

Newsletter 21 – Spring Term



Wistaston Academy
Primary and Nursery School
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This Week's Events

Date	School Events	International Events
Monday 27 th February	Before school dodgeball club 3- 6 Yr 1&2 Dodgeball Yr 3-6 Basketball Yr 1&2 Lunchtime Gym	
Tuesday 28 th February	Before school dodgeball club 3- 6 Yr 3&4 Football Yr 3-6 Tag Rugby Swimming Y4 Yr 3-6 Lunchtime Gym Yr 3-6 Sewing Yr 3&4 Performing Arts	
Wednesday 1 st March	Before school dodgeball club 3- 6	
Thursday 2 nd March	Before school dodgeball club 3- 6 Yr 3-6 Dodgeball Yr 3-6 Singing Yr 1&2 Lunchtime Singing	
Friday 3 rd March	Before school dodgeball club 3- 6 Yr 5&6 Football Yr 1&2 Cricket	
Advanced Notice:	<p>Thursday 2nd March is non-school uniform for World Book Day. Children can come to school dressed as their favourite character from a book.</p> <p>Year 4 Swimming - Tuesday 28th February to Tuesday 28th March</p> <p>Year 1 & 2 football competition at Crewe Alexandra Training Ground – 10th March</p> <p>Games for All – Tuesday 14th March at South Cheshire College</p> <p>Friday 24th March – SingFest for Year 4, Congleton Town Hall</p>	
Polite Notice:	<p>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.</p>	

We are Brilliant Winners

Reception: Ellis Hill (RecA), Ali Norman (RecB)
 KS1: Evelina (1A), Franciszek (1B), Mason L (2A), Isabelle (2B)
 KS2: Stelios (5B), Ryley E (6A), Logan (6B), Bobby (3B)

Sports Awards

KS1 : Ryan (2A), Charlie (1B)
 KS2 : Minette (6A), Olivier (5B)

Personal property

A polite reminder that children should not bring any items into school. They could get lost or stolen and can often cause disagreements. If an item is seen by a staff member, it will be confiscated until the end of the day. For older children, mobile phones that are brought in are kept in the teacher's drawer till the end of the day. Children only need to bring in their reading books, any homework done, lunch and PE kits. Pencil cases/stationery etc are provided for by the school.

Behaviour Policy

We would like to remind all pupils and parents/carers of the school behaviour policy:

There is no place for violence, aggressive defiance, bullying, harassment (racial or sexual), vandalism, rudeness to adults or bad language in the school community and these must always be discouraged. Persons observing or experiencing bullying, harassment or vandalism are encouraged to enlist the help of other adults in the school to resolve problems of this type. Notes about serious negative behaviour are recorded onto the CPOMS pupil data system. Sanctions exist to protect individuals from these negative forms of behaviour. Solutions to problems of bullying, harassment and vandalism should offer opportunities to support and guide the learner to take a more positive role within the school. We take racist and homophobic incidents very seriously and the learner will be warned that a one session exclusion will be administered if there is a repeat offence.

The Hub

The Hub children created Valentine's Day cards for their loved ones this week. They began by shaking cardboard hearts in tubs of paint, before leaving them to dry and using them to decorate their heart templates. I'm sure you'll agree that they did a great job!



Nursery

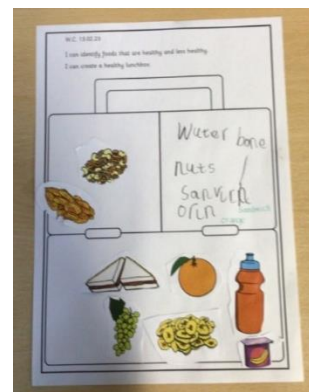
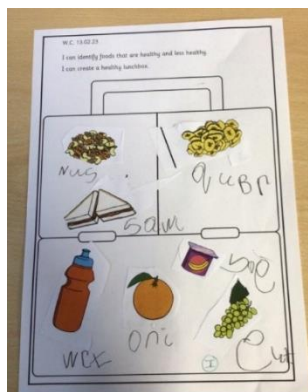
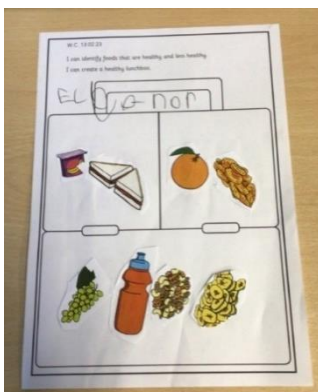
After learning the rhyme 3/5 little firefighters, Nursery have been busy creating their own fire engines using different 2D shapes in the workshop. We have glued windows, ladders and wheels to our fire engines.



