

Newsletter 27 – Summer 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		
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: Brendan (RA), Lily (RB)

KS1: Lexi (1A), Celil (1B), Freddie (2B)

KS2: Lilly (5A), Evie (5B) Somaia (4A) Cassius (3B) Caleb (3A)



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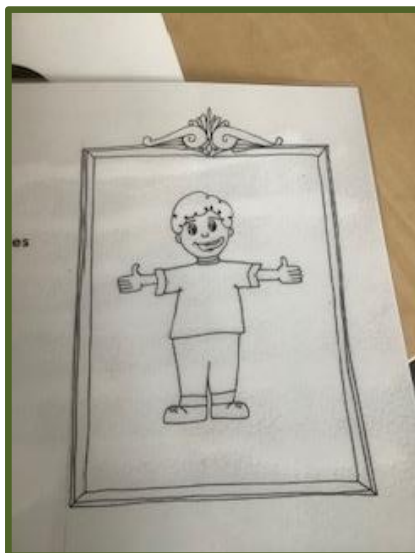
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@WistastonAcadmy and also on Facebook



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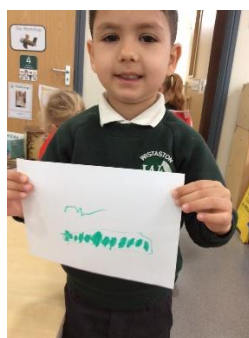
The Hub

In the Hub, we're always looking for new ways to help the children overcome challenges and meet their personal targets. Over the last few weeks we have introduced a new activity designed to develop and strengthen facial muscles. As you can see from the photos, it involves pulling lots of funny faces!



Nursery

This week in Nursery, we have started looking at our book *The Little Red Hen*. First, we looked at a surprise egg and tried to guess what is inside the egg. Next, we drew some pictures of the egg and some of our ideas. Then, we had a Stay and Play with our adults and took part in some egg themed activities.



Reception

This week, we have been learning about the seasons, focusing on Spring. The children explored what Spring looks like, what the weather is like and what happens in Spring. We compared Spring to other seasons such as Autumn and Winter. We had a walk to Queen's Park to observe the changes in Spring for example; the long grass, blossom on the trees, daffodils and flowers beginning to bloom and birds building nests. The children were nature detectives and completed a Spring Scavenger Hunt whilst at the park.



Year 1

To start our new topic all about growing, this week we have been having lots of fun planting different seeds. We learnt how to look after them and over the next few weeks we are going to watch them grow before adding them to our garden.



Year 2

Today, Year 2 had lots of fun planting some different seeds. We are hoping to grow carrots as well as lots of different flowers. We also planted some strawberry plants. Over the next few weeks, we will be looking after our growing area and watching what happens.



Year 3

As part of our Literacy unit on Apes we drew our own apes and chimps as a hook into our topic. We had lots of fun analysing the shapes and the colours of different apes and the similarities they have to us!



Year 4

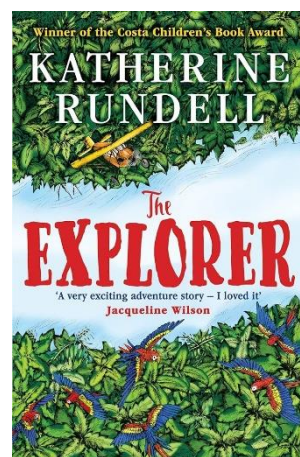
As part of our RE unit on Islam, some members of the school Muslim community prepared an Islamic style feast for us to enjoy. This included many of the foods which the families would have eaten during their Eid celebrations. The food was delicious and we all enjoyed trying it. We would like to say a huge Thank You to everyone involved.



Year 5

This half term, we are embarking on a journey to the Amazon Rainforest. Our children will be immersed in the story, *The Explorer*, in literacy and will be writing many exciting narratives about discovery and survival. We will be sending home copies of the book and hope that you will spend some time enjoying this with your child.

This learning will also link with our history topic, Mayans, and the discovery of ancient ruins. If you can support your child in finding extra information about this civilisation, we'd love to hear what they have researched and learnt.



