have started their new topic 'The toy shop' by bringing in modern toys to play with. We then found out about toy shops from the past. The children had lots of fun exploring toys that were popular in the past such as the hoop and stick. Finally, they made their own cup and ball.



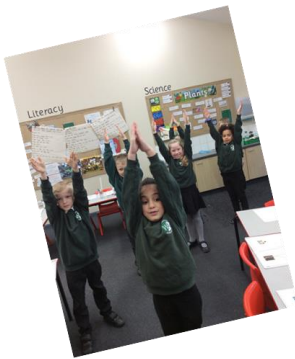
Year 2

Last week, Year 2 had lots of fun taking part in a Chinese dance workshop creating a traditional dragon dance.



Year 3

This week year 3 have been planting broad beans. We will be tracking the progress of our broad bean plants over the next few weeks. We also explored different plants and used drama to demonstrate the different parts of plants.



Year 4

This week and last, Year 4 have been enjoying exploring the outdoor learning environment in Forest Schools lessons. We have created mini stick huts and scavenged for materials to create 'Forest Faces' and have made some wonderful self portraits!





Year 5

Year 5 had a great first week swimming. We have been put into our groups and can't wait to get back in the water next week!



Year 6

For Pens Down Day, Year 6 started their new geography topic: 'Protecting Our Planet'. As part of this, we looked at lots of photos and videos showing the damaging effect of plastic on our world. We also learnt a plastics rap, made a Key Notes presentation and held a debate about the use of plastics.



After school clubs

After school clubs returned this week! There are still spaces in the following clubs:

Y3 dodgeball club-Friday's 3:15pm-4:15pm

Y6 dodgeball club Monday's 3:15pm-4:15pm

If your child would like to take part in any of the above clubs please sign them up through Arbor.

ART NEWS

Spotlight on Year 6!

We are delighted to announce that **our Year 6 entry** into the Collaborate Digital and Cheshire Police media competition **has reached the finals!**

Here is a QR code that will lead you to our 1 minute video which speaks creatively about hate crimes, prejudice and the difference we can make:



Please watch our entry and **get ready to vote** (with as many friends and relatives as you can!) for our video THIS WEEK, FROM MONDAY 17TH – THURSDAY 20TH January. You need to log on to this web address: www.collaboratedigital.com/vote , look for our school...and vote as many times as you can!! Your vote really counts and our children have created an excellent entry – so we believe they deserve to win!

Spotlight on Year 2!

In art this week Year 2 have been working hard at the difficult skill of sewing! We have been creating bunting that we have already tie-dyed and printed on, with our own collagraph plates. This has been part of our art and Design Technology project. Well done everyone!



British Values



 **UN Rights of a Child**

We all have the right to get information from the Internet, radio, television, newspapers, books and other sources. These can all help us learn more about our universe.

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ACCESS TO INFORMATION



 **British Values** 

Individual liberty

We all have the right to learn about the universe if we choose to. The James Webb Space Telescope may help us discover more than we ever have before!





February Holiday Club

22nd – 24th Feb

£22 each day

7:30 – 6:00pm

**30 Spaces per day! Book and Pay via Arbor.
First Booked First Served basis**

Breakfast and

Light Meal Provided

7:30-8:30am and 4pm

<p><u>Tuesday 22nd Feb</u></p> <p>WALKING THROUGH THE JUNGLE</p> <p>PLEASE CAN CHILDREN BRING IN SOME JUNK MODELLING</p>	<p>JUNGLE MASK MAKING</p> 	<p>MAKE YOUR OWN JUNK MODELLING ANIMAL</p> 
<p><u>Wednesday 23rd Feb</u></p> <p>LET'S EXPLORE THE OCEAN</p>	<p>MAKE YOUR STAR FISH BISCUIT</p> 	<p>MAKE YOUR OWN PAPER PLATE OCEAN PICTURE</p> 
<p><u>Thursday 24th Feb</u></p> <p>SECRET LIFE OF PETS</p>	<p>MAKE YOUR OWN PET PENCIL TOPPER</p> 	<p>MOVIE AND POPCORN THE SECRET LIFE OF PETS</p> 

JUST A LITTLE REMINDER

- Please make sure your child/children have a packed lunch everyday.
- Please provide a change of clothing as they make gets messy or wet during actives or outdoor play



Holiday Club Dates

Spring half term

Monday 21st February closed

Tuesday 22nd February open

Wednesday 23rd February open

Thursday 24th February open

Friday 25th February closed

Easter holidays

Monday 4th April open

Tuesday 5th April open

Wednesday 6th April open

Thursday 7th April open

Friday 8th April Open

Closed week commencing Monday 14th April

Summer holiday

Monday 25th July 2022

Tuesday 26th July 2022 open

Wednesday 27th July 2022 open

Thursday 28th July 2022 open

Friday 29th July 2022 open

Closed week commencing Monday 1st August 2022

Closed week commencing Monday 11th August 2022

Closed week commencing Monday 18th August 2022

Sessions run from 7.30am till 6pm costing £22.00 each session

Breakfast and PM light meal is included – Children need to bring own pack lunch each session.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about CRYPTOCURRENCY

What is cryptocurrency?

