

Newsletter 26 – Spring Term



Wistaston Academy
Primary and Nursery School
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This Week's Events

Date	School Events	International Events
Monday 18 th April	School closed - Easter Monday	
Tuesday 19 th April	School reopens Year 5 – Vikings Day	
Wednesday 20 th April	Year 4 America day	
Thursday 21 st April		
Friday 22 nd April		Earth Day / Stephen Lawrence Day
Advanced Notice:	Passover ends / St George's Day – 23.4.22 Clubs will restart week commencing 25 th April Ukraine Day: Friday 13 th May.	
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: Clara, Cassius, Grace

KS2: Jiaxin, Lavin, Matei, Alexis, Isla, Ashton-James

The Hub

As we are getting close to Easter, The Hub children have been exploring images from the season in their Art lessons. They worked with a range of materials to copy patterns and decorate their Easter eggs.



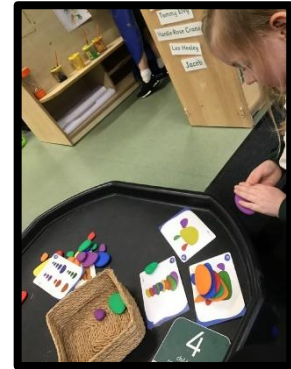
Nursery

This week in Nursery we have been really lucky to have a special visitor. The children have been very excited to welcome Lily the Lamb to nursery. The children took turns to feed Lily and then to stroke her lovely woolly fleece. They sang Mary had a little Lamb and Baa Baa Black Sheep to Lily while she bleated along. We would like to give a special thank you to one of our parents for helping us with this special treat.



Reception

This week the reception children have been using our various sized pebbles to explore size and shape. We replicated the images in the example challenge cards and then made up our own patterns, talking about whether the pebbles were large, small, larger or smaller.



Year 1

Year 1 had a fantastic time at Delamere Forest. We took part in different activities such as shelter building and giant art attack which involved making a tree on the floor using natural objects. We learnt about what trees need to grow and what each part of the tree does.



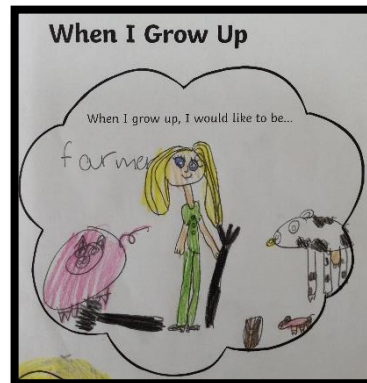
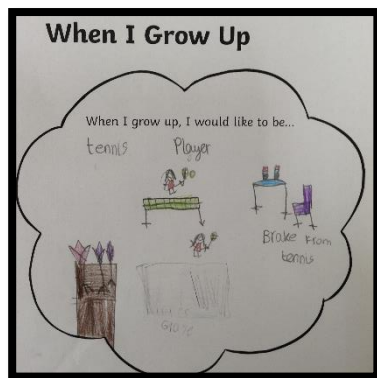
Year 2

Year 2 had an incredible time at Nantwich Museum learning all about the Great Fire of Nantwich. They toured the town, dressed up in Tudor outfits and had a go at writing with feathers. It was a fantastic day!



Year 3

In PSHE this week Year 3 looked at the different jobs people can have and the children shared what they would like to do when they are older. The jobs ranged from tennis player to doctor and artist to fashion designer.



Year 4

In Science the past two weeks, we have been discussing food chains and food webs. Last Friday, we created several food chains using cuddly toys (no toys were harmed in creating the chains) as a year group. We talked about who were the producers, consumers, predators and prey. We also discussed whether they were herbivores, omnivores and carnivores linking our work back to our non-chronological reports where we discussed animal teeth. Then on Wednesday this week, we developed some of our food chains into food webs trying to discuss who would eat who and whether certain animals would be able to eat others if they are in different habitats. The children then enjoyed creating food webs using purple mash and 2 connect- it was quite a hard, fiddly task but all the children persevered.



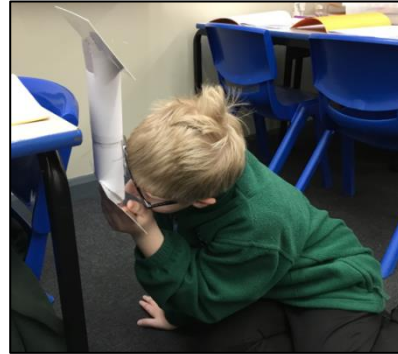
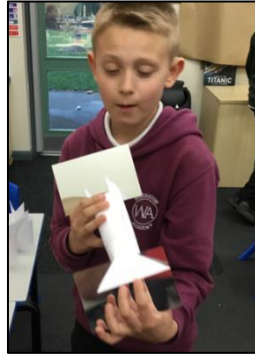
Year 5

In Science this week, year 5 had a boat race! We talked about water resistance and tried to create a streamlined boat to race through the water. We found the boats which were quickest had a pointed nose and tail. We battled within classes then had a final between 5A and 5B. Well done to our overall winner Julia S whose streamlined boat prevailed!



