

Newsletter 25 – Spring 2



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Primary and Nursery School
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This Week's Events

Date	School Events	International Events
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday	Y5&6 Football tournament at Crewe Soccer Centre 12:30pm-4pm	
Thursday		
Friday		
Advanced Notice:	Sports Day will take place on Friday 24 th May 2024	
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: Clayton (RA)

KS1: Antoni (1A), Amelle (1B), Jacob (2B/The Hub)

KS2: Lilly C, Evie C, Elodie (3A) Ameen (3B) Ollie (4A)

The Hub

In the Hub, we have been exploring new vocabulary through our senses and using different materials to represent new words. This week we explored the word 'rough'. Using the sand outside, we felt it run through our fingers while it was dry and then used tools to explore wet sand, scooping and building with it. While playing, we modelled the word 'rough' while rubbing the sand on our hands, arms and between our fingers.



Nursery

In Nursery this week, we have been looking at the signs of Spring. We went on a Spring walk around the school grounds. We found a blossom tree, tulips growing and the sun shining. We have also enjoyed making daffodil collages and drawing tulips.



Reception

Last Friday, we had a special visit from Zoo2U and some of their amazing animals. The children got to meet and learn about a red footed tortoise, a skunk, a little owl, a fluffy guinea pig and a python snake. This week we discussed the fascinating facts that we learnt, drew pictures of the animals and created a tally chart to show which animal was our favourite.



Year 1

As part of our measurement work in maths, we have been learning about capacity. We began by exploring practically the idea that capacity is the maximum amount that something can hold. We used a range of different sizes and shapes of containers and began to make basic comparisons to see which had the greater capacity.



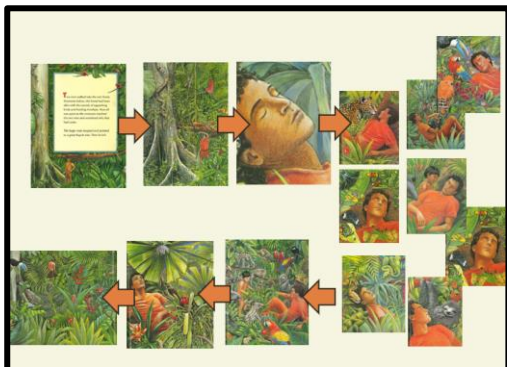
Year 2

Year 2 have been on a trip to Nantwich to find out all about the Great Fire of Nantwich. We toured the town looking at historical buildings and found out why the church was so important in the fire. Then we got to dress up, explore artefacts and re-enacted extinguishing the fire.



Year 3

In Literacy this week we are writing the diary of the man from our story, 'The Great Kapok tree'. In preparation, we created a series of tableaux to show the different events in his day.



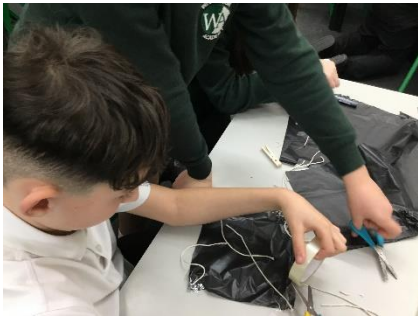
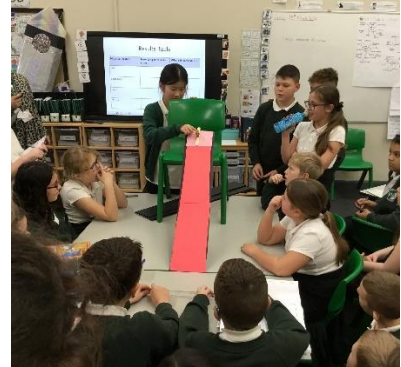
Year 4

Year 4 have had great pleasure in performing our drumming, singing and dancing to our parents and the rest of Key Stage 2. Thank you to everyone who came to watch.



Year 5

This half term, the children have been learning about forces in science. They have enjoyed: creating parachutes to understand air resistance and gravity; testing different surfaces with a Lego snowboarder to investigate friction; and building boats to explore water resistance. Over the Easter holidays, it would be great if the children could demonstrate their learning and explore forces further with you at home.



Year 6

In Science this week, we have explored and investigated refraction in different situations. We did 6 different investigations and were surprised by some of the things that we learned.

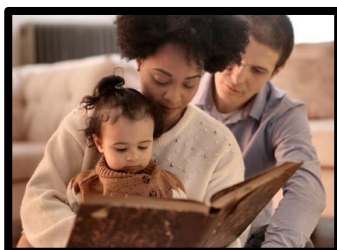


Richmond Village Retirement Home

This year reception have been building friendships with the residents at Richmond Village. They have been on several visits to take part in a range of shared language and literacy activities and experiences. The residents have been extremely impressed with the children's conversation and reading skills. Here a few of our special memories from this year ...