Year 6

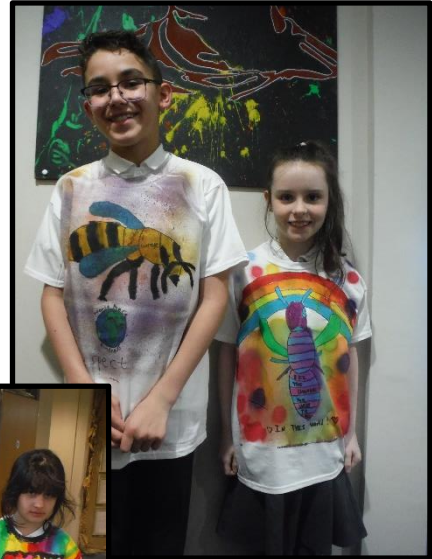
On Monday, we took part in a fantastic workshop that was led by a professional actor. He taught us the basic plot of the famous Shakespeare play, *A Midsummer's Night Dream*. During the workshop, we were able to bring the story to life using words and actions. At the end of the session, we had a greater understanding of the characters, their traits and the clever way in which Shakespeare created the complex, yet fun, love story. We loved all of the plot twists and left feeling really enthused about our new unit of work.



Art News

Focus on Year 6

Year 6 have completed their incredible T-shirts celebrating non-violence, in preparation for visiting the anti-violence bee sculpture in Crewe Town Centre next month. Here are some of our finished pieces:

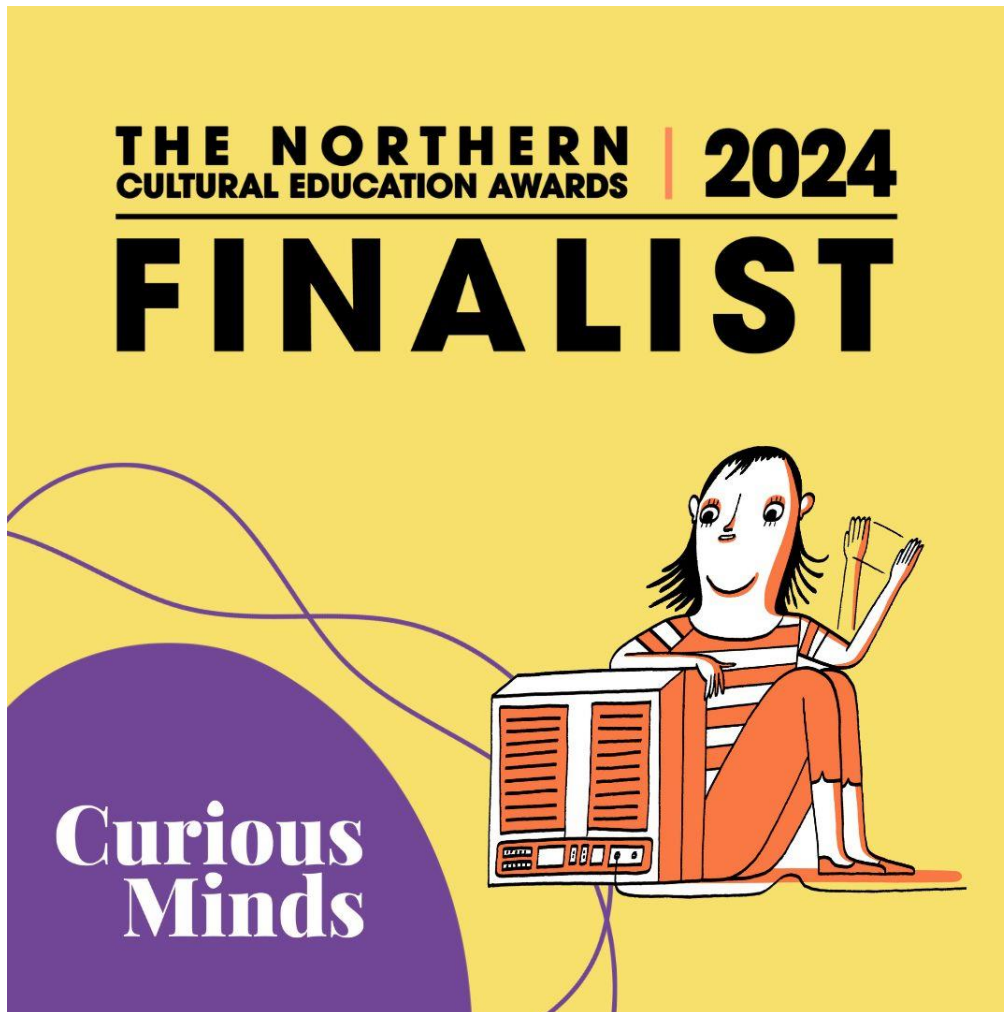


Well done year
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The Northern Cultural Educational Awards

