

Newsletter 20 – Spring Term



Wistaston Academy
Primary and Nursery School
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This Week's Events

Date	School Events	International Events
Monday 13 th February	Before school dodgeball club 3- 6 Yr 1&2 Dodgeball Yr 3-6 Basketball Yr 1&2 Lunchtime Gym Year 5 & 6 Football Match at Shavington Academy.	
Tuesday 14 th February	Before school dodgeball club 3- 6 Yr 3&4 Football Yr 3-6 Netball Swimming Y5 Yr 3-6 Lunchtime Gym Yr 3-6 Sewing Yr 5&6 Performing Arts	
Wednesday 15 th February	Before school dodgeball club 3- 6 Year 5 & 6 Football Match at Leighton Academy	
Thursday 16 th February	Before school dodgeball club 3- 6 Yr 3-6 Dodgeball Yr 3-6 Singing Yr 1&2 Lunchtime Singing	
Friday 17 th February	Before school dodgeball club 3- 6 Yr 5&6 Football Yr 1&2 Multi-sports	
Advanced Notice:	Thursday 2 nd March is non-school uniform for World Book Day. Children can come to school dressed as their favourite character from a book. Year 4 Swimming - Tuesday 28th February to Tuesday 28th 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.	

We are Brilliant Winners

KS1: Rudaw, (1A), Ellie (1B), Bowie Kaja(2A)

KS2: Kaylub (3B), Roland (5B), Preeya (6A), Tymoteusz (6B)

Sports Awards

KS1: James (1B), Micky (Rec A)

KS2: Ryley (6A), Frankie (4A)

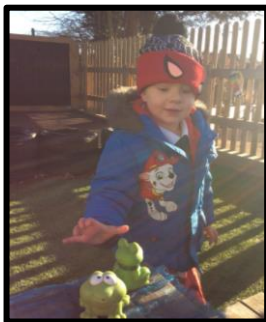
The Hub

During our Science lesson this week, The Hub children have been identifying, naming and labelling parts of their body. They took it in turns to draw around one of their classmates before labelling this image.



Nursery

This week the nursery children have been learning the number rhyme '5 little speckled frogs'. The children have been very busy making logs for the frogs at the playdough station, making the frogs jump into the pool at the finger gym and signing the song with props in the outdoor area.



Reception

We have taken part in Children's Mental Health week and the theme this year is 'Let's Connect'. We talked about how we are connected as we all go to Wistaston Academy and are in the same Class! The children coloured in and decorated their own person, drawing a picture of themselves on it, writing their name and using their favourite colours. We then connected the templates together, hand by hand and talked about our similarities and differences for example; having the same hair or eye colour, liking the same TV character or food.



Year 1

This week in Year 1, the children have used Purple Mash and the 2Go app in computing. They had to use directional language such as forwards, turn right and turn left to direct their partner to the correct flower. They then used Beebots and playground mats. They learnt how to debug an algorithm when it went to the wrong piece of equipment.



Year 2

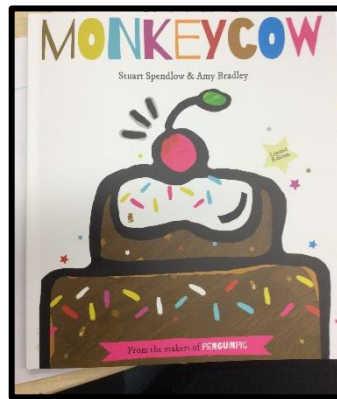
Over the past few days we have been preparing for our special Chinese New Year Parade, which is normally held on the 15th day of the New Year. First we created Chinese dragons. Then we composed some music inspired by traditional Chinese music. Finally we had lots of fun going on a parade around the school.



Year 3

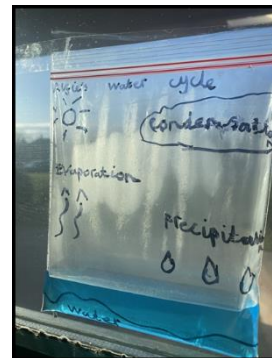
This week was Children's mental health week with the theme of 'Let's connect'. We took part in the whole school assembly all about connecting with each other. Then during our PSHE this week, we talked about how we could connect, then played class bingo trying to connect to our class members and finally created a paper chain in our classroom looking at how we are connected. We also took part in a survey all about our mental health with Mrs Dean.

We also celebrated Safer Internet day on 7th February using story books to help with our learning.



