

Newsletter 2 – Autumn 1



Wistaston Academy
Primary and Nursery School
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This Week's Events

Date	School Events	International Events
Monday	KS2 Cross country event at the Vagrants 3:30pm-5pm	
Tuesday	School Photos.	
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
Advanced Notice:	Monday 18 th September – Reception Parents RWI Meeting 2.45 or 5.00 pm	
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

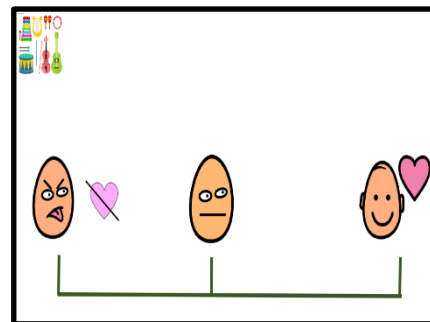
EYFS:

KS1: Layton (1A) Aren (1B) Uzra (2B)

KS2: Noah (3A) Ted (3B) Maya (5A)

The Hub

The children in The Hub love all kinds of music and this week they have been sharing their opinions on new pieces of music. We listened to reggae, classical and rock before deciding how much we liked or didn't like each sound and communicating our thoughts through visuals.



Nursery

This week we have been practising our good listening skills. The Nursery children have been introduced to Tizzy the Tiger. Tizzy the Tiger works very hard to do good listening, good sitting and good looking. We read the story 'Jake and Tizzy, Hello!'. Throughout the week the children enjoyed using their listening skills to share their favourite stories with their friends.



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. The children have explored our Outdoor Area, working out how to use the different equipment and problem solving. We've worked on our gross motor skills on the bikes and worked hard to throw the balls accurately into the Ball Cauldron.



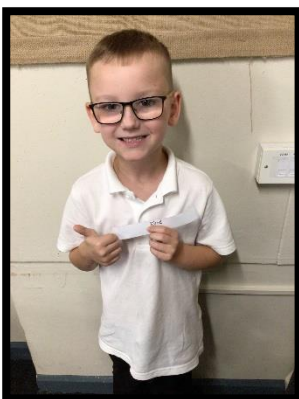
Year 1

Year 1 listened to a story about how Christians believe the world was created. Working with a partner, the children then created images of the seven days of creation to display in the classroom.



Year 2

Year 2 have been fantastic this week, learning all about what it means to be a good friend. We made a 'Friendship soup' looking at the best character traits for being the best friends we can be to each other – Keep up the hard work, Year 2!



