

Newsletter 1 – Autumn Term



Wistaston Academy
Primary and Nursery School
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This Week's Events

Date	School Events	International Events
Monday 12 th September	School Council Election week Before school Dodgeball club starts (Y5 & 6)	
Tuesday 13 th September	Before school Dodgeball club (Y5 & 6) Y6 Swimming starts	
Wednesday 14 th September	Before school Dodgeball club (Y5 & 6) Y3 Gymnastics starts	
Thursday 15 th September	Before school Dodgeball club (Y5 & 6)	
Friday 16 th September	Before school Dodgeball club (Y5 & 6)	
Advanced Notice:	Monday 19 th September – Reception Parents RWI Meeting 2.30 & 5.30 Saturday 24 th – Sunday 25 th September – Crewe “Wilder Weekend” in Queens Park.	
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.	

Principal's Comment

A very warm welcome to the new school year! The children have had a fantastic start to the term and our new starters in Nursery and Reception have settled in brilliantly. It has been lovely to see so many parents and carers in the morning dropping their children off. Please do catch one of the Senior Leadership Team to say hello!

We ended the last term on a 'high' introducing the '75 things to do before I leave Wistaston Academy' project with a hot air balloon and a visit from a helicopter – what a special day it was! The children have already engaged in some exciting activities and the Year 6 children are preparing for their residential visit next week.

Today some children visited Acacia's Cottage for the first time. Sadly, Acacia passed away in November last year. Her brother Landon and his classmates in Year 6 and Acacia's friends in Year 3 had the opportunity to share a story. Year 3 listened to her favourite book, Room on the Broom. The cottage will be a quiet place of reflection and remembrance and to share a love of reading – one of Acacia's favourite things (and all things Disney 😊).



We are Brilliant Winners

KS1: Cassius, Jude, Franciszek

KS2: Harly, Alfie, Shaylea, Millie R, Ella, Bobby, Jenson B, Mia B

Queen Elizabeth 11 1926-2022



In light of yesterday's sad announcement of the death of Queen Elizabeth II, we recognise that this can be difficult for children to process and understand. Below is a link that gives different ways for parents to support children and help them to talk through any feelings they may have over the next few weeks.

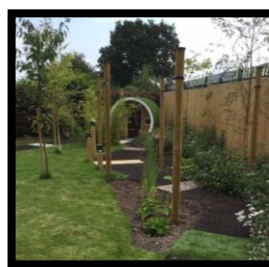
<https://www.winstonswish.org/talk-to-children-about-death-of-queen/>

For younger children, [Tiny Happy People](#) has some useful resources.

Today we have held assemblies that recognise this sad moment in history, acknowledging the impact of her death both personally, nationally and internationally. Here are links to a [Newsround clip](#) shown to children in Years 3 - 6 and also the [Jubilee Paddington clip](#) shown to both KS1 and KS2 which may be helpful for you to see.

Nursery

This week it has been lovely to welcome new children into our nursery class. The children have had lots of fun exploring the Nursery environment. We have been very lucky to spend time in our new outdoor area, learning to share and take turns.



The Hub

This week, the children in The Hub have enjoyed spending time together again and exploring the Art materials. It was so lovely to have them all back in class; we've definitely missed them over the Summer!



Reception

The children have settled beautifully into Reception, learning the school rules and routines. We have had lots of fun exploring our new environment and making new friends.



Year 1

This week in year 1 we have started a new topic 'All About Me'. The children have begun to explore their five senses. They took part in several experiments that involved their sense of smell, touch, sight, taste and hearing. They learnt which part of their body is associated with each sense.



Year 2

This week in maths, Year 2 thought about the value of each digit in a two-digit number. The children picked a number, made it out of Base 10 and partitioned it into tens and ones.



