

Newsletter 2 – Autumn Term



Wistaston Academy
Primary and Nursery School
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This Week's Events

Date	School Events	International Events
Monday 19 th September	Bank Holiday	
Tuesday 20 th September	Year 4 – 6 Before school Dodgeball club with Miss Brown Y6 Swimming After school clubs starts !! Year 3 – 6 Tag Rugby after school club Year 3 – 6 Hockey after school club	
Wednesday 21 st September	Year 4 - 6 before school Dodgeball club with Miss Brown Year 3 LS Gymnastics starts	
Thursday 22 nd September	Year 4 - 6 Before school Dodgeball club with Miss Brown Year 3 – 6 Dodgeball after school club Year 5 & 6 Girls football competition at Crewe Soccer Centre	
Friday 23 rd September	Year 4 - 6 Before school Dodgeball club with Miss Brown Year 1 & 2 Multi Sports afterschool club Year 3 – 6 Sportshall athletics afterschool club	
Advanced Notice:	Monday 26 th September – Reception Parents RWI Meeting 2.30 & 5.30 Sat 24 th – Sun 25 th September – Crewe “Wilder Weekend” in Queens Park 28 th September Y3& 4 and Y5&6 Quad Kids athletics at Ruskin High School	
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: Phoebe

KS2: Maryam, Layla, Areen

The Hub



Now that our Sensory Circuit lessons have moved out of the classroom and into the hall, The Hub children have much more space to enjoy exercising on the new equipment. They're always very tired by the time they've finished!

Nursery



This week the Nursery children have been introduced to Tizzy the Tiger. Tizzy is a Tiger who works hard every day to do good listening, good sitting and good looking. The children took it in turns to pass Tizzy around the circle and introduce themselves. We then read the story 'Jake and Tizzy, Hello!'. Our Nursery library also has a small selection of Jake and Tizzy books that you can take home to share with your child.

Reception



This week we have been exploring our outdoor area, working out how to use the different equipment and problem solving with our friends. We've worked on our gross motor skills on the bikes and worked hard to throw the balls accurately into the Ball Cauldron. We will begin to introduce different pieces of equipment to work on different skills such as balancing, fine and gross motor and core strength.

Year 1

This week we have thought about the people who care for us. We discussed different people in our family who care for us and shared this with a partner. We then looked at different people in our community who care for us, for example, doctors. After that, we made our own 'me and my carers' egg.



Year 2

As part of our learning about habitats, we thought about the animals that live in rockpools ahead of our trip to the beach. We found out that animals need other animals to survive and this is part of a food chain. We recreated a food chain of a rockpool in drama using the tableau technique.



Year 3

This week, we performed different investigations on various rocks. We recorded our results in a table. We tested the rocks on their hardness; permeability; fizziness and floatability. Before conducting the test, we made a prediction on what we thought would happen with the different types of rocks.





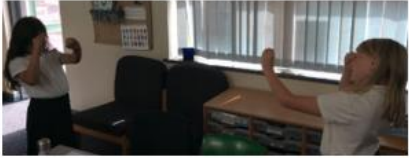



Year 4

This week, Year 4 were treated to an amazing singing workshop with one of our Arts Patrons, Tim Uffindell! We listened carefully to our own voices and figured out which pitch we were most comfortable singing at. Once we had done this, we performed 'Green Green Grass' by George Ezra, adding dance moves. We were even joined by Mrs Griffiths, Mrs Joy, Mrs Dewsbury, Mrs Shaw and Miss Orme!



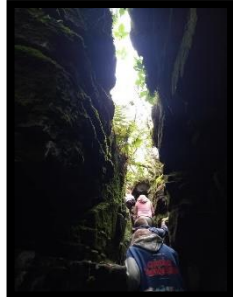
Year 5

We have been reading 'war of the Worlds' by H. G. Wells in our guided reading lessons this week. The children have enjoyed exploring the vocabulary through the use of drama and discussing the text, using dialogic talk to explore and develop their ideas.

<p>...over the millennia the planet has cooled....</p> 	<p>...its oceans diminished....</p> 
<p>...gazing acquisitively across the gulf of space....</p> 	<p>I saw the phenomenon with my own eyes.</p> 
<p>...these flames would bring so much calamity and death to earth.</p> 	<p>...the house where a journalist acquaintance, Henderson, lived.</p> 

Year 6

Year 6 have had a fabulous residential trip to Gradbach. Their days have been jam-packed with so many different, adventurous and fun activities! They are definitely ready for a chilled weekend...and a shower!



