

Newsletter 21 – Spring Term



Wistaston Academy
Primary and Nursery School
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This Week's Events

Date	School Events	International Events
Monday 28 th February	Y6 Dodgeball Club Year 4 Victorian School day	
Tuesday 1 st March	Y4 Swimming Y6 Forest School Y5 Dodgeball Club Y2 Multisports Club	Women's History Month Shrove Tuesday St David's Day
Wednesday 2 nd March		Ash Wednesday / Lent begins
Thursday 3 rd March	Year 4 Dodgeball Club World Book Day – non uniform	
Friday 4 th March	Y3 Dodgeball Club Y1 Gymnastics Club	
Advanced Notice:	Thursday 3 rd March is non-school uniform for World Book Day. Children to come to school dressed as their favourite character from a book.	
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.	

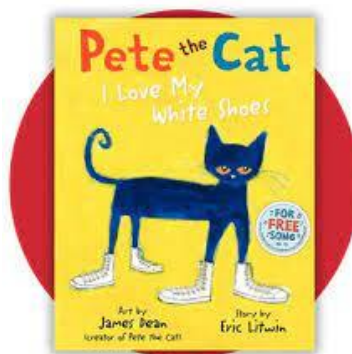
We are Brilliant Winners

KS1: Evelyn, Ollie (last week), Eddie-James

KS2: Laylen, Matei, Ashton

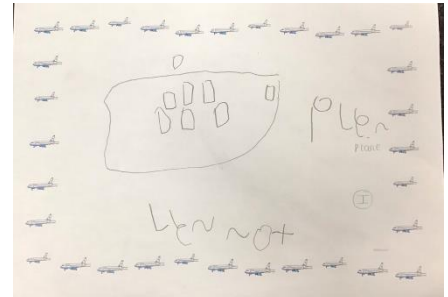
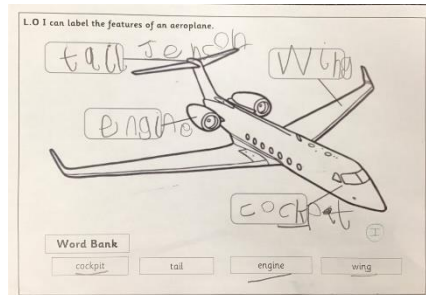
Nursery

This week in nursery we have been introduced to Pete the cat. We have been counting his 4 groovy buttons and learning all about colour mixing. We have mixed red, blue, and yellow and made lots of new amazing colours



Reception

This week the children have been learning about the features of an aeroplane and we have discussed how the aeroplane works for example; the cockpit is at the front of the aeroplane and this is where the pilot sits. The children have made some fantastic drawings and have clearly labelled the parts of the aeroplane.



Year 1

Year 1 have been making a playground structure for Lego Man in DT. They explored the different materials and resources to make their playground equipment and selected the best materials based on their designs.



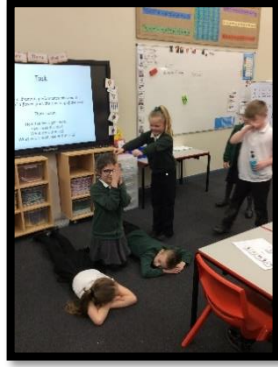
Year 2

Year 2 have been having lots of fun composing music and creating dragons for their New Year Parade!



Year 3

This week we finished our science topic: Plants. We created a drama performance demonstrating how a seed is dispersed, planted, germinated and then how it grows into a plant. We are looking forward to our next science topic: Mirror Mirror.



Year 4

Year 4 loved consolidating their learning on the water cycle by making a 'water cycle' in a bag. Our work was displayed in our classroom for everybody to see. It has even helped us with our explanation text that we have written in Literacy. We all can't wait for next half term's learning about the Victorians and teeth and eating.

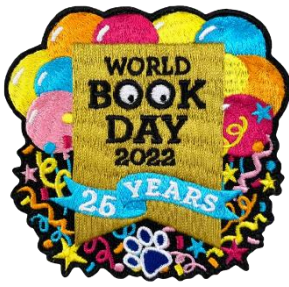


Year 6

The children looked at the timeline of life on Earth. We looked at just how long ago life began. To help us understand the timeline, we went outside to make our timeline, using scaled measurements to help us show the distances between events. It made us realise that, compared with earlier life forms, humans haven't been on Earth that long. Making the timeline helped us to make sense of this.