Year 3

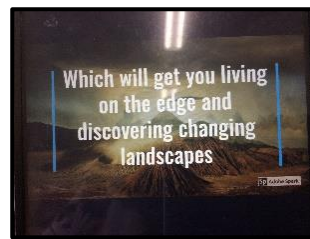
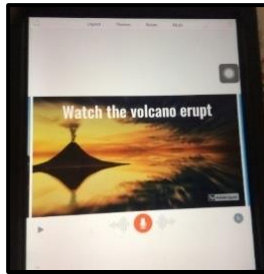
On Monday, we had our Pens' down day and explored our new topic of the Stone Age. First, there was a present wrapped up in the classroom and when it was revealed it was the book 'The Stone Age Boy'. We then looked at why the Stone age was called the Stone Age. Then in maths, we looked at an exciting discovery that was found in La Pileta Cave in Spain that looked like drawings. We thought that it could have been a way to count things and then discussed what they might have counted. In Literacy, we looked at the life of a stone age child and learnt about Grey Otter and his life through drawings in caves.

We took part in several drama exercises such as miming games and hot seating. After Literacy, we looked further into when Stone Age was and what periods it was split into by creating a timeline. Then, we created our own cave paintings.



Year 4

On Monday, we spent the day exploring volcanoes. In Art, we created volcanoes from bottles and newspaper, learning about different parts such as the magma chamber and crater. Once we had created these, we looked at some adverts and documentaries of visitors to volcanoes. We created holiday adverts to encourage people to take adventurous trips to famous volcanoes! In Maths we reminded ourselves of measurements and the vocabulary we needed such as grams for mass and ml for capacity. Using a range of scales, we measured out our ingredients and we finished the day with a scientific reaction causing our volcanoes to erupt!



Year 5

On Wednesday, year 5 had our first music lesson. We each got to have a go at playing a baritone, a trumpet and a clarinet. Some of the instruments were extremely loud, whilst others were squeaky! We are looking forward to learning how to play these instruments over the coming weeks and months.



Year 6

For Pens Down Day, we were introduced to our new concept: Fairtrade. In our maths lesson, we looked at the difference in prices between Fairtrade and non-Fairtrade teabags. In our literacy lesson, we read some real-life stories about children who are part of the Fairtrade co-operative and created some drama pieces to showcase our new learning. In the afternoon, we watched short clips about different people in a Fairtrade cooperative and how it has benefitted their lives. This created a lot of topics for discussion including: working as part of a team; the roles that women play in different societies; and children's rights to education. We questioned whether Fairtrade food was any different to other foods. We even got to taste a little too! Finally, we had a class debate on Fairtrade.





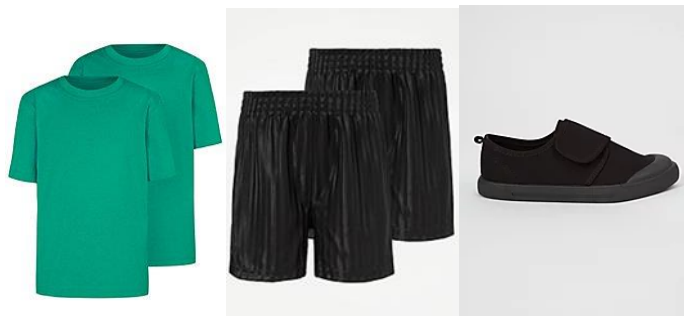
PE NEWS

This week in Year 4, the children have been learning how to correctly jump over a hurdle using the right technique. The children were given the opportunity to try out different running and jumping techniques. This helped them to find their favourite. We are already getting ready and prepared for the Sportshall athletics competition by giving ourselves goals to achieve.

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 are back!

This half term, clubs will run from **Monday 19th 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. **All clubs will go live on Arbor on Monday 12th September from 4:30pm.** See clubs email for further information.

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

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
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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
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- 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.



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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!

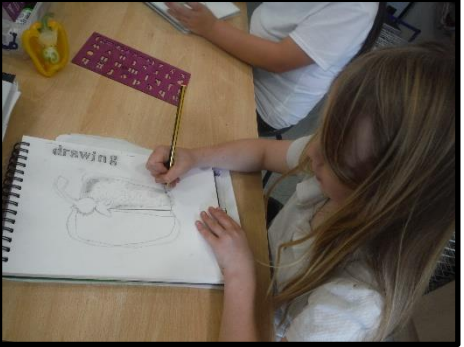
Let's make a difference together 😊



Art News

Focus on Year 6


In art this week, we have been developing our observational drawing skills, which are the basis of almost all of our creations. We focused on fruit, vegetables and pine cones, because we are beginning work on pieces that will help decorate our Harvest assembly later this half term. Here are some of our drawings in progress:



Art-work by: Alyssa, Millie, Lucas, Kaydie, Jenson, Lincoln, Poppy, Mia, Charlie, Lewis, Skye, Holly, Faith, Riley and Sophie.