Reading News



Remember you can join your local library for **free** to borrow a huge range of fantastic books to take home and enjoy, as well as eBooks and Audiobooks.

Find out more at <https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/libraries/joining-the-library.aspx>

The libraries also host a range of events such as Baby bounce (for children under 12 months), Chess club, Rhymetime, and Stories and songs (for preschool children).

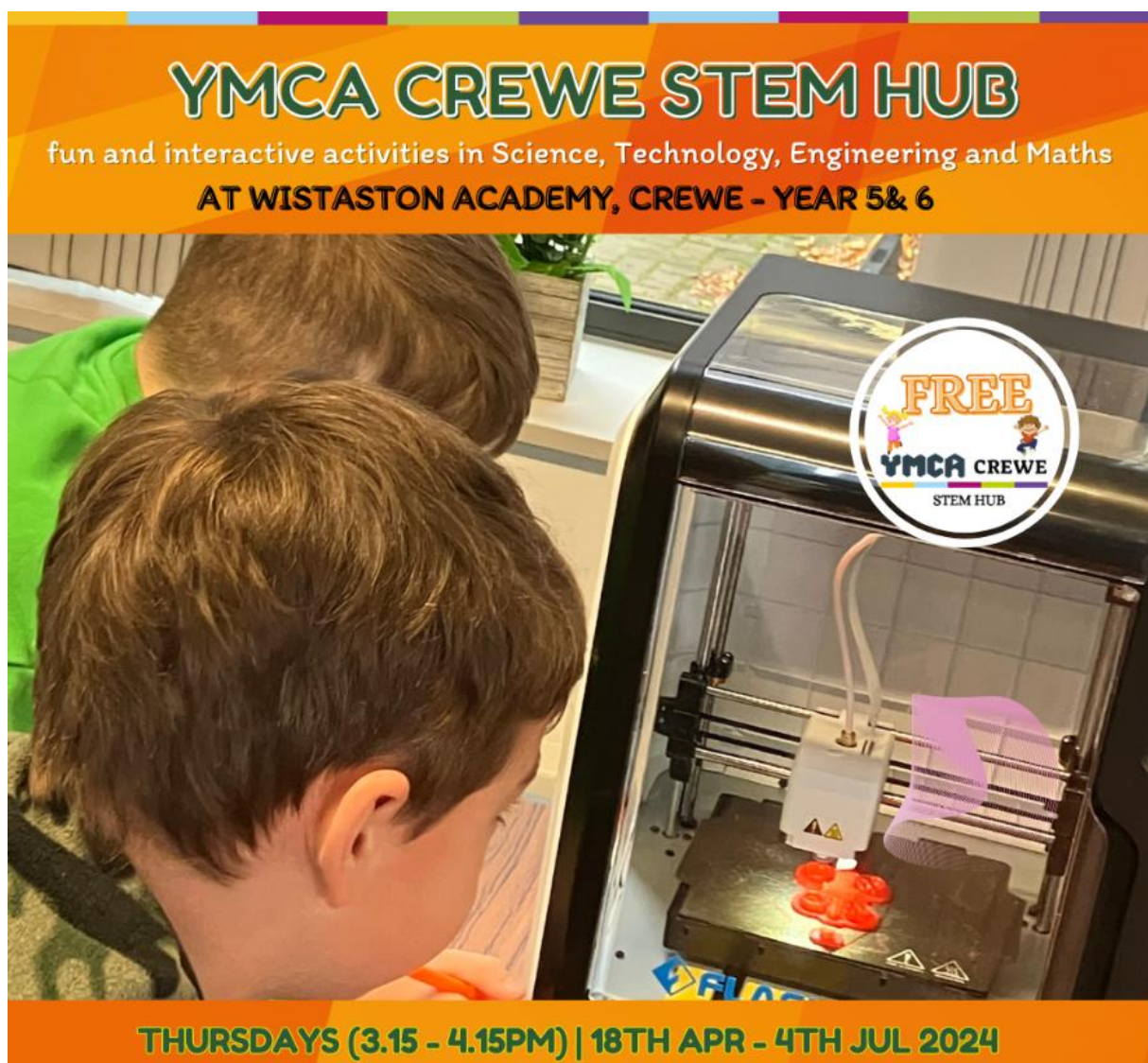
Lego building club is also a fortnightly session which runs on Tuesday's (4-5pm) in both Crewe and Nantwich.



STEM Club

We have an exciting new after-school STEM club running for 10 weeks in the Summer term. If your child is in Year 5 or 6 and is interested in taking part, please let Mrs Martin know as soon as possible.

