

Newsletter 31 – Summer Term 2



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	
Tuesday	Before school dodgeball club 3- 6 Yr. 3&4 Football Yr. 3-6 Sewing Yr. 3&4 Performing Arts Y5&6 Rounders Club	
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 Y3&4 Rounders Club	
Friday	Y5&6 Football Club	
Advanced Notice:	<u>Tuesday 20th June</u> – Soul Children Perform at Royal Cheshire Show <u>Saturday 24th June</u> – Soul Children perform at UK Soul Children Festival <u>Monday 26th June</u> -Town Sports field events <u>Thursday 6th July</u> Nursery sports day	
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

EYFS: Layla (RB)

KS1: Alex M (1A), Aaradhya (1B), Angelo (2A)

KS2: Natalia (5A), Elina (3B), Hendrix (3A) Cadence (4B) Cassidy (4A), Nadia (6B)

The Hub

Looking after ourselves and staying healthy is The Hub's topic for this half-term. We have begun this by learning about the importance of cleaning our teeth. The children were able to look at a model of some teeth before exploring their own using mirrors. All of the children were given the opportunity to practise brushing their own teeth to see how shiny and white they could make them.



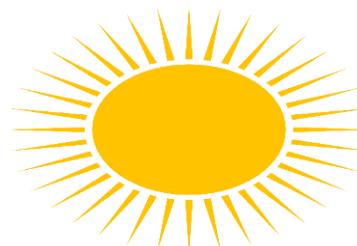
Nursery

This week in Nursery some very special visitors arrived... The chicks! The children have really enjoyed observing the eggs and talking about what they think will happen once they hatch. Throughout the week we have been learning all about the life cycle of a chick and how we can take care of the chicks once the eggs have hatched.



Reception

This week in Reception we have been learning about sun safety and keeping ourselves safe while outside in the sun. We've been making sure we are drinking a whole bottle of water – if not more! Throughout the week, the children have been chatting about what they already know about sun safety and then we explored why we need to keep safe – sun cream to stop us from burning, sun glasses to protect our eyes, sun hat for our heads and lots of water to keep us hydrated. We are now Sun Safety Superstars!



Year 1

This week in Year 1, we are continuing with our topic 'Amazing Animals' and have been looking closely at reptiles. We have learnt some interesting facts about snakes and the children have all enjoyed making their own coiled snake, detailing their favourite facts.



Year 2

This week, Year 2 created block diagrams to show the favourite fruit in Year 2.



Year 3

This week, year 3 continued their Science topic of Space. We looked at the science behind rockets and then completed an investigation to see how far the rocket travels with adaptations. We completed a post note investigation and decided we were changing how long the straw was to see how this impacted on how far the rocket went.



Year 4

In Science, we investigated what bubbles are and how we can make bubbles by experimenting with different solutions. We have made predictions to see how could we improve our bubble mixture and make 'best bubbles'. Finally, we created our own bubble wand to see if we could alter the shape of a bubble but we found out that all bubbles are spherical.



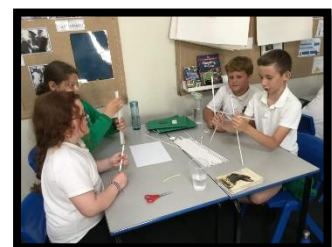
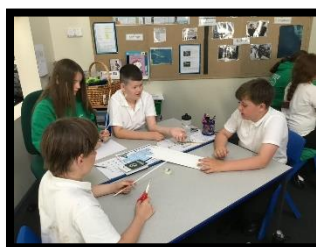
Year 5

This week, Year 5 have started their learning in literacy and Geography about the Amazon rainforest. We have identified where the rainforest is, explored the climate and characteristics, considered the benefits of the Amazon and discussed the devastating effects of deforestation and climate change. The children will be using all of this learning to write a persuasive speech later in the term about why the Amazon rainforest should be protected.

Year 6

On Tuesday, Year 6 continued their STEM project with a visit from the construction company, ISG. The children discussed the variety of roles that there are on a construction site: from planners to carpenters and electricians. We were told about the construction of the new fire station in Crewe and Abby (a construction planner) explained how she came in to her role within construction.