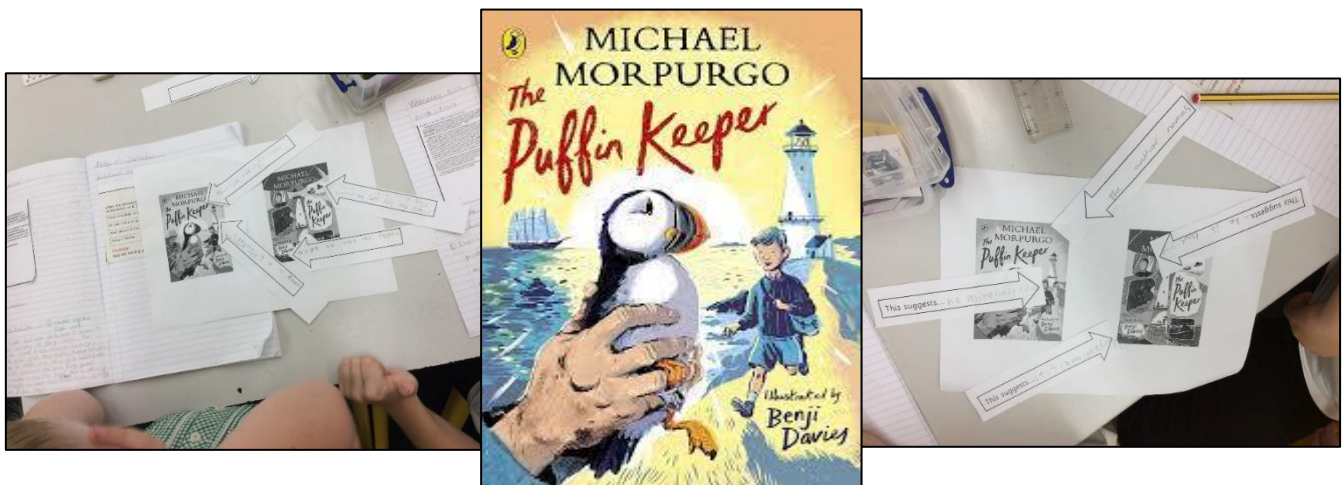
Year 3

In Year 3, we have been having lots of fun testing the permeability of different rocks.



Year 4

This week, Year 4 have been enjoying exploring our new text – The Puffin Keeper. We have been detectives, finding out clues about the characters and plot from the cover. Once we began to read, we have been trying to create our own writing in the dramatic style of Michael Morpurgo.



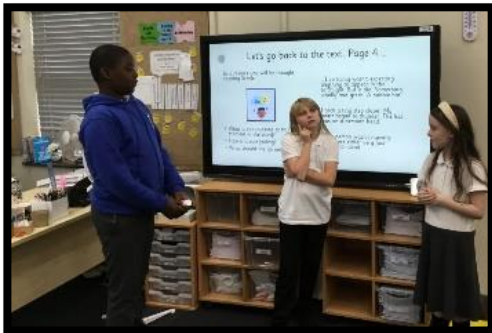
Year 5

This week, we have started our science learning on the solar system. Yesterday, the children explored ways of learning the planet names and their order from the sun, using mnemonics. There were some very creative ways to remember these. Later, the children created a human representation of the solar system.



Year 6

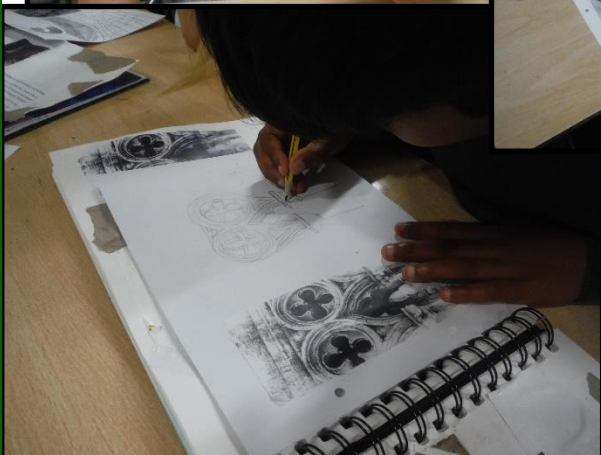
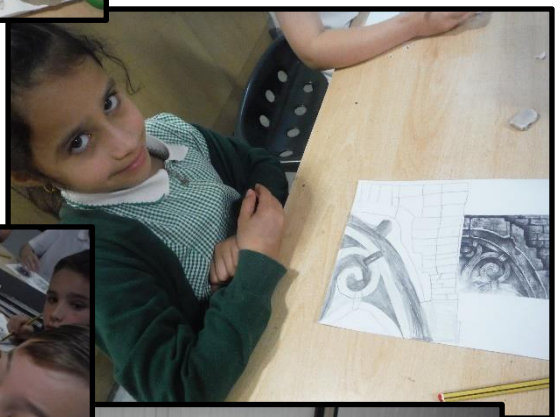
This week, Year 6 had their first taste of drama in lessons. We used a variety of techniques to bring learning alive. Even though many of the children began the sessions feeling self-conscious, towards the end of the week, they were all embracing the opportunity to learn through speaking and acting. Well done Year 6!