Cryptocurrency is software enabling the exchange and storage of digital 'coins' representing financial value. To monitor who owns which coins, platforms save an online record of every transaction, called a 'ledger' or 'blockchain'. This is secured by cryptography: a set of methods for protecting sensitive information. Bitcoin, released in 2009, was the first cryptocurrency; other platforms have since launched such as Ethereum, Tezos and Filecoin. As cryptocurrency becomes a more established part of digital life, young people are bound to encounter it – so it's vital that trusted adults understand its risks, and how it can be explored and used safely.

COMPLEX TECHNOLOGY

Like any new software, cryptocurrency comes with bugs, flaws and limitations. Broadly, it hasn't yet evolved to be as user friendly as web browsing or social media. Using it safely means spending time learning about the complicated technology it uses. We would strongly suggest anyone considering getting involved in cryptocurrency should consult specialised tutorials to learn about it properly in advance.

WIDESPREAD EXAMPLES

Cryptocurrency software for smartphones is often free to download from app stores. Emails with links to cryptocurrency services can land in any inbox. Cryptocurrency is also advertised on search engines, on social media and in online games (for example to buy add-ons which help players level up). It can't be purchased easily without a credit card or bank account, but young people will still be exposed to cryptocurrency in various settings.

CHANCE OF SCAMS

Cryptocurrency provides another opportunity for scammers to extract personal data and money from unwary web users. Unlike credit card transactions or wire transfers, a bank can't reverse cryptocurrency transactions after a suspected fraud – making it an appealing channel for online extortion. These transactions do leave evidence in the blockchain, however, which means that cryptocurrency scammers can and do get caught.

BEING LOCKED OUT

If you forget your online banking password, you can reset it by proving your identity in another way. In the world of 'crypto', however, the private key to access your funds can't be reset. Cryptocurrency operates without intermediaries like banks – so no-one stores a copy of users' private keys. This has security benefits, but also presents the huge risk of permanently losing access to your account. Learn how to store private keys securely before purchasing any significant amounts of cryptocurrency.

RISKY INVESTMENT

Prices can be very volatile, so cryptocurrencies are considered high-risk investments. If you might need your savings soon, don't hold them in cryptocurrency as their value could drop suddenly and sharply. Sometimes, cryptocurrency may be a profitable investment – but note that any gains are taxable. You may even have to pay tax when exchanging one cryptocurrency for another if the currency you're exchanging is priced higher than it was when you bought it.

Advice for Parents & Carers

AVOID IF UNSURE

In the UK, cryptocurrency is considered risky, because users aren't well protected if something goes wrong. Most cryptocurrencies use software developed by decentralised communities, so there's no customer service and no support if your funds get stolen or you lose access to your mobile cryptocurrency wallet. Unless you understand cryptocurrency, it's probably best not to use it. After all, if you couldn't comprehend the highway code, it wouldn't be safe for you to drive.

EXPECT EXPOSURE

If your child plays online games that involve some form of virtual currency, and has access to some kind of payment method, they may find themselves in a position to buy and use cryptocurrency. There's probably no immediate danger, but discussing the potential risks with them could be useful. If your child is old enough to understand the concepts of spending and saving or to grasp the basics of programming, then they're old enough to learn about cryptocurrency.

CHECK CREDENTIALS

Buying cryptocurrency for the first time involves wiring funds from your bank to a cryptocurrency exchange – a business that converts your money into cryptocurrency. They can also store cryptocurrency for you, though this could present a security risk. Cryptocurrency businesses in the UK must now comply with money laundering regulations: the Financial Conduct Authority's website has a list of all business that are approved.

STAY CAUTIOUS, STAY INFORMED

Approach cryptocurrency with caution as well as curiosity. Don't click on links in unexpected emails referring to cryptocurrency and beware of promotions promising free cryptocurrency in exchange for personal information. Avoid mentioning on social media that you own cryptocurrency, as this can attract scammers. Stay informed of potential new risks and regulations by regularly



CEIAS COFFEE SESSION

Meet the CEIAS team

Cheshire East Information Advice and Support Service are holding an online parent and carers coffee session on Tuesday 18th January between 1pm and 2pm

This is an online event via Microsoft Teams

To book a place please contact us via email:

ceias@cheshireeast.gov.uk

Alternatively, you can call us on 0300 123 5166

(Please leave a quick message as the team are continuing to work remotely at this present time)

We will send you a link to join online the day before the event

Many Thanks

The CEIAS Team

The ABCs of Safer Sleep



Always sleep
your baby...



...on their
back...



...in a **clear** cot or
sleep space.

(free of bumpers, toys, pillows and loose bedding)