Year 4

Continuing our exploration of States of Matter in Science, this week we have been busy creating our very own Water Cycle in a bag! We learnt about the concepts of 'evaporation' and 'condensation' but we wanted to observe this before our very eyes. Luckily we had some gorgeous afternoon sunshine to help kick start our watercycle off, and we made observations after an hour which showed us both of these processes – come and check out the Year 4 windows to see for yourself!



Year 5

This week we shared what we have learnt in RE this half term with our friends and family. We began by telling the story of Prahlad and Holika and how this is significant to people who follow the Hindu Dharma religion. We then celebrated elements of the festival which included adding our worries to a firepit, scattering seeds to represent hope and throwing powdered paint at each other to spread colour and love. Everyone had a fantastic time!



Year 6

During our Mental Health session, we learnt what it means to be connected. We did a task to find out what our friends liked e.g. pizza or reading. Those who liked pizza, had a connection.

We also discussed why it is important to look after ourselves: to do what makes us happy. The five things we should do are:

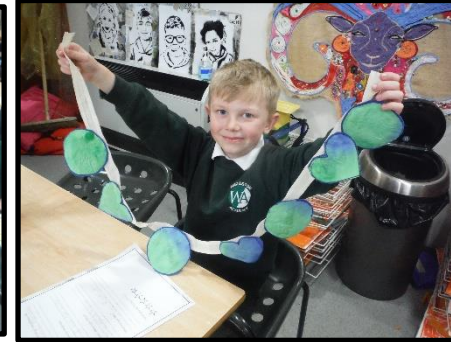
- Be active
- Take notice
- Give
- Learn new skills
- Be connected



Art News

Focus on Year 2

Year 2 have been working very hard to create bunting as part of an art and design-technology project. We thought about how to make our bunting secure and what shapes we preferred for our design. We experimented with tie-dyeing and collograph printing to colour our textiles, then had a go at sewing and sticking our bunting together. We are very pleased with our work and can't wait to show it off to our parents at our next art exhibition coming up soon!



Attendance

Attendance Wk 30.01.23 – 03.02.23

Target 96%

Reception A – 90.3%
 Reception B – 94%
 1A – 94.3%
1B – 95.2%
 2A – 93.5%
 2B – 93.1%



KS1 Attendance for last week - 93.4% ☹️
 Whole school attendance for the academic year – 94.4% ☹️

Attendance Wk - 30.01.23 – 03.02.23

Target 96%

3A = 96.1%
3B = 97.4% 😊
 4A = 95.4%
 4B = 96.4%
5A = 97.4% 😊
 5B = 94.4%
 6A = 95.5%
 6B = 94.8%



KS2 for the week = 95.9% ☹️
 Whole school attendance for the academic year – 94.4% ☹️

British Values



UN Rights of a Child

There are many languages spoken across the world that people can use to communicate with one another. We all have the right to use our own language, even if this is not shared by most people in the country we live in.





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British Values



Protected Characteristics

 Sex

 Social Order

 Age

 Disability

 Gender Reassignment

 Marriage and Civil Partnership

 Pregnancy and Maternity

 Race

 Religion or Belief

Mutual Respect and Tolerance

We are all different, so communicate in different ways. Developing our communication skills can help us become more understanding of the world we live in and may even help someone else feel welcome and cared for.

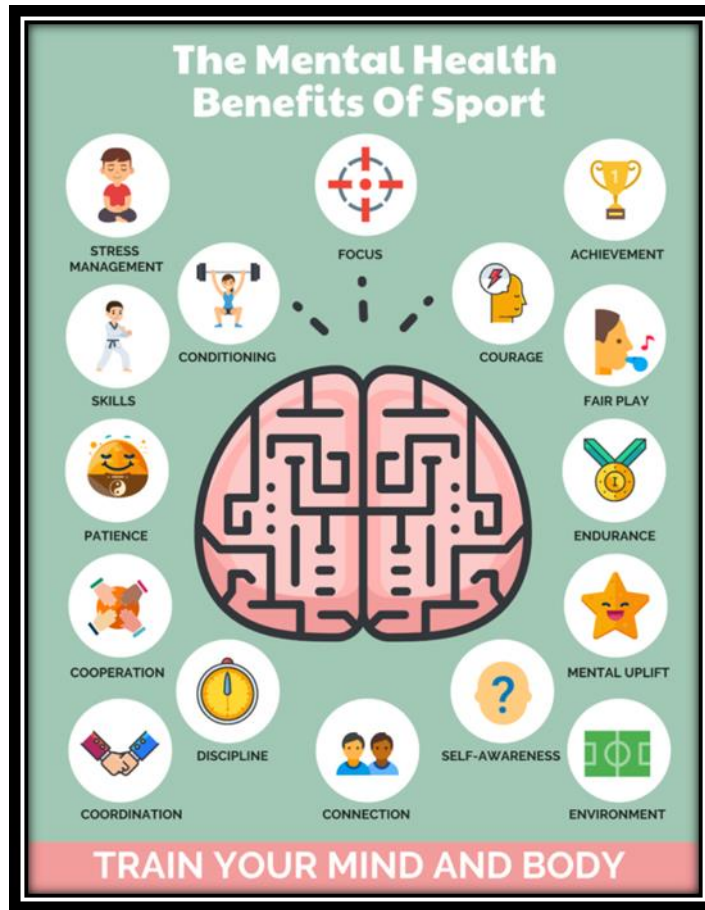
Some people may have a disability, such as deafness, which means they communicate with others in a different way. This should never cause someone to be treated unfairly.