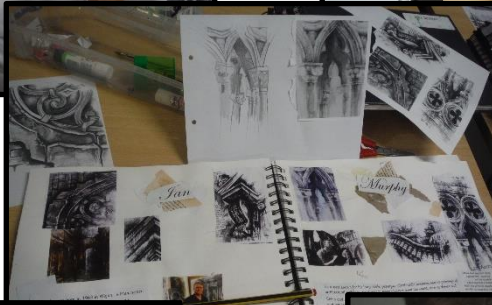


Art News

Focus on Year 4

In Year 4, we have been looking at the incredible artwork of fine-artist Ian Murphy. We were inspired by his drawings and paintings of ruinous buildings. We looked at his method of drawing first the linear outline, then began to add shading in the darkest recesses to show the 3D form of our buildings. We tried shading in various ways: hatching, cross-hatching and colouring. We experimented with levels of pencil pressure, leaving our highlights to show the parts that were nearest to us. Our sketchbooks look incredible!





Well done Year 4!

Additional Art News!

As an Artsmark school, we strive to champion creative learning. We want to strive for excellence and inspire each other to reach for excellence. As part of this, Mrs Walsh has joined other art teachers across the UK and abroad, to participate in an online exhibition called "Teacher's Corner" curated by "Dot Art".

The idea is to show children that their art teachers like to experiment with art outside of school, and to encourage our students to keep doing their own art at home. Scan the QR code or click the link below to access the exhibition. Enjoy the artwork of many teachers and see if you can spot Mrs Walsh's contribution.



<https://artbytes.co.uk/teachers-corner/>

Keep up art at home!

Art Opportunity for Year 5!

We are excited to have entered Year 5 into an art competition called "Art Bytes", which will allow us to upload up to 30 children's work that we create in school, by February. Three finalists will be chosen from every participating school by a panel of professional artists. We will then vote for our finalists in an online vote (we will need your help for that!) and the winner from our school will be those who receive the most votes. These winners will then be included in an in-person exhibition in Manchester, which Year 5 will visit and the rest of the school can enjoy virtually.

What an opportunity! We are very excited in Year 5 😊

Music Opportunity

On Thursday, we were joined by a member of Music for Life. Eve explained that there are opportunities for children in KS2 to begin to develop their musical talents! She talked about in school music lessons and ensembles that can be found locally. If you are interested, there is more information on the website.

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PE News

KS2 Healthy Snacks

It is important that your children lead healthy active lifestyles. If your child is in KS2 please provide them with a healthy breaktime snack.

Snacks may include: Fruits, veg (carrot sticks, cucumber sticks, peppers), raisins, yoghurt.



Please do not send your child to school with crisps, chocolate or sweets as these are not healthy snacks.

Club links

Here at Wistaston Academy we are fortunate to have so many children that are passionate about sport and healthy living. In order to follow a healthy active lifestyle and encourage a growth mind set for improving ourselves in everything we do, we encourage our children to not only get involved in extra-curricular activities offered here at school but to also pursue their sport or love for being physically active at club level. Therefore, to promote this transition from school to club level, we have a range of sport club links located around Crewe and Nantwich listed below:

Crewe and Nantwich RUFC
 Crewe and Nantwich Athletics Club
 Crewe Vagrants Hockey Club
 Cheshire Hornets Basketball Club
 Crewe and Nantwich Gym Club
 Deeside Orienteering

Nantwich Swimming Club
 Wistaston Cricket Club
 Crewe Cricket Club
 Nantwich Tennis Club
 Nantwich FC

School clubs start next week

This term, clubs will run from Tuesday 19th September until Friday 15th December 2023

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

If children are not collected from clubs on time they will be taken to Wizz Kids and will need to be collected from there.

Autumn Clubs

Week Commencing - Tuesday 19th September 2023 – Friday 15th December 2023

Lunchtime and after school clubs – KS1 & KS2

Monday

Club	Year Group	Time	Staff	Price	Location
Boys and girls Gymnastics (max 16)	1 - 2	11:45-12:20	Jasmine & Alisha Evanson (outside provider)	FREE	Irlam Hall
Boys' and girls' Sports hall athletics (Max 30)	KS2 Invite only	3:15-4.15pm	Mrs Harrington WA PE Specialist	FREE	Irlam Hall
Boys & Girls football (max 20)	1 - 2	3:15-4:15pm	Miss Brown WA PE Specialist	FREE	All weather pitch