Fabulous work everyone!

British Values



UN Rights of a Child

We all have rights no matter who we are, where we live, what language we speak, what our religion is, what we think, what we look like, if we're a boy or a girl, if we have a disability, if we are rich or poor, who our parents and families are and what they believe or do. We should never be treated unfairly for any reason.



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British Values

Mutual Respect & Tolerance

Every single person in our world is different. We can learn about and celebrate our differences, which can help us to respect and value one another.



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Attendance

Wk 01.09.22 – 02.09.22

Target 96%

Reception A – N/A

Reception B – N/A

1A – 98.9% 😊

1B – 94.3%

2A – 96.8%

2B – 88.9%



KS1 Attendance for last week - **94.7%** 😞

Whole school attendance for the academic year – **95.7%** 😞

Attendance

Wk - 01.09.22 – 02.09.22

Target 96%

3A = 88.9%

3B = 98.9%

4A = 96.3%

4B = 94%

5A = 95.1%

5B = 98.8%

6A = 97.8%

6B = 100%



KS2 for the week = **96.3%** 😊

Whole school attendance for the academic year – **95.7%** 😞

The Children's Commission



Get your child's voice heard and make a difference

Over the next few weeks, children in Key Stage 2 at Wistaston Academy are taking part in [The Big Summer Survey](#).

The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, wants to hear more from children about their summer holidays to create a unique picture of children's lives over the summer. There is very little currently known at the national level about how children spend their time over the summer break and this new research will really add to that picture.

This is a great activity for children to do in school in the first weeks of term as it can form part of wider discussions about summer holidays which can help teachers explore what new and exciting experiences children have had and help to identify children who may have had problems over the summer period. The Commissioner will use the answers to inform the Government about the best ways to support families, including what role schools can play.

This survey is a chance for children to have their voice heard, and to help us understand how we can best support families across the country.

If any child would prefer to share your thoughts directly with the Family Review team, they are welcome to email us at: Family.Review@childrenscommissioner.gov.uk

[Find out more and take part](#)

CREWE POLICE EVENT 9/9



Join your local PCSOs at our Emergency Services Day engagement events around Crewe this Friday 9/9.

We will be in various locations throughout the afternoon:

- Crewe Town Centre 13:15-14:00
- Samuel Street Park 14:45-15:15
- Derby Docks 15:30-16:00
- Leighton Brook Park 16:15-16:45
- Queens Park 17:00-17:45

We will be offering bike marking with BikeRegister, sign ups to SelectaDNA, and leaflets and advice on various issues.

For children there will be uniform to try on, and activity sheets to take home.



St Thomas More
Catholic High School

Open Evening 2022

Wednesday 21st September

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

- Headteacher's presentation at 5:30pm and 6:30 pm
- Tour of the school
- Interactive experiences in classrooms with teachers



What makes St Thomas More stand out from other schools is our commitment to the young people in our care, a commitment that encourages and inspires every child to fulfil their God given potential and flourish. We encourage our students to love learning, participate fully in the life of our school and embrace the many opportunities that are on offer.



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the
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Care for God's
Creation



Family and
Community

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Welcome

Thank you for all the interest we have had so far for attending Wizz Kidz, we still currently have spaces available.

If you would like to book your child in any sessions we require a deposit of £9 for the year and registration paper work to be completed and returned to the school.

All paperwork can be found on the school website or can be collected from the school office.

Booking Sessions and Payments

Thank you to those of you who have been paying your session on time. We have recently given out copies of our terms and conditions so that you are all familiar with them.

All payments are made via the Arbor app, where sessions are booked and paid for.

Payment is required before attending any before and after school sessions, and sessions must be booked a week in advance to manage pupil:teachers numbers.

If you have any question please contact the Wizz Kidz team and we will be happy to help

How to contact us

You can email us on:

admin@wistastonacademytrust.co.uk

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finance@wistastonacademytrust.co.uk for any payment queries

