

Newsletter 27 – Summer Term



Wistaston Academy
Primary and Nursery School
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This Week's Events

Date	School Events	International Events
Monday 25 th April	Y5 & Y6 boys football club	
Tuesday 26 th April	Y2 multisports club Y5 & Y6 girls football club Y3 swimming	
Wednesday 27 th April		
Thursday 28 th April	Y4 dodgeball club	Yom HaShoah
Friday 29 th April	Y1 gymnastics club & Y3 dodgeball club	
Advanced Notice:	May Day / Ramadan ends 1.5.22 May Day holiday - Monday 2 nd May - School Closed School reopens Tuesday 3 rd May 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: Ollie-Mark, Leo, Kaja

KS2: Angel, Lucy B, Callum

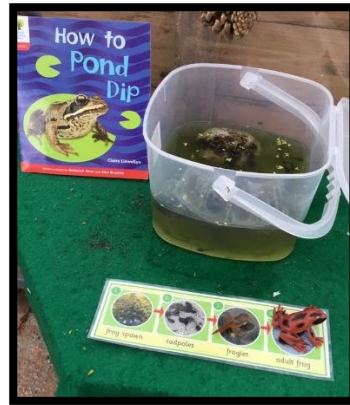
The Hub

This week, The Hub children have been investigating what was hiding inside two mystery eggs. They used a mallet to break the egg apart and some tweezers to remove a collection of baby dinosaurs! Once the dinosaurs were free, they had to be cleaned in soapy water and dried so that they could be played with. It was great fun.



Nursery

This week we have been looking at growing and changing in our outdoor area. The children have noticed how the potato plants have grown and changed over the holidays. We have also been looking at the lifecycle of the frog with the children exploring frogspawn orbies and looking carefully at our tadpoles.



We would also like to thank the parents who have added some lovely pictures onto Tapestry showing what the children have been up to over the Easter break. We have had a lovely time sharing them with our friends.

Reception

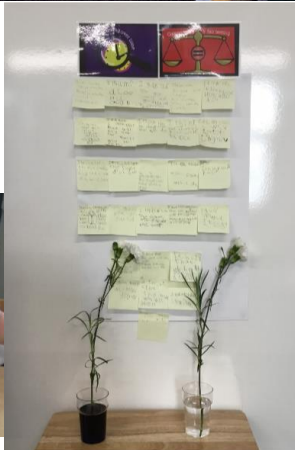
This week we have been learning about animals that live in the desert. We have learnt that this habitat is very hot and dry as it doesn't get much rain and the animals have to survive in the desert with little water. We found out some fascinating facts about meerkats, desert tortoises and elephants. Did you know that a African elephant is the largest animal walking the earth!

We have been very lucky to have a special visitor this week, Jack the tortoise. We enjoyed watching him eat peas and dandelion leaves and the children have made some fantastic drawings, labelling the features of a tortoise and writing a fascinating fact.



Year 1

This week Year 1 have been planting their own seeds, comparing different seeds and looking carefully at the different parts of a flowering plant. They have then conducted a test to explore the job of the stem by comparing two flowers; one in water and one in blue food colouring. They made predictions and are looking forward to observe over the next few days!



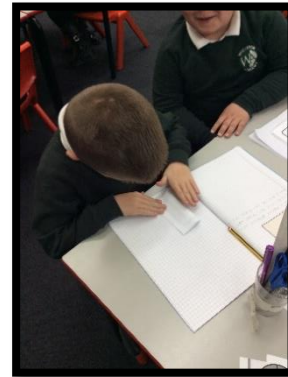
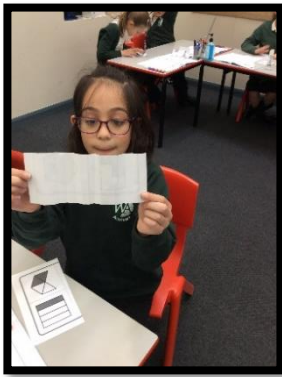
Year 2

To start our new topic 'Let's Grow', Year 2 had lots of fun planting a variety of seeds. We are hoping to grow lots of flowers as well as carrots and strawberries.



