

Newsletter 10 – Autumn 2



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Primary and Nursery School
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This Week's Events

Date	School Events
Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	
Advanced Notice:	
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: Adrian (1A), Jacob (1B) Jude (2B)

KS2: Evelyn (2A)

Daniel (3B)

KS2: Alfie(4B), Isla (4A)

Remembrance

It was a privilege to take representatives from the school to join the Remembrance Service in Memorial Square in Crewe on Sunday. The event commemorates the contribution of British and Commonwealth military and civilian servicemen and women in the two World Wars, later conflicts such as the Falklands War, the Gulf War, and other conflicts such as those in Afghanistan and Iraq.

We were met by one of our Trustees, Councillor Marilyn Houston.



In school on Friday we also paid our respects by observing a whole school silence. Mrs Dean played The Last Post and Rouse on the cornet. The children were remarkable and it was a very proud and reflective moment.



The Hub

The children have enjoyed looking around the school's Art exhibition this morning. They were able to move around the room freely and explore pieces or work that interested them in more detail. The children were also encouraged to comment on what they saw and liked.



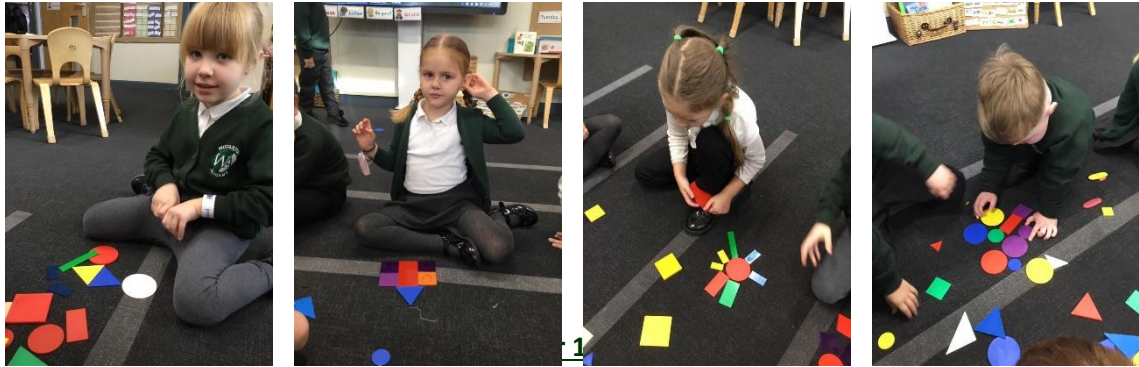
Nursery

This week we have been learning a new rhyme "Autumn leaves are falling down". We noticed all of the Autumn leaves on the floor in nursery. First, we discussed how all of the leaves had fallen. Next, we began to sing and learn new actions to the rhyme. Then, we worked together to collect lots of Autumn leaves while singing our new rhyme.



Reception

This week we have been working hard in maths learning all about different 2d shapes. We have done lots of brilliant activities, including sorting shapes by their size, colour and number of sides, searching for shapes in the environment around us, and using shapes to make our very own pictures!



Year 1

This week, we have designed and made our first DT project. We had to make a new vehicle for Mr Gumpy. We thought about the role of a chassis, axle and wheels in a vehicle and we thought about what we would need to use to meet the design criteria. We had great fun building the chassis and designing the vehicle.



Year 2

This week we have been learning about books in our reading lessons from a non-fiction text. We used the diagram to create a tableau of the life cycle of a butterfly.

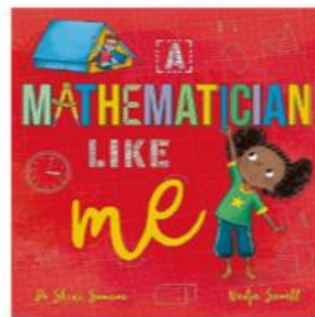


Year 3

In RE this half term, Year 3 are learning all about Islam. This week they used drama to act out the story of The Night of Power.

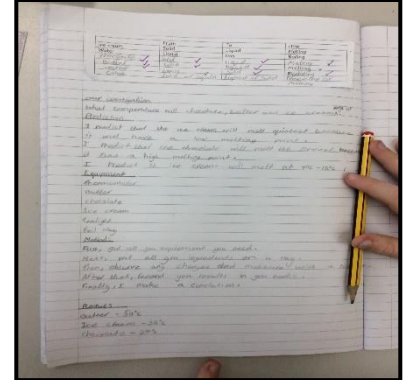
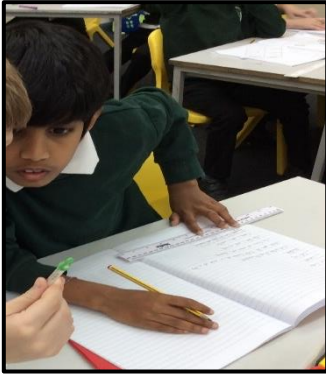


For Maths week we read the book 'A Mathematician Like Me'. We discussed how numbers are all around us and focused on how fractions occur in everyday life.



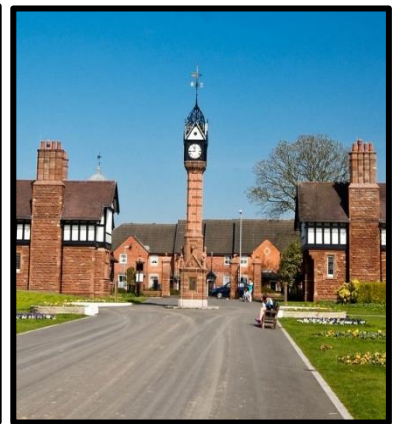
Year 4

This week, Year 4 have been scientists! We have been exploring different items in our topic 'States of Matter'. This week, we were exploring the melting points of different items. We knew that ice changed from a solid to a liquid at 0°C, but we wanted to know if everything did! We melted butter, ice cream and hoolate to see which temperature it melted at. We were not surprised that the ice cream had the lowest melting point!