Reception

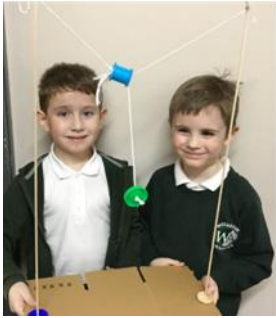
PSHE focus

In PSHE, the children have been learning about healthy eating and living. We discussed together ways to stay healthy such as exercising regularly, eating healthy foods, staying positive and having a good sleep. The children enjoyed moving their bodies to Jump Start Johnny and creating a healthy lunch box by cutting out and sticking on healthy items such as; fruit, yoghurt, vegetables and sandwiches.



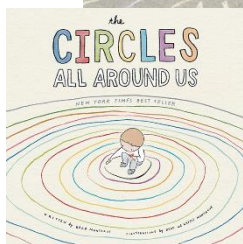
Year 1

For our DT project this term, we researched play equipment and structures by visiting our Nursery and KS2 play areas. After our research, we created the design criteria which we referred to as we designed and made our equipment. We explored the different materials and resources to make our playground equipment and selected the best materials based on our designs.



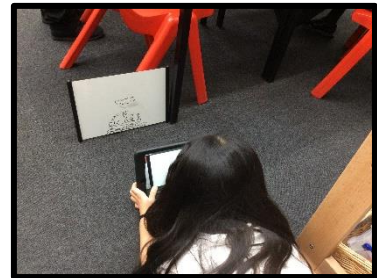
Year 2

For world Mental Health week, we read the story 'The Circles All Around Us'. We made our own circles and spoke about who is in the circles close to us and how we could let other people in. We also found out that because we are all unique, some people are different to us but we can still let them be part of our circles and treat them with respect.



Year 3

During our computing lessons, we have been using 'Imotion' to create stop frame animations looking at onion skinning and how this is used to create animations. We created an animation for a miracle we had learnt in our RE topic. First, we created a story board to help us build the story of the miracle in pictures and then we used our iPad to create frames for the animation. To see some of our creations, scan the QR code.



Year 4

This week, we have been reflecting back on Friday's Geography field trip to the River Weaver as part of our topic on Rivers. We met Barry and Keith who expertly helped us fully understand the workings of the river across it's middle course through Nantwich, as well as it's importance, features and uses in the past. A particular highlight was playing pooh sticks! Another stamp for our Year 4 passport! Thank you for your kind contributions to enabling this trip to happen – it really has been a highlight and enriched the children's learning experience.



Year 5

This week, we were extremely lucky to have 'Chemistry with Cabbage' spend the day with us. We spent a whole day completing science experiments and learning

Year 6

During Monday's RE lesson, we learned about the fifth pillar of Islam—Hajj.

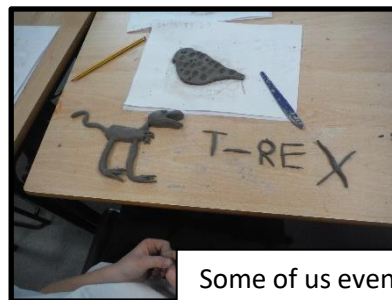
We discovered why Muslims take great pride in being able to take part in the sacred pilgrimage. We used drama to ensure that we fully understood all of the rituals that are part of the significant events.



Art News

Focus on Year 2

In Year 2 we have been making 3D clay birds from the Chinese Emperor's garden. We enjoyed shaping our birds, smoothing the edges and creating textured patterns using pasta, buttons and clay tools. We have now started to paint them in vibrant colours – we are looking forward to seeing them finished!



Some of us even had fun with our left overs!

Sport News

Sport Competition News

Year 5 & 6 Football Team fixtures

The Year 5 and 6 football team played two league matches on Monday and Wednesday this week. The match on Monday 13th February was at Shavington Academy against The Berkeley Academy. The children worked hard as a team and they never gave up. The final result was 5 – 2 to Berkeley Academy.

