

# Newsletter 12 – 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	Nursery Christmas Stay and Play 3:10pm-3:45pm	
Friday		
<b>Advanced Notice:</b>		
<b>Polite Notice:</b>	<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>	

### We are Brilliant Winners

EYFS: Logan (RA), Annie (RB)

KS1: Max (1A), Ezmay (1B), Liana-Faith (2B)

KS2: Ellis (5B), Jaixin (5A), Darius (3B), Caleb (3A), Elsa (4A)

## The Hub

The children have been exploring the Techcard resources this week and used these to create 3D shapes. Once the 3D structures had been built, the children added axles and wheels to create moving vehicles. Some children were able to expand on their designs to add seats and a roof.



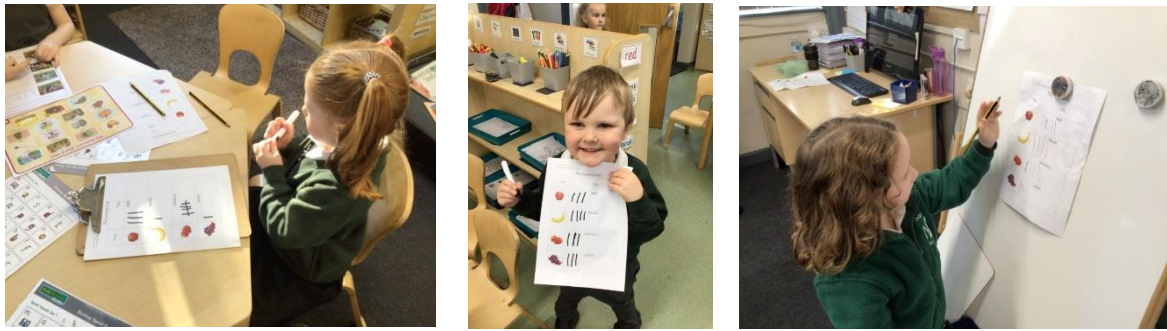
## Nursery

This week in nursery we have been learning all about shapes! We practised identifying the different shapes and learning their names. The children listened very carefully to the shape name before jumping into the correct shape. Then, we told our friends which shape we were stood in.



## Reception

This week in PSHE, we have been learning about different food groups and discussing healthy eating. We thought about the different jobs that these different foods do for our body for example; protein helps our muscles to grow, dairy products make our bones and teeth stronger, fruit and vegetables make us healthy all over. We talked about how important it is to remember to eat throughout the day, and not to forget breakfast! In Free Flow, the children created their own tally charts to find out Reception's favourite fruit.



## Year 1

On Monday Year 1 were visited by Martyn, an aerobatics enthusiast, who came to show the children his gliders. He explained how they were made, and then flew one of them over the school field. We found out about the Wright Brothers and how they have influenced the aviation industry.



## Year 2

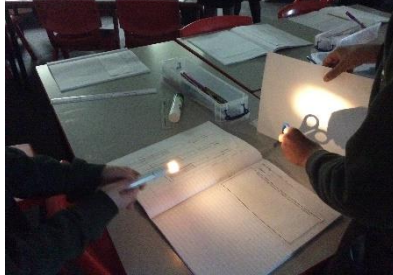
Year 2 have had a fantastic week in DT this week making bug houses. They made their first design, tested the product and then improved it. We hope they collect lots of interesting bugs at home!





### Year 3

This week in Science, Year 3 began to learn about how shadows are formed. We used a mixture of opaque and transparent objects to try and create shadows.



### Year 4

This week, Year 4 have been learning about 'Seasonal Ingredients'. We first discovered what this means and then investigated some winter vegetables. Following this, we designed and created a vegetable bake for a child or adult.



### Year 5

This week, Year 5 have been learning about burgers and how to make them. We have tested different flavours to decide what our individual burgers will be made from. Some of the children surprised themselves with the flavours they preferred. We were proud to see all of the children trying new ingredients. Both classes constructed their burgers and enjoyed them with chips during lunchtime on Wednesday. We look forward to seeing pictures of the ones created at home.



### Year 6

As part of our History unit, Year 6 have been learning about rationing. On Friday, the children made the National Loaf – the only bread that was available during World War II. We tasted it fresh and when it was a few days old because bakers were not allowed to slice the bread until it was slightly stale so that they could cut the bread in to very thin slices in order to make it last longer. The children enjoyed the bread mostly, though it was quite salty! Some even tried it with a dip of Marmite!



