

# Newsletter 17 – Spring 1



Wistaston Academy  
Primary and Nursery School  
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## This Week's Events

Date	School Events	International Events
Monday	Walk to school week	
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday	Yr 5 and 6 Dodgeball competition 3:30-5pm at Shavington Academy	
Friday		
<b>Advanced Notice:</b>	Y3&4 Sportshall athletics final 30 <sup>th</sup> January 2:30pm-5pm Y5&6 Sportshall athletics final 1 <sup>ST</sup> February 3:45pm-6pm	
<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:** Nancy (RA)

**KS1:** Charlie (1A), Ali (1B), Summer (2A)

**KS2:** Mason S (3B), Eddie-James (4A) Llyam (3A)

## The Hub

The Hub have had a great time exploring the snow and ice this week. We joined together on Tuesday to explore the snow in our large outdoor area. We made snow angels, played with arctic animals on the ice, practiced balancing and threw snowballs at each other. We had so much fun!



## Nursery

This week Nursery have been learning about penguins. We have shared a non-fiction book about penguins and heard lots of different facts. We have built nests to keep penguin eggs warm and we have made penguins using different resources.



## Reception

The children have been enjoying Yoga sessions every Tuesday afternoon with Fiona. They have learnt mindfulness techniques and we have also linked in our topic this half term, creating dragon and castle poses.



## Year 1

This week Year 1 have started their new topic 'The Toy Shop'. They were able to bring in a toy from home to share with their friends. We then discussed where we can buy toys from. After discussing their modern toys, we then found out about shops from the past. We looked at some photographs of these shops and then visited a bakery, fruit and vegetable shop and then finally a toy shop. We had lots of fun exploring toys that were popular in the past.



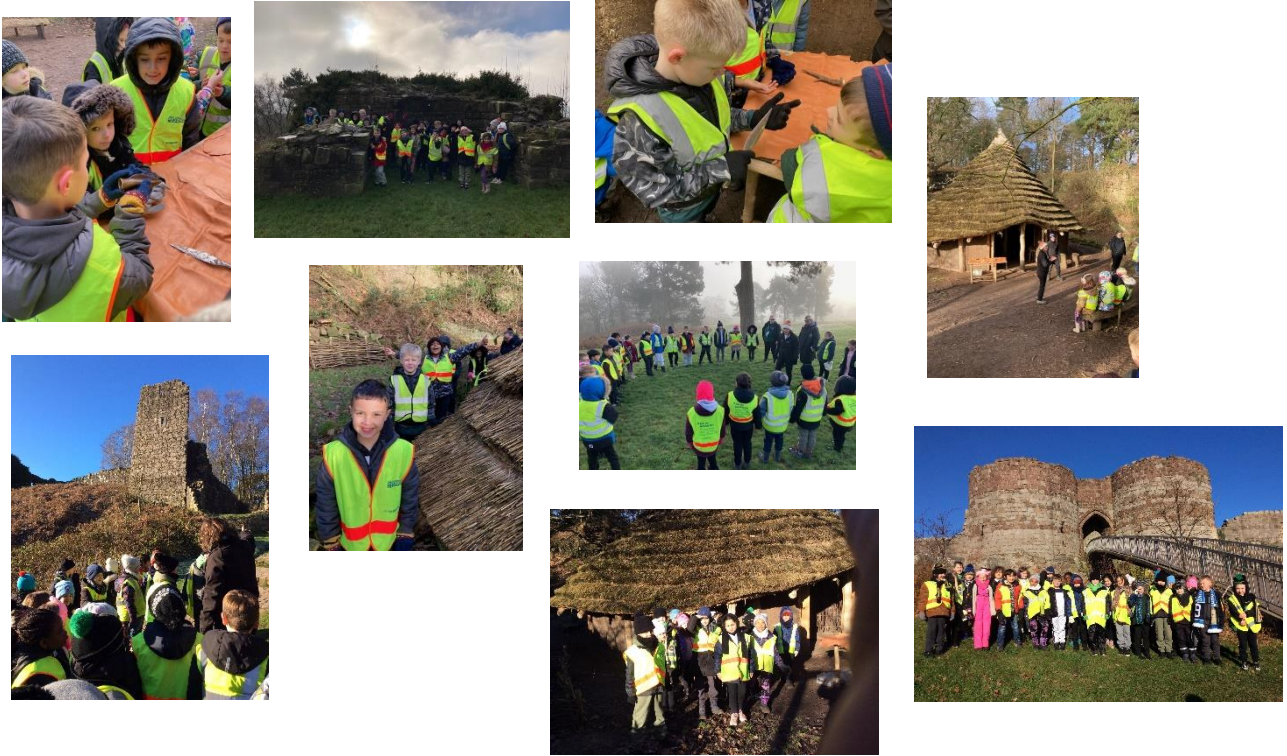
## Year 2

In Year 2 on Wednesday, we went to South Cheshire College to play some sports! We did things such as the javelin, the beanbag toss, and working on our running and jumping skills. It was really great fun and we all did amazingly! Well done, Year 2! 😊



### Year 3

This week, Year 3 had a fantastic day at Beeston castle learning more about the lives of people in the Bronze and Iron Ages.