PE News

Sports Leaders

This week 20 children from Y5 took part in a sports leaders course that was delivered by Chris Hughes who is the school games organiser. This course has given the children skills to create their own lunchtime games and improve their own leadership skills. The sports leaders will work on a rota system, with four children working closely with Miss Brown each day.



PE Expectations

As we start the new school year, we wish to remind you of the correct PE kit that children should be wearing in school.

Indoor PE kit: Green t-shirt, black shorts, black pumps



Outdoor PE kit: Green t-shirt, black jogging bottoms, hoodie or zip up and trainers. Children may wear a plain black or navy blue waterproof jacket if they wish.



Sport Clubs start this week!

This half term, clubs will run from **Tuesday 20th September – Wednesday 19th October**. All clubs, including those delivered by outside providers, will be free of charge. If your child is interested in taking part in any of our clubs, please sign them up through Arbor as all the clubs are live.

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

If children are not collected from clubs on time they will be taken to Wizz Kids and will need to be collected from there.

Art News
Focus on Year 5

Year 5 have begun their unit on 3-D human figures. We are taking inspiration from artist Alberto Giacometti and are beginning to think about proportion and posture. We began by drawing sketches of each other in various postures, because we decided that a 3-D construction was best initiated from drawn plans. We had a lot of fun and are looking forward to starting our skeletal frames for our own sculpture next lesson.



Mrs Walsh need your help!

Mrs Walsh is urgently in need of your help to find natural art materials! We need acorns that are still attached to a twig, ivy with berries on, red berries (that are not poisonous!) and evergreen greenery cuttings (like pine, leland and hebe). If you can bring in cuttings or findings they will be gratefully received for an art project this week.

Thank you so much 😊



Crewe Wilder Weekend: Community Event

Cheshire Wildlife Trust are bringing an exciting event to Queens Park Crewe on the weekend of 24th – 25th September. See the flyer below for details of art, yoga, flower seeding, nature trails, bug hunts and so much more.

Don't miss it!



**Cheshire
Wildlife Trust**



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Wilder Weekend 2022 in Crewe

Where to find us:
This FREE event will take place in Queen's Park.

When you will find us there:
On Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th September
running from 10:30am until 3:30pm

What's going on:

- > Sowing a Wildflower Meadow in the park
- > Wildflower meadow art installation
- > Bug ID Hunt
- > Nature Trail
- > Seed bomb making
- > Outdoor Yoga
- > Nature book reading
- ... AND MUCH MORE



For more information about our the event, scan the QR code above or visit
www.cheshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/wilder-weekend-2022

Harvest



It's that beautiful time of year again! As we enter Autumn, we are inviting you as we always do, to donate non-perishable food items as listed below, to donate to our local food bank so that we can help families in our local area at this financially challenging time.

Thank you for your support!

St Paul's Pantry
Hope | Dignity | Confidence | Opportunity

- Potatoes - tinned or powdered
- Biscuits / Crackers - snack foods
- Custard - tinned, packet, carton
- Pasta / Spaghetti / Noodles
- Soup - tinned and packets
- Sponge Puddings- tinned
- Rice Pudding - tinned
- Vegetables - tinned, dried
- Baked Beans / Spaghetti
- Sauces - curry / pasta
- Fruit juice - cartons
- Tomatoes - tinned
- Jam / Marmalade
- Tea bags / Coffee
- Instant gravy
- Meat - tinned
- Fish - tinned
- Fruit - tinned
- Milk - UHT
- Sugar
- Cereals
- Rice

St Paul's Centre
Hightown
Crewe
CW1 3BY

We **REALLY** need your donations as there are so many more people needing crisis food! Remember ...

Every item makes a difference!

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



01270 586186



www.stpaulscentre.org.uk



<https://www.facebook.com/stpaulscentre/>



pantry@stpaulscentre.org.uk

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Over this half term, we will be thinking about how grateful we are to have all that we have and are taking this chance to share with others. Please donate what you can to your classrooms and we will share this altogether in our Harvest assembly before the half term holiday.

