

# Newsletter 30 – Summer Term



Wistaston Academy  
Primary and Nursery School  
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## This Week's Events

Date	School Events	International Events
Monday	Before school dodgeball club 3- 6 Yr 1&2 Dodgeball Y1-2 Football Yr 1&2 Lunchtime Gym	
Tuesday	Before school dodgeball club 3- 6 Yr 3-6 Lunchtime Gym Swimming Y4 Yr 3&4 Football Yr 3-6 Sewing Yr 3&4 Performing Arts	
Wednesday	Before school dodgeball club 3- 6	
Thursday	Before school dodgeball club 3- 6 Yr 3-6 Dodgeball Yr 3-6 Singing Yr 1&2 Lunchtime Singing	
Friday	Before school dodgeball club 3- 6 Yr 5&6 Football	
<b>Advanced Notice:</b>	<p><u>WC 12.6.23</u> – Phonics Screening Check. Please ensure your child is in school every day during this period.</p> <p><u>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May</u> – Crewe Out Loud at Cheshire College South and West. Our Dance Club and Soul Children will be performing and we will be exhibiting artwork on the top floor.</p> <p><u>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May</u> Sports day for Reception up to Year 6 pupils- Weather permitting. If any issues with weather it will be rescheduled to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June. Timings TBC.</p>	
<b>Polite Notice:</b>	<p><b>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.</b></p>	

### We are Brilliant Winners

EYFS: Pasha (RA) Finnley (RB)

KS1: Nathanael (1A), Harrison (1B), Robyn (2A) Takshay (2B)

KS2: Angel(4B), Shambavi (3A), Bobby (3B)

### The Hub

In The Hub we explore lots of concepts through the songs that we sing every morning. This week we have explored what happens when we mix together primary coloured paints and used this to create a song about colours.



### Nursery

In Nursery we have loved sharing family pictures with our friends. We discussed who is in our family and what they look like. Then we began to draw our own family portraits, we thought very carefully about their features.



### Reception

This week the children have been learning the first, then and now structure to tell simple maths stories in real life contexts. For example; **First** there were 2 people on the bus. **Then** 2 more people got on. **Now** there are four people on the bus. We have been practicing and learning how a quantity of a group can be changed by adding more. We have been using ten-frames, number tracks and our fingers to represent the number stories.



### Year 1

This week, we have started to plant our courgettes, broad beans and peas outside. We can't wait to watch them grow in our garden!



### Year 2

This week we have enjoyed acting out and retelling the story of Jack and The Baked Beanstalk. We did some drama to show some of the scenes in the text.



### Year 3

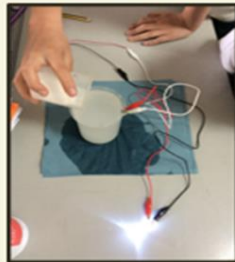
This week in French, we applied our knowledge of the names of fruit and vegetables. We listened to a story all about a hungry giant! The giant ate so many different items in the story. We then played a game all about the hungry giant. This time, we were the giant! We landed on the different fruit and vegetables and said, "**J'ai faim!**" followed by "**Je veux...**" and the fruit or vegetable that we landed on.





## Year 4

In Year 4 we have been experimenting with Salt Water, Tap Water and Distilled Water in our circuit to check if any type of water could conduct electricity. We had to ensure we were extra safe handling water and electricity, as well as ensuring our circuit was fully complete.



## Year 5

This week, we practised our French speaking skills. We introduced ourselves in French by putting together vocabulary that we already knew, in order to form an introduction. We used our computing skills to record ourselves using the iPad, although some of us hid our faces as we were camera shy!! We included some phrases such as:

Je m'appelle...

J'ai \_\_\_ ans

J'habite à \_\_\_\_

Mon anniversaire est le



## Year 6

Wow! Year 6, we are so incredibly proud of how you approached your SATs this week. You were focused, determined and resilient. We couldn't have asked for anything more. Thank you for your hard work and well done.





## Art News

### Focus on Reception!

Reception having been taking inspiration from Pop-Artist Jasper Johns and his piece "Zero through 9", where he incorporated the numbers from 0-9 within a colourful, abstract painting.

We drew our overlapping numbers with oil pastels, then painted them in carefully with acrylic paint.



We had great fun!



## The Knife Angel

Many of us will have heard of the incredible sculpture “The Knife Angel”, created by artist Alfie Bradley. It is a 27-foot-high sculpture created from 100,00 seized knives and blades from the streets of Britain. This poignant statue symbolises a call for change as well as a memorial for victims of knife crime and their loved ones. We are privileged to have the angel come to Crewe, from 3<sup>rd</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> May. Make sure you don’t miss a chance to see it and to get involved in many activities that will be held in conjunction with this artwork. Leaflets have been sent home, but the details are also pictured below for your information.