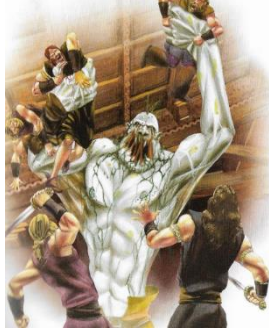
### Year 4

Year 4 had a wonderful creative day this week where we linked music and drama with our literacy and PSHE topics. We learnt 3 songs, created some drama sketches and created an advert for a super hero to defeat an unknown creature who lives beneath the street. We had a great time!



### Year 5

In literacy this week, the children have created a fantastic retell of the story Beowulf. The children have worked hard to make sure they included lots of amazing adjectives to describe the gruesome monster Grendel.



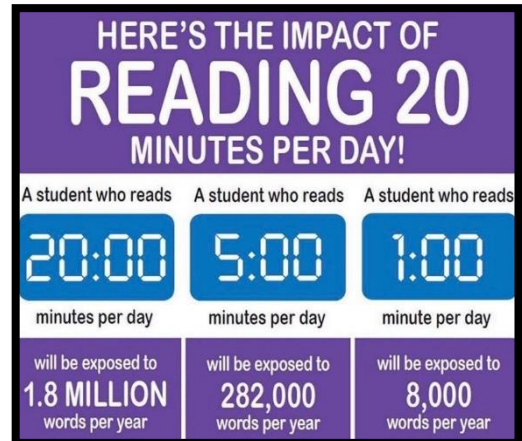
### Year 6

In science this week, the children looked at the timeline of life on Earth. We looked at just how long ago life began. To help us understand the time frame, we went outside to make our own timeline, using scaled measurements to help us show the distances between events. It made us realise that, compared with earlier life forms, humans haven't been on Earth that long. Forming the timeline helped us to make sense of this.



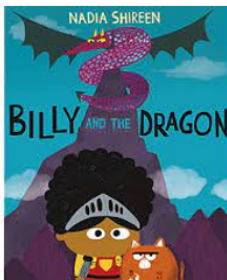
### Reading News

Children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 have been given a book to read at home, that they will also be reading in school in lessons. We are passionate about our children being excited about reading, as such we want to provide them with the opportunity to read whole texts. The books are on loan – much like a library book - and so we expect the children to take great care of them, so that they can be used again in the future. We are excited about this opportunity and hope you will join us in encouraging your child to read their book as often as possible.



### Reception Library

# Mystery Reader



Come and listen to  
**Billy and the Dragon**  
by  
**Nadia Shireen**

read by this week's Mystery reader



**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 3.25pm** in the Reception Library

**Art News**

**Focus on Year 5**

Year 5 have the exciting opportunity to be entered into a competition run by an organisation called “Dot Art”!

We are submitting our Year 5s amazing artwork inspired by Agnes Cecile to the



Competition!

Thirty of our Year 5s will be selected initially, which will then be judged by a panel of professional artists. The three finalists from our school will be uploaded to a school profile page on the Art Bytes website. We then need generate as many votes as we can for our children’s work. The winning entry will be selected to be displayed in a virtual gallery that all children, families and staff can attend.

The finalists, families and staff will be invited to attend a celebration event at the Whitworth Gallery in Manchester in June!

Please look out for details and respond to any letters as soon as you can, which may be relevant to your child.

We are so excited to celebrate our children’s achievements and to raise their aspirations for careers as professional artists in this way.

## PE News

Next week is 'Walk to School Week', week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> January. 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.***

### Y1&2 Sportshall athletics festival

This week both Year 1 and 2 pupils participated in the infant Sportshall Athletic Festival at South Cheshire College. The children were grouped in to teams of 10 and rotated around 6 activity stations. The activities included the Jumper, Bouncer, Launcher, Runner – zig zag, Pitcher and Stepper. All children really enjoyed the event and were fantastic role models to the school. Well done!



### Sports ambassadors and council

Thank you to all the children who took the time to apply to be representatives of our Sports Council 2023/24. All applications were fantastic and it was so hard to choose!

Congratulations to Micky Y1, Calitlyn Y2, Freya Y3, Jaden W Y3, Somaia Y4, Samuel L Y4, Kassidy Y5, Helin Y5, Isla B Y6, and Josh N Y6 who all make up our Sports Council for this year. We look forward to our first meeting next week!



Attendance News

**Attendance**  
**Wk 08.01.24 – 12.01.24**

**Target 96%**

Reception A – 98%  
Reception B – 95.5%  
**1A – 100%** 😊  
1B – 94.6%  
2A - 97%  
2B – 96%



KS1 Attendance for last week - 96.8% 😊  
Whole school attendance for the academic year – 95.8% 😞

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3A = 98.6%  
**3B = 100%** 😊  
4A = 95.1%  
4B = 98%  
5A = 95%  
5B = 93%  
6A = 97.3%  
6B = 99.2%



KS2 for the week = 97.05% 😊  
Whole school attendance for the academic year – 95.8% 😞

# Pack your child a **HEALTHY LUNCH BOX**



Choose a variety of foods from each food group

Fruit



Vegetables



Dairy



Wholegrains



Lean meat  
& alternatives



A Healthy Lunch Box



MAKE WATER  
YOUR DRINK



PACK ICE BRICKS  
TO KEEP FOOD  
COOL



USE A THERMOS  
TO KEEP FOOD  
WARM



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