Tuesday

Club	Year Group	Time	Staff	Price	Location
Gymnastics (max 20)	3-4	12:00-12:35	Alicia Evanson Jasmine Evanson (outside provider)	FREE	Irlam Hall
Sewing Club (max 15)	3 - 6	3:15-4:15pm	The Sewing Coach (outside provider)	FREE	Chuzzlewit
Boys and girl's dodgeball (max 30)	3-4	3:15-4:15pm	Mrs Harrington WA PE Specialist	FREE	All weather pitch
Boys and girls Yoga (max 20)	5-6	3:15-4:15pm	Fiona (outside provider)	FREE	Irlam Hall
Boys Football (max 20)	3-4	3:15-4:15pm	Miss Brown WA PE Specialist	FREE	Field

Wednesday

Club	Year Group	Time	Staff	Price	Location
Street Dance	1 - 2	12:00-12:30pm	Hannah Wood (outside provider)	FREE	Irlam Hall
Dance Club (max 15)	3 - 6	3:15-4:15pm	Sophie – Young Arts Academy (outside provider)	FREE	Irlam Hall/Solar dome

Thursday

Club	Year Group	Time	Staff	Price	Location
Boys & Girls dodgeball (max 30)	3-6	3:15-4:15pm	Mrs Adamczyk WA PE Specialist	FREE	All weather pitch
Boys Football (Max 20)	5-6	3:15-4:15pm	Miss Brown WA PE Specialist	FREE	Field

Friday

Club	Year Group	Time	Staff	Price	Location
Boys & Girls basketball (max 30)	5-6	3:15-4:15pm	Mrs Adamczyk WA PE Specialist	FREE	Playground
Performing Arts (max 15)	3 - 6	3:15-4:15pm	Sophie – Young Arts Academy (Outside provider)	FREE	Irlam Hall
Girls Football (max 20)	3-6	3:15-4:15pm	Miss Brown WA PE Specialist	FREE	All weather pitch

September Admissions 2024

Reception and Year 7 applications for September 2024 can be made from the 1st September 2023.

All children attending the nursery **must** still make a reception application.

September 2024 entry

Status	Primary schools	Secondary schools
Online application forms available	1 September 2023	1 September 2023
Closing date for applications	★ 15 January 2024	★ 31 October 2023



You can apply online using the Cheshire East Admissions Parent Portal.

[Apply on the parent portal](#)

If you do not have access to the internet, or need support to apply online, you can call **0300 123 5012**

Early Years Pupil Premium

Giving your child the best possible start

Information for parents

What is the Early Years Pupil Premium?

The Early Years Pupil Premium is extra funding that your childcare provider can claim for eligible three and four year old children accessing their free early education entitlement. The extra funding is to support children's development, learning and care.



Who is eligible?

Children whose parents are in receipt of certain benefits or children who were in local authority care but are no longer in care because they were adopted or were subject to a special guardianship or child arrangements order.

How will this funding make a difference?

Research shows that children eligible for free school meals tend to do less well at the end of the early years foundation stage compared with other children. The Early Years Pupil Premium will provide extra funding to your childcare provider to improve the quality of their provision.

How will the extra funding be used?

Your childcare provider can use the funding in any way they choose to improve the quality of early years education they provide for eligible children, for example, supporting children with speech, language and communication difficulties by funding extra staff training or purchasing additional resources.

How do I help my childcare provider claim this funding?

You should complete an Early Years Pupil Premium application with your childcare provider. This involves giving your National Insurance number or National Asylum Support Service number, name and date of birth. Your personal circumstances will not be discussed. Your eligibility will be checked and confirmed by Cheshire East Council.

The additional funding is paid directly to your childcare provider to support the delivery of high quality early education for your child. This funding will not provide additional hours for your child.



Will the Early Years Pupil Premium affect my benefits?

No - using this scheme will not affect any of the benefits you may be entitled to.

Further information

Please call Cheshire East Early Years and Childcare: 01270 685888

Website: www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/fees