Please join in the poetry competition and submit your entries to the address on the leaflet before 22<sup>nd</sup> May. By doing so, you give yourself a chance to win a prize, as well as powerfully highlighting the problem of knife crime!

**CREWE KNIFE ANGEL**

**Knife Angel Poetry Competition**

Send us your poems related to the impact of knife and violent crime

Three categories: **Primary ~ Secondary ~ Adult**

Prizes to be won!

Find out more: 

Email entries to: [comms@crewetowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:comms@crewetowncouncil.gov.uk)

Or drop off at: Crewe Town Council  
1 Chantry Court, Forge Street  
Crewe, CW1 2DL

Deadline: Mon 22 May @ 5pm

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**CREWE WELCOMES THE KNIFE ANGEL**

3<sup>rd</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> May 2023  
Memorial Square, Crewe, CW1 2BJ

The designated charity for the Knife Angel visit is Cheshire Crimebeat who support young people of Cheshire to get involved with crime prevention, community safety and citizenship projects in their local communities.

**CRIMEBEAT**

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**CrimeStoppers.**  
0800 555 111  
100% anonymous. Always.

Whatever you're facing We're here to listen

Call free day or night on **116 123**  
Email: [jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org)

**SAMARITANS**

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Activities during the Crewe Knife Angel visit

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Opening ceremony  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 4.30pm

Closing ceremony  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May at 6:30pm

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Theatre activities, gang culture workshops and engagement in local schools

First aid demonstrations and training (including use of defibrillators and bleed kits)

Safer streets bus

Youth skills events

Poetry competition with Creative Crewe

**Visit the Knife Angel!**

Everyone is welcome to visit the Knife Angel on Memorial Square, Crewe – free of charge

Find out more on the Crewe Knife Angel webpage:  
[www.crewetowncouncil.gov.uk/whats-on-events/knife-angel](http://www.crewetowncouncil.gov.uk/whats-on-events/knife-angel)

For general enquiries email:  
[support@crewetowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:support@crewetowncouncil.gov.uk)



## THE UK'S FIRST NATIONAL ANTI VIOLENCE YOUTH EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMME AND TOUR

### What is the Knife Angel?

The Knife Angel, also known as the National Monument Against Violence and Aggression, is a 27 foot tall sculpture created entirely from 100,000 seized knives and blades taken from the streets of Britain. The blades were collected by forty-three Police Constabularies following knife amnesties and surrenders across the UK and have been sterilised and blunted.

It symbolises a call for change whilst acting as a National Memorial for victims of knife crime and their loved ones.

### Where did the Knife Angel come from?

The Knife Angel and its concept was created by the British Ironwork Centre and designed by Alfie Bradley, and is currently engaged in a National Anti-Violence Tour across the UK. Crewe is the 35th venue to host the sculpture in five years.

### Why has the Knife Angel come to Crewe?

It is hoped that the presence of the statue and accompanying programme of engagement will inspire social change not only in Crewe but also the wider area.

Funding for the project has been given by Crewe Town Council and the Safer Cheshire East Partnership supported through funding from the Police Crime Commissioner's Office.

### What are the objectives of the visit?

The Knife Angel is intended to educate children, young people and adults about the harmful effects of violent behaviour on communities all across our nation. It has also helped to encourage those carrying knives to renounce violence as a solution for solving disputes and inspire leading bodies to create better initiatives to turn the tide on aggressive behaviour.

### Become a National Youth Anti-Violence Champion

An 'Anti-Violence Champion' is someone who completely renounces violent and aggressive behaviour as a means to solve issues, disputes and difficulties.

You can find out more by visiting:  
[www.britishtonworkcentre.co.uk/become-a-national-youth-anti-violence-champion](http://www.britishtonworkcentre.co.uk/become-a-national-youth-anti-violence-champion)



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IRONWORK CENTRE



Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May is Crewe Out Loud, part of Cheshire College South and West's Community Fun day!

Our school are performing as Soul Children at 12:35pm at the "Stage of music and song", and our dancers are performing on the "Indoor theatre stage" at 1:30pm. Our artwork, along with other primary and high-schools' will be exhibited on the top floor too! The day goes on from 11am - 2pm. Please come along and support our kids, celebrate other amazing groups and join in many free activities. It promises to be great

fun. Please contact Mrs Walsh with any queries ☺



## Year 2 Football Competition



### School uniform

Over recent weeks, we have noticed a rise in the number of children wearing incorrect uniform. Wearing a uniform improves school tone and atmosphere and helps develop a sense of pride and identification with the school. Our school uniform policy states that the following should be worn:

- White polo shirt
  - Grey or black tailored trousers, shorts or knee length skirts\*
  - Grey or black pinafore dress or green gingham summer dress
    - Dark green sweatshirt, cardigan or fleece
- Black school shoes and/or sandals in the warmer weather. For safety reasons no flipflops or heeled shoes are to be worn at school.