Year 3

This week we continued our work on fractions in Maths. Today the children challenged their partner in a game to guess which fraction they were thinking of. The children sat back to back with their partner and explained how to fold their number line without telling them what fraction the number line was going up in. Their partner then had to guess which fraction their number line was going up in. The children showed great teamwork and communication skills!



Year 4

On Wednesday, we had our Pens down day and explored the continents of North and South America! We started our day by investigating landscapes that we can find across America. We focused on the mountain landscape and investigated maps of North and South America to see where we could identify mountains or mountain ranges. Using iPads, we then explored the animal groups found on the Rocky Mountains, in the west of North America. We collected our data using maths resources and then inputted the data into Purple Mash to create charts. We tried to use a range of graph types to represent the data and then we shared them, using both e-mails and QR codes. In Literacy, we located Mexico on our map. Using a poem, we learned about Cinco de Mayo, using a vocabulary hunt and research to understand new words such as 'sombrero' and 'tourist'. We created a tableaux of the poem and then brought our drama to life as we performed the poem. In Geography we did an investigation into the state of New York. We created a video of our answers, which explored surrounding states, mountain ranges, bodies of water and direction. To end the day, we learned some line dancing routines!



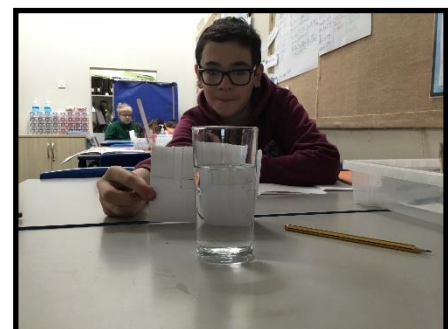
Year 5

On Tuesday, we had a fabulous day! A Viking came to visit. We found out that the Vikings were from Scandinavia (Denmark, Norway and Sweden) and came to the UK on longships. We learnt that they destroyed monasteries and stole the gold, silver and jewels from them. We played games, did some drama, created a sketch and even had a Viking style burial.



Year 6

In science this week, we learnt about refraction of light. This is where the light rays bend and change how we see objects. We carried out several experiments to see how this worked and we were quite surprised by what we discovered.

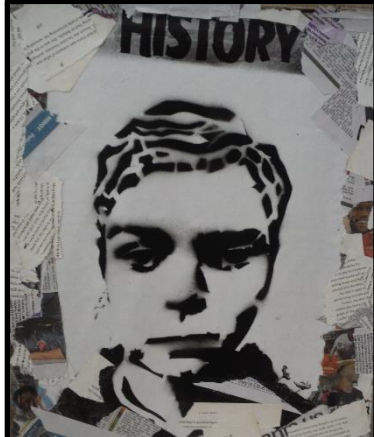


Art News

Focus on Year 6!

This week we are celebrating the incredible work created in Year 6! We have worked so hard on our self-portraits in the style of Banksy. We looked carefully for the areas of darkest shadow and cut these away to form a negative stencil. When we spray painted through them, it showed us a positive image of ourselves. We thought about slogans that expressed our personalities that we could add to our urban-style backgrounds.







Artwork by: Richard, Blazej, William, Imogen, Ashton-James, Lily, Sofia, Adelia, Sultan, Isla, Mylee, lilian, Billy-Dean, Adrian, Amelia, Noah, Harlow, Jack, Ramla, Ethan, Riley E, Riley W, Sophie, Robert and Mason.

Absolutely amazing work everyone!



PE News

After school clubs

After school clubs will return from Monday 25th April - Thursday 26th May 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. 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

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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



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.

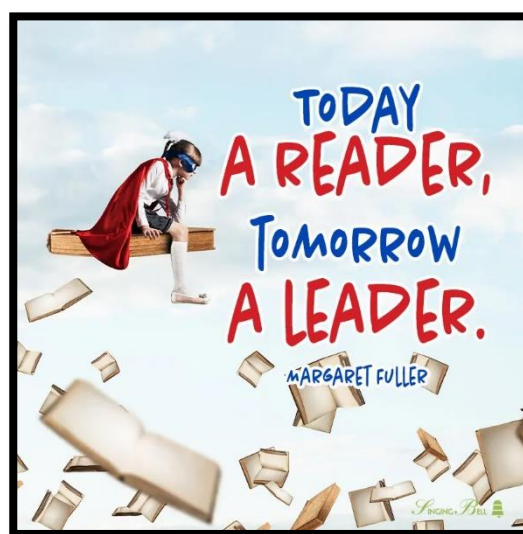
Reading tips

1. Encourage reading choice

Give children lots of opportunities to read different things in their own time - it doesn't just have to be books. There's fiction, non-fiction, poetry, comics, magazines, recipes and much more. Try leaving interesting reading material in different places around the home and see who picks it up.