World Book Day - Thursday 3rd March 2022



We are very excited for World Book Day in school this year and we have lots of lovely activities planned. To fully embrace the day, we would like all children to come to school dressed as their favourite character from a book on Thursday 3rd March. We can't wait to see you dressed up!



Click this link for ideas for costumes: <https://www.worldbookday.com/dressing-up-ideas/>

Recycling Plastic Bottles

Thank you for all the bottles we have received so far. We are planning to start Reception's Greenhouse Project after the half term. Please keep sending in your empty plastic bottles.

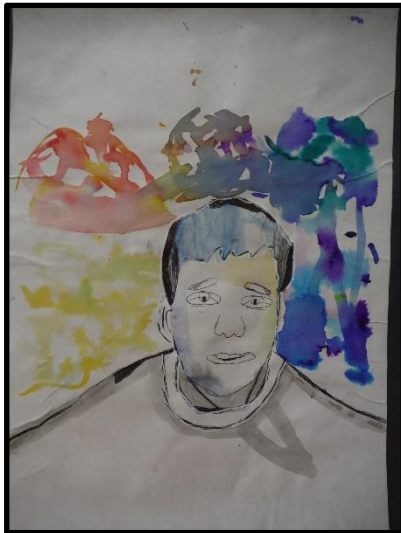
There is a bottle collection bin outside the school office.



Art News

Focus on Year 5!

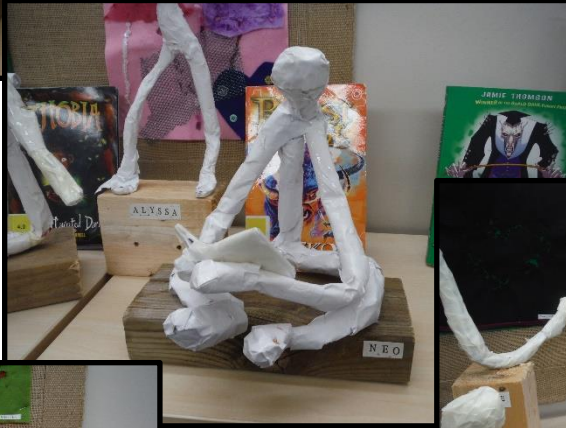
Year 5 have finished their outstanding pictures based on artist Agnes Cecile. We use mixed-media to produce our colourful self portraits: pencil, pens, paint, colour bleeding and layering. We thought about the disquieting and cathartic nature of many of Agnes Cecile's paintings and decided which emotion we wanted to convey through our work.

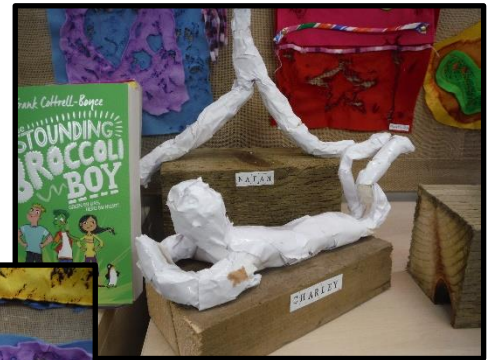




Artwork by: Jenson, Sophie, Nadia,
Logan, Sophie-Mai, Holly-Mae, Evin,
Natan, Faith, Riley Alison, Neo,
Minette, Zayne, Julia and Alyssa.

Year 5 also have their 3-D figures on display from last half term! We worked to make human sculptures after thinking about proportion and the work of Alberto Giacometti, We are proud of our work:





Artwork by: Nadia, Ffion, Charley, Preeya, Natan, Minette, Zayne, Sophie-Mai, Alyssa, Neo, Poppy and Ryley.

Year 6!

We are excited to be in the Crewe Chronicle this week on page 6 with this article about our media competition!



A close up:

Young artists draw



IT HAS been an exciting week for Wistaston Academy, due to their Year 6 pupils reaching the finals of a regional art and media competition, run by Collaborate Digital and Cheshire Police.

In a landslide victory of over 10,000 votes, Wistaston Academy set a new primary school record for the most engagement any primary school has received to date with their entry.