\*Please note that tube skirts, cycling shorts and leggings are not permitted.



# MAY HOLIDAY CLUB

**Come and join our Wizz Kidz May holiday club**

**30th May - 1st June 2023**

**7:30am - 6:00pm**

**£22 per day**

**Includes a light snack**

**Reminders:**

Please provide your child with their own packed lunch

Pay and book on Arbor from Friday 12th May



**Outdoor Activities**

**Clay Modelling**

**Basket Weaving**

**Friendship Bracelets**

**Board Games**



**Before & After School Club**



At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

# 12 Top Tips for BUILDING CYBER RESILIENCE AT HOME

As a society, we're increasingly using technology and tech services in the home. Digital assistants which can adjust the heating or turn lights on and off; streaming services for shows and movies on demand; games consoles; smart speakers; phones; laptops ... the list goes on. As we introduce each new gizmo to our homes, however, we increase the level of threat from cyber criminals. It's essential, therefore, that we learn to become more cyber resilient in relation to the devices and digital services that the people in our household use.

## WHAT IS 'CYBER RESILIENCE'?

Cyber resilience focuses on three key areas: reducing the likelihood of a cyber attack gaining access to our accounts, devices or data; reducing the potential impact of a cyber incident; and making the recovery from a cyber attack easier, should we ever fall victim to one.

### 1. PASSWORDS: LONGER AND LESS PREDICTABLE

The longer, less common and predictable a password is, the more difficult it becomes for cyber criminals to crack. The National Cyber Security Centre's 'three random words' guidelines are ideal for creating a long password which is easy to remember but hard to guess.

### 2. AVOID RE-USING PASSWORDS

When you use the same password across different logins, your cyber resilience is only as strong as the security of the weakest site or service you've signed up for. If cyber criminals gain access your username and password for one site or service, they'll definitely try them on others.

### 3. USE A PASSWORD MANAGER

A good way to juggle different passwords for every site or service you use is to have a password manager. This software stores all your passwords for you, so you simply need to remember the master password. LastPass, Dashlane, iPassword and Keeper are all excellent password managers.

### 4. BACK UP YOUR DATA

Keep a copy of your data using OneDrive, Google Drive or another reputable cloud-based storage solution. If it's extremely important or sensitive information, you could even decide to keep more than one back-up version – by saving it to a removable USB drive or similar device, for example.

### 5. ENABLE MULTI-FACTOR AUTHENTICATION (MFA)

Multi-factor authentication is where you need access to your phone (to receive a code, for example) or another source to confirm your identity. This makes it far more difficult for cyber criminals to gain entry to your accounts and your data, even if they do manage to get your username and password.

### 6. CHOOSE RECOVERY QUESTIONS WISELY

Some services let you set 'recovery questions' – such as your birthplace or a pet's name – in case you forget your password. Take care not to use information you might have mentioned (or are likely to in future) on social media. More unpredictable answers make cyber criminals' task far harder.

### 7. SET UP SECONDARY ACCOUNTS

Some services provide the facility to add secondary accounts, phone numbers and so on to help with potentially recovering your account. Make sure you set these up: they will be vital if you're having trouble logging in or if you're trying to take back control of your account after a cyber attack.

### 12. STAY SCEPTICAL

Cyber criminals commonly use various methods, including emails, text messages and social media posts. Be cautious of any messages or posts that are out of the ordinary, offer something too good to be true or emphasise urgency – even if they appear to come from someone you know.

### 11. KEEP HOME DEVICES UPDATED

Download official software updates for your household's mobile phones, laptops, consoles and other internet-enabled devices regularly. Security improvements and fixes are a key feature of these updates – so by ensuring each device is running the latest version, you're making them more secure.

### 10. CHANGE DEFAULT IOT PASSWORDS

Devices from the 'Internet of Things' (IoT), such as 'smart' home appliances, are often supplied with default passwords. This makes them quicker to set up, but also less secure – criminals can identify these standard passwords more easily, so change them on your IoT devices as soon as possible.

### 9. CHECK FOR BREACHES

You can check if your personal information has been involved in any known data breaches by entering your email address at [www.haveibeenpwned.com](http://www.haveibeenpwned.com) (yes, that spelling is correct). It's useful if you're worried about a possible attack – or simply as motivation to review your account security.

### 8. KEEP HAVING FUN WITH TECH

Consider our tips in relation to the gadgets and online services your household uses. Protect yourself and your family, and don't let the bad guys win: devices are not only integral to modern life but also a lot of fun – so as long as you keep safety and security in mind, don't stop enjoying your tech.

## Meet Our Expert

Gary Henderson is the Director of IT at a large boarding school in the UK, having previously taught in schools and colleges in Britain and the Middle East. With a particular interest in digital citizenship and cyber security, he believes it is essential that adults and children alike become more aware of the risks associated with technology, as well as the many benefits.



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