2. Read together

Choose a favourite time to read together as a family and enjoy it. This might be everyone reading the same book together, reading different things at the same time, or getting your children to read to each other. This time spent reading together can be relaxing for all.



Holidays & Leave of Absence

Parents are requested to arrange their family holidays within the school holidays, rather than in term time. At Wistaston Academy, we ask that family holidays are not taken during school time, so that a child's education is not disrupted.

The Principal or her delegate contacts those parents who frequently take the family on holiday in term-time and reminds them of the disruption to their child's education.

New regulations introduced in September 2013 state that a school is not allowed to authorise a holiday unless there are "exceptional circumstances". Should a parent still choose to take an unauthorised holiday, the school will request that the Local Educational Authority issue a penalty notice to those parents.

Each Penalty Notice carries a penalty of £60 per parent/carer per child. This will increase to £120 per parent/carer per child if not paid within a 28-day notice period.

Penalties for unauthorised absence		
Timeline	One child	Two children
Paid within 21 days	£60 per parent	£60 per child = £120 per parent
After 21 days and before 28 days	£120 per parent	£120 per child = £240 per parent
After 28 days	You will receive a summons to appear before the Magistrates Court on the grounds you have failed to secure your child's regular attendance	You will receive a summons to appear before the Magistrates Court on the grounds you have failed to secure your child's regular attendance

Reception Green House Project Update

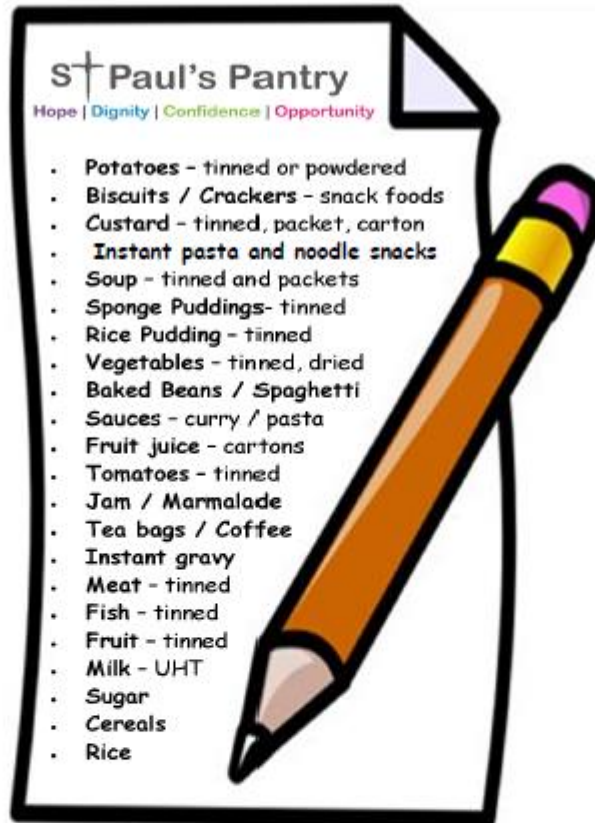
Thank you for sending in your empty plastic bottles.

James our site maintenance officer has begun constructing the greenhouse. We are going to need more plastic 1L empty bottles to complete it.



If you would like to help us, there is a green collection bin for empty bottles at the school office.

Thank you for your co-operation and support.



CURRENT SHORTAGES:

UHT milk; tinned meat (e.g. stew, chilli, ham, corned beef); jam; tinned fruit; tinned potatoes; tinned vegetables; rice; long life cakes/puddings

Please note we cannot accept items that are out of date.

Thank you so much for your support.

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British Values

UN Rights of a Child

We must all be registered when we are born and given a name, which is officially recognised by the government.

NAME AND NATIONALITY

British Values

Mutual Respect

We are all different. Our names can help to identify us. We can use people's names to show friendship and respect.