

Newsletter 23 – Spring Term



Wistaston Academy
Primary and Nursery School
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This Week's Events

Date	School Events	International Events
Monday 14 th March	Y6 DODGEBALL CLUB CANCELLED Y5&6 Hockey tournament at Ruskin High School 3:30pm-5pm	PI Day
Tuesday 15 th March	Y4 Swimming Y6 Forest School Y5 DODGEBALL CLUB CANCELLED Y2 Multisports Club	
Wednesday 16 th March		
Thursday 17 th March	Y4 Dodgeball Club	St Patrick's Day/Purim
Friday 18 th March	Y3 Dodgeball Club Y1 Gymnastics Club	Holi
Advanced Notice:	World Down Syndrome Day 2022 Monday 21 st March Gingerbread men being sold for 50p Walk to school week WC 21 st March	
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.	

Covid Update

As many of you are aware, Covid cases have begun to increase nationally and locally. For the first time since March 2020, we are experiencing an outbreak. We have been in regular talks with the Local Authority and Public Health England and been following their guidance. We have communicated with the relevant year groups and have put further measures into place to control the spread of the virus. It is a credit to the staff that we have been able to manage a high level of staff absence yet still operate the school fully. In order to avoid any closures, could we please ask that if you have received an email for your child, that you follow the advice given.

Remote learning is very much a last resort as we know the significant impact this has upon families, therefore thank you for your understanding and your co-operation during this challenging time.

KS2 Roof Replacement (Dunwoody Building)

From week commencing Monday 14th March, the roof on the Dunwoody Building will be replaced. As you can imagine, this is a big project and is likely to last for approximately 26 weeks. We apologise for the short notice, however we have only just been informed of the imminent start date. We will keep you updated throughout.

We are Brilliant Winners

KS1: Brooke, Maryam

KS2: Kornilia, Izzy

Nursery

This week our N1 children have been learning all about spiders. They have been singing the rhyme Incy Wincy Spider, counting 3 spiders on a web, and have made some fantastic spider collages.



Reception

As part of our topic 'Wild Wonderful World', Reception have been on a trip to Knowsley Safari Park! We travelled there on a huge coach and got the opportunity to see Lions, Tigers, Giraffes, Meerkats and so much more. The children had a fantastic time and have enjoyed writing about what we got up to during our group time in the afternoons.



Year 1

As part of our topic Wonderful Weather, Year 1 have learnt about the equator. They explored globes and maps in an atlas to find the equator and looked at the different hot and cold countries around the world. They then used this information in their writing about an expedition to Africa and the North Pole!



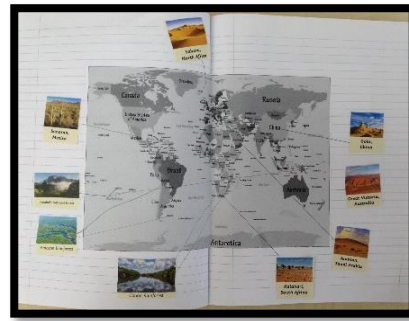
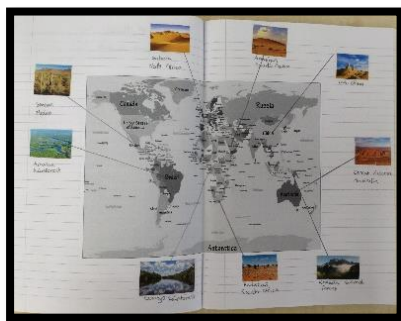
Year 2

This week the children are continuing to become historians and find out about our topic The Great Fire of London. On Monday, the children were given different evidence from the fire and they had to try and work out what it was and what it told them – it was lots of fun!



Year 3

In Geography this week we have continued with our topic of Biomes. We started to explore the locations of deserts and tropical rainforests and labelled them on a map. We located the Sahara Desert, the Gobi Desert and the Amazon Rainforest among others.



Year 4

In Science this week, we continued our 'observing over time' enquiry looking at our eggs that were left in different liquids. Then we looked at what dental care is and how we can look after our teeth. We had a look at all the different products that we can use to look after our teeth. After this, we created a dental advert using adobe spark in groups of 3.



Year 5

In Literacy this week, we have been looking at the sequence of events in the story Pugs of the Frozen North in preparation for writing a recount. We completed some drama and hot seating thinking about all the different characters.



Year 6

We ended this week's history lesson with a discussion about where in Ancient Greece we would rather live. The majority of the class said that they would choose Sparta. This is because they would have more opportunities and a greater sense of equality, since Athenian citizens undervalued women and children. We enjoyed our debate and as you can see, became very passionate about our choice's and reasons.

Spartans

Athenians



British Values



World Down's Syndrome Day 21st March

We will be selling gingerbread sock biscuits again this year to raise awareness of Down Syndrome. **The biscuits will cost 50p to buy.**

Cheshire Down's Syndrome support group (CDSSG) is aiming to make this year's gingerbread sock campaign its best ever! We were part of the community that has been selling gingerbread sock sold biscuits to help raise awareness of Down Syndrome for the past three years!

Please support this worthwhile cause by sending **your child in with a 50p donation** on the day (21st March) to buy a gingerbread sock biscuit and all donations are greatly received.



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