Our global giving focus will again be through WaterAid. You are invited to donate whatever money you choose, so that we can provide taps for those who have no access to fresh water around the world.

WaterAid

Thank you for your generosity!

Let's make a difference together 😊



Please ensure children are supervised at all times whilst on the school site. We respectfully remind you that children should **NOT** be on any of the school equipment before and after school no matter how tempting it is.

As the weather begins to turn, please send children in with appropriate clothing for outdoor play.

British Values



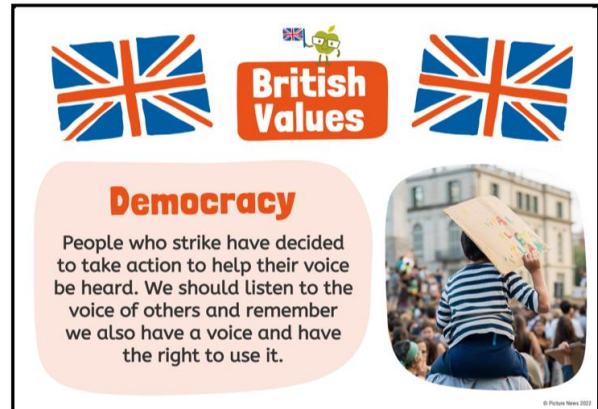
UN Rights of a Child

We have the right to share what we learn, think and feel unless it harms other people.

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SHARING THOUGHTS FREELY

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British Values

Democracy

People who strike have decided to take action to help their voice be heard. We should listen to the voice of others and remember we also have a voice and have the right to use it.

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Attendance

Wk 05.09.22 – 09.09.22

Target 96%

Reception A – 98.5%

Reception B – 97.8%

1A – 99.3%

1B – 99.7% 😊

2A – 97.1%

2B – 88.9%



KS1 Attendance for last week - 97.3% 😊

Whole school attendance for the academic year – 96.5% 😊

Attendance

Wk - 05.09.22 – 09.09.22

Target 96%

3A = 95.7%

3B = 99.4% 😊

4A = 98.5%

4B = 99.3%

5A = 97.8%

5B = 98.1%

6A = 98.7%

6B = 97.4%



KS2 for the week = 98.1% 😊

Whole school attendance for the academic year – 96.5% 😊



THE OAKS ACADEMY
INSPIRE
BELIEVE
ACHIEVE

The Oaks Academy Open Evening

Thursday 29th September 6-8pm

INSPIRING each student to meet and exceed their potential
BELIEVING in self and others while contributing meaningfully to our community
ACHIEVING academic excellence through a supportive environment and challenging curriculum

Welcome presentation from Headteacher Mr Peter Kingdom
at 6pm who will outline his ambition for the school.

Buchan Grove, Crewe CW2 7NQ

COMMUNITY SHARE HUB



Our Community Share Hub is here to support the local community on a no questions asked policy. Motherwell Community Share Hub provides support to families via our hub with the costs of school uniforms, from generic items such as skirts, shirts and trousers, to winter coats. Our hub also has a Baby Bank which provides like new items to new or expectant families such as travel systems, strollers, cots and Moses baskets.

ITEMS WE HAVE:

- Branded secondary and primary school uniform, branded and generic items, shorts, skirts, trousers etc.
- Winter items, coats, hats, scarves and gloves.
- Fancy dress uniform, items for World Book Day, Halloween etc
- Footlocker - Providing football boots, astro turf boots and shin pads.
- Baby Bank - Providing items from new born to up to the age of 2 years of age.



WHERE TO FIND US?



You can find us based in the heart of Wistaston Community on Beech Drive. We have been here since February 2021 and our Charity continues to expand and continue its support the local families with our hub and further services of Motherwell Cheshire. The Community Hub is open Tuesday and Thursday, 12 - 2 for you to browse items, or collect orders that have been placed. If you would like to know more, you can email us on

DONATIONS

Can you help us? We are in need of Moses baskets for our Baby Bank. These baskets are filled with baby items and also new mum items. Please bring donations to Motherwell Cheshire, 64 Beech Drive, Crewe - Monday to Thursday, 9 - 4.

#Communitysupport

Can you help?
We need Moses baskets!



Please can you donate Moses baskets to you.