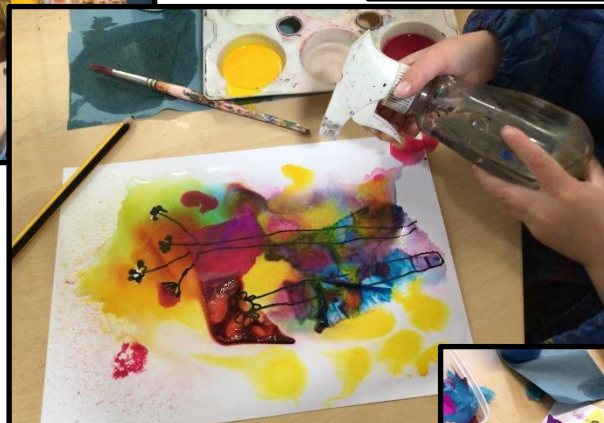
The children were then tasked with building a tower, as tall as they could which would stand for at least 10 seconds. They used art straws, tape and blue tack to create their construction of a tower. The tallest tower in 6A was 5 feet 10 inches!



Art News

Focus on Reception

This week we have been busy in Reception drawing wild summer flowers from observation. We added sharpie lines to make our images show up and then had fun adding colour through making tissue paper "bleed" by spraying it with water. Our pictures look amazing!



PE News

Town Sports 2023

This week the Crewe and Nantwich Town Sports track events took place. Unfortunately, the field events that were due to take place on Monday 12th June had to be cancelled because of the thunder storms. It will now take place on Monday 26th June.

Wednesday 14th June – Track Events at the Barony

Our amazing team of children took part in the track events including, sprint, hurdles, bean bag and relay. It was a great atmosphere throughout the competition and the children were incredible! Well done to all our superstar competitors and congratulations to the following top 3 finishers:



Ryley E-1ST Hurdles race
Y6 girls relay team-1st
Y6 boys relay team 2nd
Sophie W-2nd Sprint race
Kassidy-2nd Sprint race
Frankie 2nd-Hurdles
Kevin-2nd Bean bag race
Tamara 2nd Bean bag race
Ryan C-3rd Bean bag race
Ollie E-3rd Hurdles race
Alfie B-S 3rd Sprint race

Thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support and for cheering us on late into the night!

National School Sports Week 2023



National School Sports Week is back for 2023, and this year the Youth Sport Trust want to make sure, that all children in the UK are active for the Chief Medical Officers' recommended minimum time of 60 minutes a day. That's why this year, along with their campaign partner Sports Direct, the Youth Sport Trust asking you to 'play for fun, play for 60'!

They want families, schools and partner organisations up and down the country to take the #PledgetoPlay today. The pledge supports the government ask that children are active within school for 30 minutes a day, and then outside of school for at least another 30 minutes, supporting every child to reach the minimum amount of 60 active minutes.

Throughout Sports Week at Wistaston Academy, the children will be participating in different activities to support them to be active for 30 minutes (or more) a day, whilst in school! Children will be participating in active assemblies, active break and lunch times, year group sports competitions, girl's rugby and Tae-Kwon-Do. Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school next week.

Walk to school week

As part of sports week next week is also 'Walk to School Week', week commencing 19th June. We would love to see as many children as possible walking, cycling and travelling on their scooters to school. If you normally drive to school, what about parking a bit further away from school this week and walking part of the way? For every day your child is active travelling to school this week and next week they will receive an achievement mark on Arbor, which you will be able to see on your school gateway.



Remember to leave your bikes and scooters by the bike shed at the front of the school!

School will not accept any responsibility for bikes which are left unlocked.

Greenpower Goblin Series Race Car

This year has seen the launch of Wistaston Academy's first ever race car team. This was an exciting project bringing together all of the practical aspects of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths), in order to design, build and race a battery-powered car.

The design and build phase began in the Easter holidays when a team of children gave up some of their break to come into school and build the car. After testing sessions, tweaking the design and making some large repairs to the chassis after a collision, the team were finally ready to race this week at the Curbrough Sprint Track in Lichfield.

The race event was a huge success as, despite not winning any awards, the team kept challenging the opposition with impressive drag runs, faultless slaloms and a superb sprint finish.

Wistaston Racers, we are extremely proud of you!