## PE News

### KS2 Sports hall Athletics winners!

On Wednesday our KS2 children competed in heat 3 of the Crewe and Nantwich sports hall athletics competitions at South Cheshire College. We won both the Y3&4 and Y5&6 events and are now through to the finals which take place in January 2024. The children were fantastic and we are so proud of all of them!

Thank you to our parents and carers who came and supported us.





## Maths News

If your child is in Reception or KS1, they will have access to an app called **Numbots**. If your child is in KS2 they will have access to an app called **Times Table Rocks Stars (TTRS)**.

Logging on for just a few minutes each day will make a massive difference to their basic number/times tables skills.

# NUMBOTS



### WHAT'S YOUR ROCK STATUS?

A rock status chart titled "WHAT'S YOUR ROCK STATUS?" featuring various guitar trophies on pedestals. Each trophy has a specific time goal below it. The trophies are arranged in a grid. The goals are: Rock Star (Under 3 secs), Rock Legend (Under 2 secs), Rock Hero (Under 1 sec), Unsigned Act (Under 7 secs), Breakthrough Artists (Under 6 secs), Support Act (Under 5 secs), Headliner (Under 4 secs), Novice (Over 10 secs), Garage Rocker (Under 10 secs), Busker (Under 9 secs), and Bigger (Under 8 secs). The chart is decorated with lightning bolts and plus signs.

Trophy	Time Goal
Rock Star	Under 3 secs
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**TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS**

## Attendance

### Wk 20.11.23 – 24.11.23

Target 96%

Reception A – 90.6%

Reception B – 92.4%

**1A – 94.3%**

1B – 92.4%

2A - 94%

2B – 92.6%



KS1 Attendance for last week - **92.7%** 😞

Whole school attendance for the academic year – **96.07%** 😊

## Attendance

### Wk - 20.11.23 – 24.11.23

Target 96%

3A = 98.2%

**3B = 99.3%** 😊

4A = 97.9%

4B = 97.3%

5A = 96%

**5B = 93%**

6A = 98%

6B = 97.3%



KS2 for the week = **97.1%** 😊

Whole school attendance for the academic year – **96.07%** 😊



# ERIC, The Children's Bowel and Bladder Charity



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Is your child struggling with **toilet training**,  
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# Happy without my dummy



Some sounds are made at the front of the mouth  
e.g. p, t, d,s,f  
Using a dummy makes it hard to say these sounds



Dummies should be gently withdrawn between 6 and 12 months to avoid possible longer-term problems such as:  
ear infections  
misalignment of teeth  
speech sound difficulties  
excessive drooling

Using a dummy during waking or playing hours could prevent a baby from babbling, which is an important step in learning to talk

## Did you know?

You can help me to be happy without my dummy...

Try reducing my dummy use to key times during the day, such as sleep time



Reward charts help to keep me motivated

Help me to give my dummy to the 'dummy fairy'



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## **Winter is upon us, so how can the hub support your community?**

Motherwell Community Share Hub supports for the local families of Crewe, Nantwich and surrounding areas with school uniforms, football boots and AstroTurf trainers, winter coats and lots more.

Our Community Share Hub is open every Tuesday and Wednesday, 12 - 2.  
54 Beech Drive, Wistaston, Crewe CW2 8RG

Our Community Share Hub is here to support the community with a no questions asked policy, we are open to all. We run on a no questions asked, no referral needed, the hub is here to serve the whole of the community. We encourage all to #reuse #rewear and to #recycle. We have a selection of winter coats, hats, scarves and gloves here at the hub. Please feel free to pop down and see if we have anything you may need for your child.

We currently have a selection of Christmas jumpers out in the hub, we are asking for a suggestion donation of £3.

The Community Share Hub will be closing for Christmas from Thursday 21st December and will be back open Tuesday 2nd January, 12 - 2.

If you have any questions, please call the Motherwell office on either calling us on 01606 557666 or email, [motherwellhub@motherwellcheshirecio.com](mailto:motherwellhub@motherwellcheshirecio.com)

## **Baby Bank - Crewe**

Our Baby Bank is here to support expectant families and new mums. Our baby bank can support babies up to the age of two years with items such a travel system, cots, high chairs, Moses baskets and lots more.

Our Baby Bank runs from the Community Share Hub and offers the same no questions asked policy.

Our next event is on Wednesday 31st January, 12 - 2, which will be held at 54 Beech Drive, Crewe CW2 8RG.

All items that are provided are pre-loved and have been kindly donated by the local community. Due to health to health and safety we are unable to accept car seats and mattresses. If you have any questions, please call the Motherwell office on either calling us on 01606 557666 or email, [motherwellhub@motherwellcheshirecio.com](mailto:motherwellhub@motherwellcheshirecio.com).

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