The football match on Wednesday 15th February was at Leighton Academy against them. They were a really strong football team. Unfortunately we lost 5 – 2 but the children played in a brilliant way and we managed to score 2 brilliant team goals. By playing these matches we have booked our place into a Cup competition at the end of March. Well done to all the children who attended both matches Mr Barton and Miss Brown are so proud.



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)**



Year 4 Swimming update

Year 4 classes will be going swimming for approximately 5 weeks as part of the compulsory National PE curriculum. The sessions will begin on Tuesday 28th February and will finish on Tuesday 28th March 2023. The classes will go swimming from 1:30 till 2:30pm.

Your child will need to bring in their swimming costume and a towel. If your child forgets their kit, we will contact you during the morning to try to arrange for their kit to be dropped off. Alternatively, we can provide spare swimming costumes, shorts and towels if kit cannot be brought in. Children are not allowed to wear any jewellery in the pool, so all must be removed before they enter. Please ensure that all earrings are removed before children come to school, if the children cannot remove the earrings themselves. In addition, long hair must be tied up in a swimming cap.

If you have any questions about Y4 Swimming, please speak to Mr Barton or your child's class teacher.



Sport Clubs News

This half term, clubs will run from 27th February until 31st March.

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.

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 Tag Rugby 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 Cricket Club 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.

Mental Health and Wellbeing



Hi everyone, I'm Mrs Dean our Mental Health Practitioner in school. We've been working hard this term on developing our Mental Health Ambassador student team which began meeting last week. One student from each KS2 class will support the development of our whole school approach to Mental Health and Wellbeing. We have some exciting projects planned, watch this space!



Across the school we have also supported Children's Mental Health Week. Each class took part in activities throughout the week all around the theme of 'Let's Connect'.



Year 2 took part in drawing circles of connection using chalk on our playground and KS2 children have created a tree display full of positive statements from our KS2 corridor.

You may have noticed or heard that we are currently working with Creative Action. They are delivering Assisted Pet Therapy sessions with some of our children. You may see Lottie the springer spaniel around on a Wednesday for the next few weeks.

We're also excited to announce that our Solar Dome is now fully functional. We'll be using this more over the coming months to support sessions around wellbeing. It's a really peaceful space that will enable us to bring the outside, inside.



WEEKLY CLASSES
TAUGHT BY HANNAH

KE DANCE & FITNESS
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STREET & CONTEMPORARY DANCE CLASSES

KE DANCE, STREET & CONTEMPORARY DANCE CLASSES
AGES 4 & ABOVE
WEDNESDAY 4-5PM

THE WORKSHOP, HASSALL, CW11 4SA
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
HANNAH 07752570417 OR KATHY AT WWW.KE-DANCE.COM

LadyHawks Netball Club!

Junior Netball: New Members Welcome!!

We currently have availability in our junior training sessions for all ages.

Tuesday Session 1: Years 1-6

Sessions held at Sir William Stanier School

To book a free taster session, please message us on our Facebook page @Ladyhawksnetball, or email ladyhawksnc@gmail.com or call Lucy Baldwin on 07824389206



Attendance

Wk 06.02.23 – 10.02.23

Target 96%

Reception A – 93.3%

Reception B – 95.3%

1A – 92%

1B – 92.6%

2A – 96.8% 😊

2B – 96.5%



KS1 Attendance for last week - 93.4% 😞

Whole school attendance for the academic year – 94.5% 😞

Attendance

Wk - 06.02.23 – 10.02.23

Target 96%

3A = 97.1%

3B = 95.6%

4A = 98.6%

4B = 99.2%

5A = 98.5%

5B = 92.4%

6A = 95.5%

6B = 99.4% 😊



KS2 for the week = 97% 😊

Whole school attendance for the academic year – 94.5% 😞

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In the Community

Weekly

After School Clubs (Tuesday, Wednesday)
Chill and Chat (Tuesday)
Youth Groups (Wednesday)
Family Drop-Ins (Tuesday, Wednesday)
Health and Wellbeing Pop-Up (Thursdays)

Seasonal

Christmas Craft Market
Summer Outdoor Activities
Halloween Party
Christmas Party
Christmas Bingo
Easter Egg Hunt

School Holidays

Easter Holiday Activities
Summer Holiday Villages
Christmas Holiday Activities

Extras

Bingo (Last Tuesday of the Month)
Saturday Family Group
Trips

For more information
visit www.ymcacrewe.org.uk or
contact Tracey Bentley on 07590 883049