Children will then be informed of their place by the end of this term.



YMCA CREWE STEM HUB
fun and interactive activities in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths
AT WISTASTON ACADEMY, CREWE - YEAR 5& 6

FREE
YMCA CREWE
STEM HUB

THURSDAYS (3.15 - 4.15PM) | 18TH APR - 4TH JUL 2024

Art News

Focus on Year 4

Year 4 have had the best time expressing their art in a “kinetic” way - using their bodies to “download” their movements on to paper like artist Heather Hansen.

Caleb commented, “It was a 10 out of 10 experience – relaxing and fun. If I had space I’d do it at home.”

Ollie added, “It was the best art lesson I’ve ever had!”



We'll be using the artwork we made to form a whole new mixed-media piece!





Focus on Year 6

Year 6 are continuing to work on their fantastic “anti-violence bee-inspired” pieces! We transposed our designs onto T-shirts, using fabric pens to delineate them, then added colour using fabric spray paints and solid paints. It was exciting to see the colours blending and what effects we could make. We are looking forward to wearing them when we visit the bee sculpture on 21st May 😊



PE News

Clubs

Clubs will return after Easter! Clubs will continue to take place after school, but also during lunchtime and before school to give the children as many opportunities as possible to take part in extra-curricular activities. Clubs will run from **Monday 22nd April-Friday 24th May**. All clubs, including those delivered by outside providers, will be free of charge. If your child is interested in taking part in any of our clubs, please sign them up through Arbor. **All clubs will go live on Arbor on Friday 19th April from 4pm.**

Miss Brown's year 5/6 before-school dodgeball club will continue after half term from 8:20-8:40am on the all-weather pitch. There is no need to book onto this club. The year 5 and 6 children can join in the club when they arrive at school.

New clubs

Parkour-Travelling through the use of running, vaulting, jumping, climbing, rolling, and other movements in order to get from one point to another in the quickest and most efficient way possible without the use of equipment.

Cheerleading-is a team activity that combines elements of dance and gymnastics.

Multi sports-a range of sports and games to develop fundamental movement skills.

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
Parkour (Max 20)	3-6	3:15-4.15pm	Mrs Harrington WA PE Specialist	FREE	Irlam Hall
Boys and girls 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 multi sports (Max 20)	1-2	3:15-4:15pm	Mrs Harrington WA PE Specialist	FREE	All weather pitch
Boys and girls Yoga (max 20)	3-6	3:15-4:15pm	Fiona (outside provider)	FREE	Solar dome
Boys and girls football (max 20)	3-4	3:15-4:15pm	Miss Brown WA PE Specialist	FREE	Field
Boys and girls cheerleading	3-5	3:15-4:15pm	Hannah Wood (outside provider)	FREE	Irlam Hall

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
Boys & Girls dodgeball (max 30)	3-4	3:15-4:15pm	Miss Brown WA PE Specialist	FREE	Irlam Hall

Friday

Club	Year Group	Time	Staff	Price	Location
Boys & Girls athletics (max 20)	3-4 INVITE ONLY	3:15-4:15pm	Mrs Adamczyk WA PE Specialist	FREE	All weather pitch/field
Boys & Girls athletics (max 20)	5-6 INVITE ONLY	3:15-4:15pm	Miss Brown WA PE Specialist	FREE	All weather pitch/field
Performing Arts (max 15)	3 - 6	3:15-4:15pm	Sophie – Young Arts Academy (Outside provider)	FREE	Irlam Hall

Please ensure that ALL children are collected from clubs outside the main reception on time.

If children are not collected from clubs on time they will be taken to Wizz Kids and will need to be collected from there. You will be charged for their time in Wizz Kids.

Picture News

Every week in assembly we share the Picture News image and question with the children. This resource helps children to learn about the world around us, whilst linking to British Values and supporting pupil's personal development.

We hope this enables you to have an interesting conversation at home with your child.

TAKEHOME



In the news this week

Many families travelled to Glasgow for an event that claimed to channel the magic of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. On its website, Willy's Chocolate Experience, guaranteed chocolate fountains, performances by Oompa Loompas, and interactive experiences, with tickets priced at £35 per person. Visitors were greeted by rows of large empty tables and walls of black fabric separating different, almost empty, spaces. Upon facing crowds of disappointed ticketholders, organisers decided to cancel the two-day event after the first morning.

Things to talk about at home ...

- How do you think visitors to the experience might have felt when they realised the experience differed from what they expected?
- Can you think of a time when something didn't go well, even though you tried or thought it would? How did you deal with it?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss



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.

Check out the dedicated TTRS website for parents to answer any questions

<https://ttrackstars.com/parents/>

