

# Newsletter 20 – Spring 1



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

Date	School Events	International Events
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday	Y3&4 Gymnastics competition 10am-12pm at LS Gym	
<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:

**KS1:** Eline (1A), Shaquille (1B) Josh (2A) Tommy (2B)  
**KS2:** Ayesha (5A) Gabriel (3B) Lucas (3A) Francis-Lee (4A)

## The Hubs

The introduction of the Beebots caused much excitement in the Hub this week. The children enjoyed how these programmable toys worked, and were very enthusiastic about trying out their own programs after first planning them out using visuals.



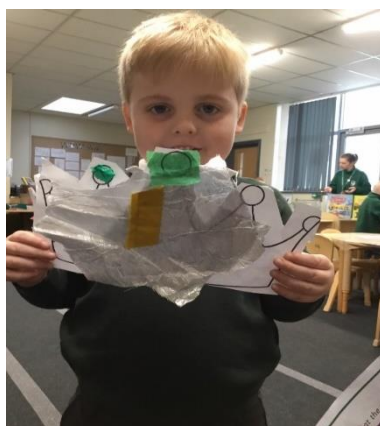
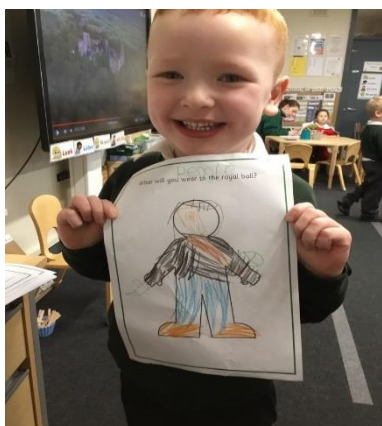
## Nursery

This week we have enjoyed re-telling the story 'The Three Little Pigs'. We built different houses for the three little pigs in partners. We used different resources to build a stick, straw and brick house. After that, we pretended to be the wolf and we tried very hard to blow the houses down.



## Reception

This week Reception had a very exciting delivery! King Charles and Queen Camilla sent us a special box full of music, pictures and an invitation to a royal ball at Peckforton Castle next week! In preparation, we have been doing lots of amazing challenges. We have learnt a new royal dance, created our own crowns, built castles, designed our costumes and even written a list of things to eat at the banquet!





## Year 1

After looking at materials and their properties, we carried out a fair test to find the best material that floats for Lego man to use to make a raft. We also carried out a fair test to find out the best fabric he could use to make an umbrella.



## Year 2

This week, we have been preparing for our special Chinese New Year Parade, which is normally held on the 15th day of the New Year. First, we created Chinese dragons. Then we composed some music inspired by traditional Chinese music. We learnt about pitch and how to add texture to our composition. Finally, we had lots of fun going on a parade around the school.



### Year 3

This week, as part of their space topic, Year 3 thought about preserving food by dehydrating! We couldn't believe how different the food looked when it came out of the dehydrator!



### Year 4

This week, year 4 have continued their drumming lessons with Music for Life. They have been drumming, singing and dancing to African music. Each and every child has joined in and most of them have been willing to attempt solos or small group performances.





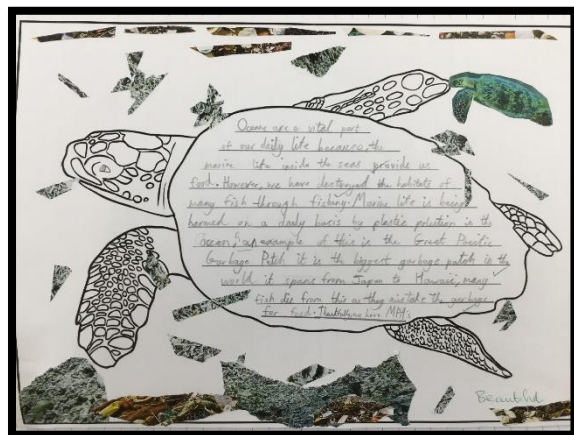
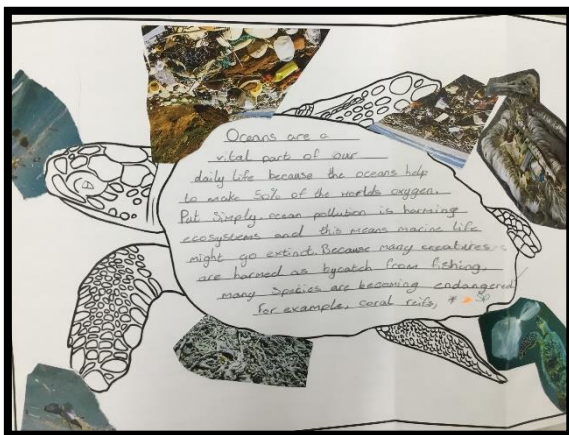
## Year 5