Each school was invited to create a one-minute video that highlighted issues surrounding hate crime and showed understanding of the "protected characteristics" that are

safeguarded in law.

Children at Wistaston learned about the importance of tolerance and celebrating diversity, using the expressive tag-line: "Life is better with colour".

In a collaborative piece, Year 6 created a joint spoken word that advocated freedom of religion, sexual orientation and race, and highlighted discrimination on the grounds of age, disability or gender.

These lyrics were strikingly performed against a backdrop of artwork in many forms: drama, dance, painting and collage.

One example in particular was of pro

Well done Year 6!

on real issues to nail final spot

● Wistaston Academy Year 6 pupils reached the finals of a regional art and media competition, run by Collaborate Digital and Cheshire Police



a giant Banksy-style portrait of Marcus Rashford MBE, who students identified as a role model against racism and who is an inspiration in terms of his work for the rights of children.

The children enjoyed the whole process, from creating artwork, to

the riot of throwing coloured powder over each other as part of the video.

"It was amazing to watch the votes coming in," said William (Year 6 pupil). "I felt proud to see our artwork in the video. It would be the best thing if Marcus

Rashford could visit us and see our picture of him."

The impact of this contest has not only enriched the experience of Year 6 at Wistaston, but has provided many opportunities for the wider school and community to think about these important issues.

PE News
Sportshall Athletics

On Monday our Y5&6 children competed in the Crewe and Nantwich Sportshall Athletics competition at Shavington High School. Each child took part in two track and two field events. We had winners in the boys soft javelin competition and the girls over and under race. Overall we finished in 3rd place, a fantastic achievement for all children involved!



Y2 Chinese dance

As part of their dance unit in PE Year 2 have been creating Chinese style dances using fans. We observed the Chinese style of dance and using canon created our own unique dance. The children were brilliant at getting into character.



Y2 Gymnastics workshop at LS Gymnastics

As part of their gymnastics unit Year 2 have been invited to take part in a gymnastics workshop at LS Gymnastics Crewe Academy. Classes will be going during school hours and children will be transported to and from LS Gymnastics Crewe Academy by coach, accompanied by members of staff. This is a fantastic opportunity for our children to experience specialist coaching in gymnastics and in a high-quality gymnastics setting.

Thursday 3rd March-Thursday 17th March 2B Miss Bailey 1pm-2:30pm

Thursday 24th March-Thursday 31st March 2A Miss Lovatt 1pm-2:30pm

Year 4 Swimming

All Year 4 children will be going swimming after Christmas as part of the national PE curriculum. The sessions will begin on the afternoon of Tuesday 1st March and will end on Tuesday 29th March.

The children will be travelling, by coach, to the Crewe Lifestyle Centre, accompanied by members of the Year 4 team. Your child will need to bring in their **swimming costume/shorts and a towel**.

Year 6 Forest School



After half term Year 6 will be taking part in forest school activities. **Can Y6 parents and carers please send their children in with some old/warm clothes and footwear in a plastic bag for their forest school session which will take place on Tuesday afternoons.**

After school clubs

After school clubs will return from Monday 28th February-Thursday 31st March 2022. **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 from 4:30pm on Thursday 17th February. Please note, children who were signed up for clubs in previous term will need to sign up again.

Our club days and times are:

Year 1 Gymnastics Club with Jasmine and Alisha Evanson from Cheshire Gymnastics

Friday 3:05-4pm



Year 2 Multisports Club with The Sports Coaching Company

Tuesday 3:05-4pm



Multisports give children the opportunity to take part in active, fun and rewarding sporting activities. Children will be able to try many different sports to broaden their interests and knowledge in physical activity.

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

Parking

As a reminder please when dropping off and picking up children please do not park over residents driveways.

Also please do not use the car park to drop off and pick up – including when using Wizz Kidz.



British Values



 **UN Rights of a Child** 

Our parents or guardians are the main people responsible for bringing us up. They should always consider what is best for us when choosing where we live.

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RESPONSIBILITY OF PARENTS

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Individual liberty

There are many different factors people consider when choosing where to live, such as jobs, schools, entertainment and homes available. Some people choose to live in cities or towns; others choose the countryside.



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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