Year 6

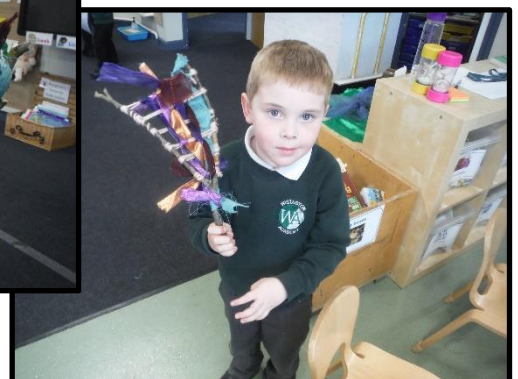
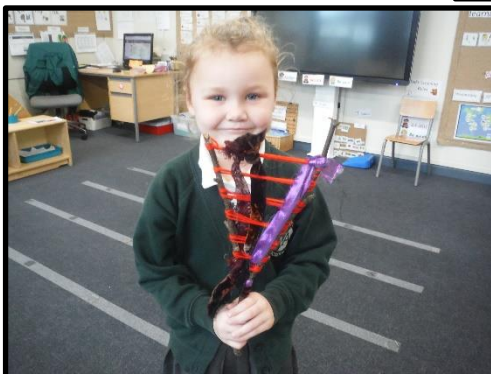
In science this week, the children continued their learning of light and looked at reflection. They made their own periscopes to see how reflection can change the path of light rays.



Year 6 have worked so hard this week with their practice SATs: they should be very proud of themselves. With only a few weeks when we return after Easter, it is important that they continue to do some practice over the holidays. Your child has been given a pack with some practice papers in and work they can complete over the break. It is also important that they take some time to rest in the holidays too!

Art News

Focus on Reception





Reception have been weaving!

We have been learning to weave our material strips "over" then "under".

We have also been practising tying knots!

Artwork by: Prudence, Leo, Jude, Paisley-Mai, Ella, Joshua, Reggie, Hardie-Rose, Fabian and Alexander.

Thank you to everyone who helped Mrs Walsh out by collecting sticks for us to use 🙏

PE News

Year 3 Swimming

All Year 3 children will be going swimming after Easter as part of the national PE curriculum. The sessions will begin on the afternoon of Tuesday 26th April and will end on Tuesday 24th May.

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**.

After school clubs

After school clubs will return after Easter. Please note that clubs will run from Monday 25th April to Thursday 26th May. **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. Children who were signed up for clubs in the previous term will need to sign up again. **All clubs go live to be booked from 4:30pm on Friday 1st April.**

Year 1 Gymnastics Club with Miss Evanson from Cheshire Gymnastics

Friday 3:05-4pm



Gymnastics with Jasmine and Alisha Evanson is for boys and girls who would love to take part in and improve their gymnastic skills. The focus of Gymnastics for all activities is Fun, Fitness, Friendship and Fundamentals, involving Gymnastics with or without apparatus.

Jasmine and Alisha, both past students of Wistaston Academy have represented Great Britain. Jasmine is FIG Dev. & English Tumbling Champion and a lead tumbling Judge.

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

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Thursday 3:15-4:15pm

Year 5&6 Boys football with Mr Barton

Monday 3:15-4:15pm

Year 5&6 Girls football with Mr Barton

Tuesday 3:15-4:15pm



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

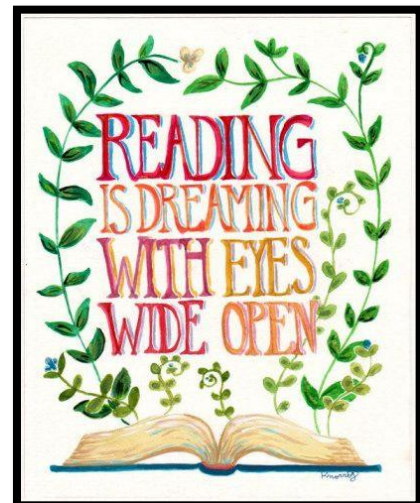
Reading tips

1. Encourage your child to read

Reading helps your child's wellbeing, develops imagination and has educational benefits too. Just a few minutes a day can have a big impact on children of all ages.

2. Read aloud regularly

Try to read to your child every day. It's a special time to snuggle up and enjoy a story. Stories matter and children love re-reading them and poring over the pictures. Try adding funny voices to bring characters to life.



British Values

A poster for the UN Rights of a Child. It features the UN logo on the left. In the center, there is a blue box with the text "UN Rights of a Child" and a small cartoon character holding a flag. Below this, there is a light blue rounded rectangle with the text: "The mission to find Endurance was carried out by an experienced group of trained adults. As children, we should be protected from doing any dangerous work." To the right of this text is a blue box with a white icon of a person with a shield and the number "32" above it, with the text "PROTECTION FROM HARMFUL WORK" below. The bottom right corner has a small copyright notice: "© Pictura News 2022".

A poster for British Values. It features two Union Jack flags on the left and right. In the center, there is a red box with the text "British Values" and a small cartoon character holding a flag. Below this, there is a light orange rounded rectangle with the text: "Individual Liberty". Below the text is a black and white portrait of a man in a military uniform. The bottom right corner has a small copyright notice: "© Pictura News 2022".



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- English Functional Skills

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