This half term we have been learning about the Holi festival which is celebrated by Hindus and Sikhs across the world. The children in Year 5 learnt about the celebration, where it originated from and the story behind the festival. Today, we shared this learning with parents and enjoyed taking part in the paint throwing ceremony. Most Hindus believe that this festival is a chance to forget and forgive, whilst remembering that good will always overcome evil.



## Year 6

In Geography and Reading this week, Year 6 have been learning about the effect that plastic is having on the oceans. We were shocked to learn that many creatures are mistaking plastic for food and are dying as a result of this. We also discussed the importance of Marine Protected Areas and the positive impacts these are having in many oceans around the world.



## Art News

### Focus on Year 2

In Year 2 we have been creating 3D birds out of clay! We listened to the story of “The Emperor and the Shadow Puppets” and thought about the things we might see, hear or smell in the exotic Chinese garden. Then we moulded and indented patterns on our birds. This week we have started painting them. Well done Year 2!





## PE News

### Y5&6 Netball Tournament

Congratulations to our Y5&6 netball team who finished runners up in the Crewe and Nantwich school's netball tournament on Thursday. The team were able to show off the skills they've been developing in PE lessons this half term. Well done Josh, Hamza, Frankie, Angel, Alfie H, Lynette and Ella-Rose.

### Competition: Year 5&6 Netball Shavington 07/02

League 1									
#	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Leighton Academy A	4	4	0	0	7	0	7	12
2	Wistaston Academy	4	2	1	1	3	2	1	7
3	Sound and District Primary School B	4	1	2	1	4	3	1	5
4	The Berkeley Academy A	4	1	1	2	3	4	-1	4
5	Bridgemere CofE Primary	4	0	0	4	1	9	-8	0

### Y5&6 Football match v Brierley

Well done to Jayden K, Olly, Josh, Cassidy, Leo S, Serif, Harrison and Ashton for playing brilliantly against Brierley Primary School on Thursday. Unfortunately, we lost the match 5-3 but look forward to playing again in March against Mablins Lane Primary School. As always, thank you to our parents and carers for cheering us on the side-lines!

### Clubs

Clubs will continue to run after half term from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February-Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. As this is only for 4 weeks the clubs which are taking place this half term will stay the same and the children who are currently signed up will be able to continue to attend after half term. You do not need to sign your child up again.

There are still places available on some of our clubs so if you would like your child to attend please sign them up through Arbor. If you are unable to do so this will mean that the club you are trying to sign your child up to is already full. Here is a reminder of the clubs taking place:

### 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 Gymnastics (Max 15)	3-4	3:15-4.15pm	Mrs Harrington WA PE Specialist	FREE	Irlam Hall
Boys football (max 20)	5-6	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	KS2 classroom
Boys and girls Gymnastics (Max 15)	1-2	3:15-4:15pm	Mrs Harrington WA PE Specialist	FREE	Irlam Hall
Boys and girls Yoga (max 20)	3-6	3:15-4:15pm	Fiona (outside provider)	FREE	Solar dome
Boys football (max 20)	3-4	3:15-4:15pm	Miss Brown WA PE Specialist	FREE	All weather pitch
Lego League club	3-6 INVITE ONLY	3:15pm- 4:30pm	Miss Hall Mrs Merrill Mrs Dean WA Teachers	FREE	Hub 2

### 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)	5-6	3:15-4.15pm	Mrs Adamczyk WA PE Specialist	FREE	All weather pitch
Club	Year Group	Time	Staff	Price	Location
Sportshall Athletics (max 18)	3-4 INVITE ONLY	3:15-4:15pm	Miss Brown WA PE Specialist	FREE	Irlam Hall

### Friday

Club	Year Group	Time	Staff	Price	Location
Boys & Girls dodgeball (max 30)	3-4	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



## 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)**.

Well done to all of our Numbot and TTRS winners this week!

