

Newsletter 9 – Autumn 2



Wistaston Academy
Primary and Nursery School
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This Week's Events

Date	School Events	International Events
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday	Y5&6 Dodgeball festival at Shavington Academy	
Friday	Y5&6 Girls football tournament at the soccer centre	
Advanced Notice:	KS2 Sportshall Athletics Wednesday 29 th November No performing arts clubs 17 th November	
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: Joey (RA), Ethan (RB)

KS1: Hailey (1A), Gabriella (1B), Matthew (2A)

KS2: 3B Bobby 3A Dozan, Miran, Shaylea, Bobby (5A)

The Hub 1

In the Hub, we've been busy exploring with balloons. We first blew them up and watched as they fell to the ground. Then we added helium and watched with delight as they floated up to the ceiling. We added string otherwise we couldn't reach them!



The Hub 2

To commemorate Remembrance Day, The Hub children created poppy-inspired artwork this week. They used a range of techniques including painting with paintbrushes, potato stamps and thumb printing.



Nursery

This week we have shared our story 'The Gingerbread Man'. We have been colouring Gingerbread people and we have been practising writing the initial letter of our name so we know which picture is our own.



Reception

This week, the children have enjoyed taking part in the bikeability sessions. We have developed our balance and co-ordination skills using games and balance bikes. All children received a certificate and have either improved their cycling skills or gained confidence when riding their bike.



Year 1

This week, we have created images of the Naughty Bus inspired by the work of the artist Hundertwasser. We created an outline of the bus and painted it with different shades of the same colour. Then, we used a marker pen to redefine the shape, and oil pastel to add pattern. These will be displayed in the Irlam Hall next week.



Year 2

Year 2 this week have been on a local walk around the area! We looked out for features such as detached, semi-detached and terrace houses. It was great fun!



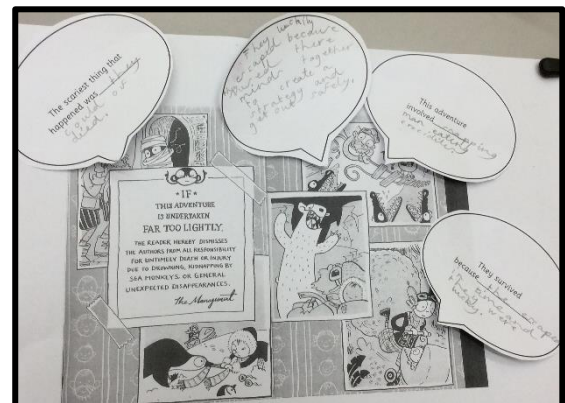
Year 3

This week in Science, year 3 have been testing the reflectivity of different materials.



Year 4

This week in Year 4, we have enjoyed creating descriptive writing about our class text – ‘Oliver and the Seawigs’. We used the pictures of the adventures to inspire our writing. We loved labelling our ideas around the pictures before turning them into paragraphs.



Year 5

On Tuesday, Year 5 took the train to the World Museum in Liverpool to complete an Anglo-Saxon workshop. The children enjoyed dressing like an Anglo-Saxon, using runes to write their names and explored everyday items that we still use today. Pupils were able to explore the different floors and exhibitions at the museum and enjoyed watching the marine life in the Aquarium. Later, year 5 visited the art gallery and city library before returning on the train, exhausted.



Year 6

Year 6 had a workshop with Jason King where we were able to explore various artefacts from WWII. We thought about who each of the items might have belonged to and what their experience of the war might have been. We then participated in an air raid warden drill, where we had to practise making noise to warn others and carrying stretchers without dropping our 'injured'. We then listened to some stories from people during the war and learnt more about how it affected each of these individuals.



The A3 challenge competition

Do you like art?
Do you like maths?



Combine the two and you can enter our
wonderful competition!

**Simply produce a piece of artwork which
celebrates the number 3 in some way.**

It must be hand-drawn on A3 paper

(Class teachers will have some A3 paper available in class if you
want to have a go).

All entries to be handed to Mrs Walsh or
Mrs Martin by **Wednesday 15th November**



PE News

Y5&6 Gymnastics Competition

A huge well done to all of our children who competed in the Key Steps gymnastics competition. Altogether 146 gymnasts competed, performing a floor routine that consisted of a range of skills, jumps and dance.

All of our children worked extremely hard on their routines and we are proud to say that we managed to place 3rd in the group category.

Thank you for your dedication over the last few weeks perfecting your skills!



Y5&6 Football Tournament



Well done to the Y5&6 football team who competed in the Crewe and Nantwich football tournament on Friday. They played brilliant football and worked well as a team resulting in some fantastic goals being scored!

Maths News

As part of our commitment to make maths exciting and high profile in our school, we are taking part in a friendly competition involving schools in England.

The competition runs from 07:30 GMT Tuesday 14th November 2023 to 19:30 GMT Thursday 16th November 2023. It's all done online via play.trockstars.com.

Children in KS2 (years 3-6) can play in any game mode with every correct answer to a multiplication or division question, earning themselves, their class and the school a point. The Times Tables Rock Stars platform will calculate the class average (the number of correct answers per pupil in the class who play during the competition hours, subject to a daily 60-minute limit (see below)). Winning classes in the school and in the competition as a whole will be the ones with the highest average.

To support player wellbeing, there is a daily time limit of 60-minutes per player. In other words, each player can earn competition points for up to 60-minutes between the above times. Once the player goes beyond 60-minutes of play on that day, they will still earn coins but will no longer earn points towards the competition.

In the spirit of the competition, please don't play on their behalf but by all means encourage and support them to the extent that it doesn't cause high stress levels or impact on family plans.



**TIMES TABLES
ROCK STARS**

PRESENTS



ENGLAND ROCKS

14TH - 16TH NOVEMBER 2023
7:30AM TO 7:30PM (GMT)

**PLAY IN ANY
GAME TYPE!**

**1HR TIME LIMIT
PER PERSON!**

WINNING CLASS WILL HAVE THE HIGHEST
NUMBER OF CORRECT ANSWERS PER PUPIL!

[TTROCKSTARS.COM/ONLINE-EVENTS](https://www.ttrockstars.com/online-events)

Attendance

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Target 96%

Reception A – 94.9%

Reception B – 90%

1A – 92%

1B – 98.6% 😊

2A – 97.3%

2B – 95.3%



KS1 Attendance for last week - 94.7% 😞

Whole school attendance for the academic year – 96.04% 😊

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Wk - 30.10.23 – 03.11.23

Target 96%

3A = 96%

3B = 97.2%

4A = 97.9%

4B = 96.6%

5A = 97.1%

5B = 99% 😊

6A = 96.9%

6B = 95%



KS2 for the week = 97% 😊

Whole school attendance for the academic year – 96.04% 😊