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Sport News

Sport Focus – Mental Health Week -

All year groups this week have been learning the benefits of PE which can help your Mental Health with Mr Barton.



PE Kit Reminder :

Please can you make sure that your child has got the right clothing for P.E.

They should have :-

- ✓ **Green Wistaston Academy Logo T-shirt**
- ✓ **Black Shorts**
- ✓ **Black/White Socks**
- ✓ **Trainers/Pumps**
- ✓ **Trackuit bottoms (Dark Blue or Black)**
- ✓ **Tracksuit Top (Dark Blue or Black)**



Sport Competition News

Year 3 & 4 Gymnastics Competition – 5th Feb at Camm Street Gym

On the 3rd February, 7 children were selected to represent Wistaston Academy in a Year 3 & 4 Gymnastics competition at Camm Street Gym. The children were placed in two groups. Four children were placed in a team, where they performed a sequence with their final scores adding all together to make up the the overall result. The 3 children other children took part in the individual competition against other children from a number of schools. They did the same routine as the team but their scores weren't added together. The child with the highest score from the individual competition is the winners. All of the children performed in a controlled manner and they behaved in a positive way. You all should be extremely proud of yourselves.



Year 5 & 6 Netball Competition at Shavington Academy

On Wednesday 8th February, 7 children from Year 6 were selected by Miss Brown and Mr Barton to take part in a High 5 Netball competition. The children played against 5 other schools, they managed to draw 1 game and win 2 games. The netball on show from our children was amazing. All the time the children been practicing has payed off because they work so effectively as a team on and off the court. The children finished in 3rd place overall. Mr Barton and Miss Brown were so proud of the way played and conducted themselves through out the competition.



Sport Clubs News

This half term, clubs will run until 17th February.

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, there are still some spaces left in some clubs. If Arbor won't let you make a booking it is likely the club is full.

Please make sure your child has got the right sports kit for the club they are attending such as tracksuit bottoms and a waterproof jacket as the weather is getting colder.

Before School Dodgeball Club

Miss Brown's before-school dodgeball club will run until 17th February from 8:20-8:40 on the all-weather pitch but if the weather is bad it will be taking place in the Irlam Hall. There is no need to book onto this club. The year 3 – 6 children can join in the club when they arrive at school every morning.

Monday

Year 1 & 2 Gymnastics Club with Jasmine and Alisha Evanson from Cheshire Gymnastics

11:45am till 12:25pm

Year 1 & 2 Football Club with Miss Brown

3:05pm till 4:05pm

Year 3 – 6 Basketball Club with Mr Barton

3:15pm till 4:15pm

Tuesday

Year 3- 6 Gymnastics Club with Jasmine and Alisha Evanson from Cheshire Gymnastics

12pm till 12:35pm

Year 3 & 4 Football Club with Miss Brown

3:15pm till 4:15pm

Year 3-6 Netball Club with Mr Barton

3:15 till 4:15pm

Thursday

Year 3 – 6 Dodgeball club with Miss Brown and Mr Barton

3:15pm till 4:15pm

Friday

Year 1 & 2 Multi sports with Miss Brown

3:05pm till 4:05pm

Year 5 & 6 Football Club with Mr Barton

3:15pm till 4:15pm

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

E-safety

Tips for Encouraging Open Discussions about DIGITAL LIVES

The online world is an entirely familiar and commonplace part of life for today's children and young people. Far more so than for previous generations. There are many positives to children being able to access online materials, so it's important not to demonise the internet, games and apps, and limit the benefits of their positive aspects. At the same time, we do have a responsibility to educate children about the hazards they may encounter online (just as we would about real-world dangers) so it's essential that we start a conversation about the complex "good and bad" aspects of what they do and what they see when they're online.