Year 5

On Wednesday, we walked to Queen's Park to sketch, take photographs and observe what has stayed the same from the old pictures of Queen's Park, and what is still there. We were able to ask some of the public about what they have noticed about the changes within Crewe. We will write our report about our findings next lesson.



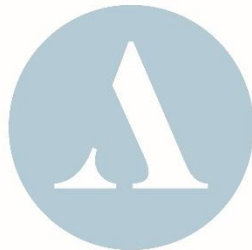
Year 6

On Monday, Year 6 had an amazing afternoon with Diane Wye. She taught the children various Lindy Hop steps, including the hitch-hiker, the dust-off, the itch the twist and basic Charleston steps. The children learnt a brilliant routine and then performed it in groups to the rest of the class.



Art News

We have some incredible news to share with you! After three years of seeking to widen our offer of arts in school and to champion creative learning, we have been awarded a PLATINUM ARTSMARK by the Arts Council of England!



**Artsmark
Platinum Award**
Awarded by Arts
Council England

We are so excited about this that we have had numerous celebrations this week - which also happens to be "Artsmark Celebration Week"!



To begin with, we had a fantastic lindy hop dance workshop in Year 6, with dancer Diane Wye. Her session focused on “Saluting our Sisters” – a continuation of our Black History Month theme.



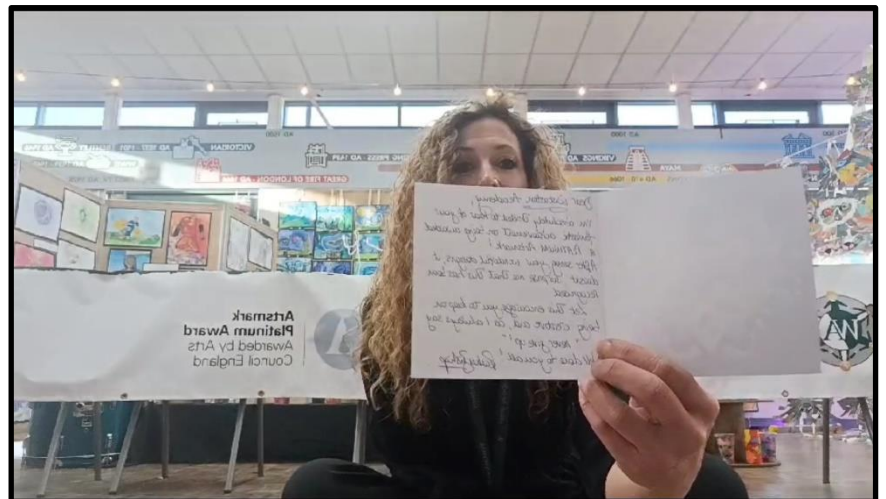
Then, on Tuesday and Wednesday, we celebrated with our whole School Art Exhibition in the hall! It was fantastic to show off our incredible children’s work and to share it with so many families.



We also recorded fun videos to celebrate our Platinum Arts Award!



...and had encouraging messages from our Arts Patrons, Chip Kendall and Rachel Bishop:



Rachel even visited our exhibition and chatted with our students!



We celebrated Diwali with our Hindu students by sharing a performance Year 3 had created with West End in Schools in an assembly led by Takshay Gowda of Year 3!



...and we finished the week with a fantastic afternoon with incredible choir-leader, Carla-Jane, who led workshops for Years 4 and 5, again along the theme of Black History Month.



What a week we have had!

Thank you to all who celebrated with us 😊

Remembrance Day Art

Children in Year 4, 5 and 2 have been busy creating a wreath and textile wall hanging to commemorate Remembrance Day. The Year 2 textile hanging is installed in the entrance to our main Reception and the wreath was laid in the Town Centre last Sunday by Mrs Griffiths and some of our pupils.



Maths News

This week we have been celebrating **Maths Week** #MathsWeekEngland
We've had some wonderful entries for the A3 competition – a few of which you can see below!



As part of Maths Week, every class has had a special maths session based around a specific challenge or even a book!

The photos below show just a few of these exciting activities



England Rocks England

Many of our KS2 children also took part in the TTRS 'England Rocks' National Competition. A big well done to everyone who had a go, and particularly to our top 3 classes of **5B, 5A and 4A!**

Battle of the bands

This week's battle of the band's competition is:

Year 3 vs Year 5

Year 4 vs Year 6

Starting today until Tuesday – answer as many correct questions on TTRS before Tuesday, to help your year group win the battle! (limit of 30 minutes play per day)

Attendance News

Attendance
Wk 06.11.23 – 10.11.23

Target 96%

Reception A – 95%
Reception B – 95.1%
1A – 91.3%
1B – 97.6% 😊
2A – 94%
2B – 97%



KS1 Attendance for last week - 95% 😞
Whole school attendance for the academic year – 96.04% 😊

Attendance
Wk - 06.11.23 – 10.11.23

Target 96%

3A = 96.9%
3B = 98.6%
4A = 97.2%
4B = 97.6%
5A = 98.9%
5B = 90.3%
6A = 93.5%
6B = 99.2% 😊



KS2 for the week = 96.5% 😊
Whole school attendance for the academic year – 96.04% 😊