We are absolutely delighted to announce that we have been shortlisted for the finals of the Northern Cultural Educational Awards, under the category of "Leadership and Innovation in Education". From a group of 150 settings nationally, we have been selected as 1 of 8 in our category. We will find out if we will win on Friday 24th May. This is a wonderful accolade, recognising our passion to see creativity in every form across our curriculum 😊 Well done Wistaston!



Focus on Year 5: Art Bytes Competition

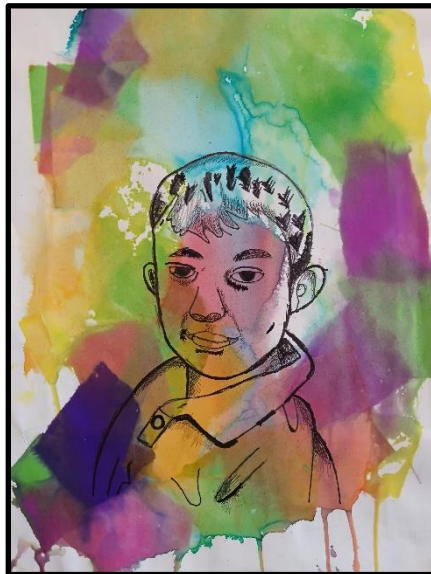


Year 5 have been working so hard on their entries for Dot Art's Art Bytes competition. Our art was selected as 30 semi-finalists first, then the Art-Bytes judges selected three of our young artists as finalists. We need you to help us by voting for your chosen winner! We really value the support of our community 😊 Simply click this link: https://artbytes.co.uk/browse-schools/?mc_cid=dfea4b7f9a&mc_eid=a16e0b64b0 which will take you to the competition page. Click "W" and scroll down for Wistaston Academy. Place your vote for the artwork of

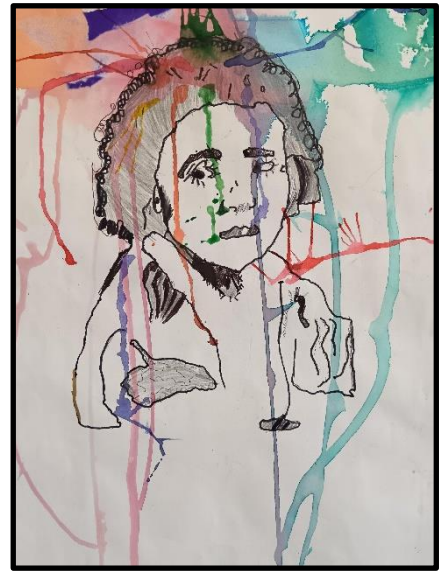
either Angel Swift, James Finnan or Kassidy Young and then confirm your vote by clicking the link that is sent to your email. Thank you for your support! Here are our artworks in the finals:



“Camouflaged with colour”, by Angel Swift.



“Strong”, by James Finnan.



“Pensive”, by Cassidy Young.

It might also be fun to view the other schools’ artworks too – we can be inspired by seeing what others have done.

Well done Year 5!

PE News

Clubs

Clubs will return next week! 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
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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.



In the news this week

A new artwork, from the mysterious street artist Banksy, appeared in North London overnight in March. The artwork shows green paint sprayed on a wall behind a cut-back tree to look like greenery, with a stencil of a person holding a spray can next to it. In the days following its creation, it was covered with plastic and surrounded by wooden boards to protect it. The local council, Islington, has added a frame around the site, which has plastic panels to allow people to view the artwork, whilst ensuring its protection.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share your experience of graffiti. Is there any in your local area?
- > What is your definition of art?
- > Do you like creating art? If so, what type?

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 Year 1, they will have access to an app called **Numbots**. If your child is in Year 2 or 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://trockstars.com/parents/>