Motherwell Community Share Hub

FOOTBALL BOOTS

- Football boots, both girls, boys and unisex - from junior size 9 upwards to all adult sizes
- Astro trainers, both girls, boys and unisex - from junior size 9 upwards to all adult sizes
- Shin pads that would fit children aged 4 upwards.

www.motherwellcheshirecio.com/our-services/motherwell-community-hub/

Tips for Supporting Children in DEALING WITH GRIEF

It's important that trusted adults feel able to help children and young people cope with grief – particularly at the moment, when we are a nation mourning the loss of a public figure who was treasured by so many. Children are seeing bereavement and sadness being featured heavily in the national news and in their favourite online spaces, and hearing it being talked about extensively among families and in the community. How can we help them in processing this healthily?

1 UNDERSTAND WHAT GRIEF IS

Grief is emotional distress which is a normal response to the death of someone close, well known or admired. It may feel overwhelming – especially for young people – and is often accompanied by feelings of shock, disbelief, anger or fear. These emotions may also mean that sleep, eating and our relationships with others could be affected.

2 MEET THE CHILD 'WHERE THEY ARE'

This could be a child's first experience of grief and loss – or conversely, they may have already encountered it several times. Make sure that any conversations you have with them, and the support that you give, are led by their experiences and their understanding of death – and in the context of their religious or community beliefs.

3 EXPLAIN CLEARLY WHAT DEATH IS

It may often feel uncomfortable, but it's healthier to actually use the words "dead", "death" or "died". Abstract explanations of death can frequently create even more confusion – particularly for younger children, who are still trying to grasp this complex (and possibly unfamiliar) concept.

4 BE PREPARED FOR QUESTIONS

On subjects such as this – especially when it involves a person who's well known to them – children and young people often have lots of questions, all at once. Sometimes, new queries about the issue will occur to them weeks after the event. Be ready to answer their questions as honestly as you can, using language that's appropriate for their age.

5 FIND WAYS TO REMEMBER THEM

It can help to talk to about the person who's died, even if that individual wasn't personally involved in the child's own life – such as a significant public figure, for instance. You and your child can discuss what that person meant to you, celebrate the things they achieved or go to a place where they can be remembered.

6 ENCOURAGE COPING STRATEGIES

You can help a child or young person to identify what their usual positive ways of coping are when they have overwhelming feelings. For example, do they find that talking with someone, drawing, going for a walk or listening to music help when they're feeling upset? These same activities could form an important part of the grieving process.

7 REACH OUT FOR SUPPORT

If a child or young person is struggling with grief to the extent that it's impacting on their everyday life, there are lots of expert organisations that you could reach out to for further help. Samaritans provides a listening ear for anyone in emotional distress; The Mix offers specialist support to people under 25; and Winston's Wish deals specifically with helping young people who are grieving.

SAMARITANS:
116 123

WWW.THEMIX.ORG.UK/GET-SUPPORT
0808 808 4994

WINSTON'S WISH:
08088 020 021

Meet Our Expert

Anna Bateman is passionate about placing prevention at the heart of every school, integrating mental wellbeing within the curriculum, school culture and systems. She is also a member of the advisory group for the Department for Education, advising them on their mental health green paper.



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**Sandbach High School
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with kindness at the heart of our high expectations

OPEN EVENING

**Thursday
22 September
2022
5.00pm – 8.00pm**



Headteacher's Talks at 5:15pm and 6:30pm



Guided tours and lots of games and activities to enjoy throughout the evening.

We believe that the partnership between home and school is essential if each individual is to enjoy and achieve.



Our lunchtime and after school clubs include:

Music · Sports · Social Club · Art · Citizenship Club · Readers Club · Pupil Voice · Cooking Club · STEM Car Club · Drama Club · Textiles · Science Club · Languages · Dance Gymnastics · Poultry Club · Choir and many more!



Please note that buses are available to transport children to and from Sandbach High School who live in the following areas:

Alsager, Arclid, Betchton, Betley, Church Lawton, Congleton, Coppenhall, Crewe, Haslington, Hassall, Hough, Madeley, Malkins Bank, Middlewich, Northwich, Rode Heath, Scholar Green, Shavington, Smallwood, Winsford, Winterley, Wrinehill, Wychwood Park.