Here are some suggestions for kicking off conversations with your child about their digital life.

MAKE YOUR INTEREST CLEAR

Showing enthusiasm when you discuss the internet helps to your child that you're keen to learn about the possibilities and opportunities that are out there. Don't be afraid to ask them about what they see on the internet or how they use it. Ask them about their favourite games and apps. You could ask them to show you how to use a particular app or game. This shows your child that you're interested in what they're doing and that you're happy to learn from them. It also shows them that you're not just talking about the dangers of the internet, but also about the opportunities it offers.

DISCUSS THAT NOT EVERYTHING WE SEE ONLINE IS REAL

Many people could give information from their own life for an article, the wrong information, or even worse, they could be posting photos which show the wrong side of themselves. They could be posting photos of you or your child that they've taken or they could be posting photos of you or your child that they've taken or they could be posting photos of you or your child that they've taken. It's important to discuss with your child that not everything they see online is real and that they should be careful about what they see and what they do online.

BE OPEN AND HONEST, APPROPRIATE TO THEIR AGE

All children and young people have different levels of understanding and awareness of the risks of the internet. It's important to be open and honest about the risks of the internet, but to do so in a way that is appropriate to their age and understanding. Don't be afraid to say "I don't know" or "I'm not sure" if you're not sure about something. It's also important to be honest about the risks of the internet, but to do so in a way that is appropriate to their age and understanding.

TRY TO REMAIN CALM

It might be possible for you to stay calm when your child tells you about an online experience. Don't panic or get angry. Stay calm and listen to what your child has to say. This will help you to understand what has happened and to provide support and advice. It's important to remain calm and to listen to what your child has to say.

REMINDED YOUR CHILD THEY CAN ALWAYS TALK TO YOU

It's important to remind your child that they can always talk to you about anything they see or do online. Let them know that you're always there for them and that you're happy to help them. It's also important to let them know that you're not just talking about the dangers of the internet, but also about the opportunities it offers.

KEEP TALKING!

The most valuable advice we can give is to keep talking to your child about their online life. It's not a one-time conversation, it's an ongoing one. It's important to keep talking to your child about their online life and to provide support and advice.

CREATE A FAMILY AGREEMENT

Involve your whole household in creating a family agreement. This is a set of rules that everyone in the household agrees to follow. It should cover things like how long you can spend online, what you can and can't do online, and what you should do if you see something that's not right. It's important to create a family agreement that everyone in the household agrees to follow.

Meet Our Expert

National Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday

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Community Health Support- Weaning Advice

If you would like advice and support with weaning there are two children's centres delivering drop in sessions for all parents and carers to access.

Tuesday 14th February at The Brooks Children's Centre – only 3 spaces left!

Wednesday 15th March at Monks Copenhall Children's Centre

Bookings are essential for the weaning sessions and can be made via EventBrite, links are advertised on each centre's Facebook page about 3 weeks before. Alternatively, you may telephone the children's centre directly to make a booking.



Children's Centre Entrance


Parenting Journey

The Brooks Children's Centre


Timetable

Our Children's Centre offers a variety of play activities, to support your child's learning and development, advice and guidance on your child's health along with support for you and your family on your Parenting Journey.

Address: Balmoral Avenue, Crewe CW2 6PL
thebrooksc@cheshireeast.gov.uk 01270 371200

 Crewe Children's Centre

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www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/childrenscentres



Parenting Journey

Monks Copenhall and Nantwich Children's Centres

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Timetable

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Nantwich & Rural Children's Centre, Dog Lane, Nantwich CW5 5GX
mccadmin@cheshireeast.gov.uk 01270 371240

 Monks Copenhall Children's Centre
Nantwich Children's Centre

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Receive useful tips
on what you can do
to help your child at
home, tailored to their
unique needs

Talking Walk-in

Friday 6th January	Hurdsfield Children's Centre	9:30-11am
Wednesday 11th January	Oakenclough Toddlers Together	10-11am
Friday 13th January	Monks Coppenhall Children's Centre	10-11:30am
Friday 27th January	Sandbach Toddlers Together	10-11am***
Tuesday 31st January	Ash Grove Toddlers Together	1:30-2:30pm
Friday 10th February	Oak Tree Stay & Play	10-11:15am
Thursday 16th February	Congleton Children's Centre	9:30-11am

*** Booking onto the Sandbach session is essential. Tickets will be released on Sandbach Children's Centre Facebook page a week in advance. ***

Find out more about how to support your child's speech and language development

www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/cheshireeastchatters




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