

# Newsletter 29 – Summer 1



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Primary and Nursery School  
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## This Week's Events

Date	School Events	International Events
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
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:** Vihas (RA), Prashamsa (RB), Finley (2B)

**KS1:** Roman (1B) Mia (2A)

**KS2:** Helin (5B), Chyann (5A) Maja (3B) Jacek (3A)

### The Hub

In the Hub we have been exploring a range of instruments, listening to how they sound and exploring how we can create sound using them. This week we explored a drum. We used our whole hand, fist and fingertips to play the drum and noticed that sometimes it sounded quiet and sometimes it sounded loud, depending on how hard we hit it.



## Nursery

This week we have been looking at our book *The Little Red Hen*. We looked at how the Little Red Hen collected the wheat to make flour and then bread. To make the bread we looked at the ingredients and the instructions. First, we weighed out the milk and flour. Next, we mixed them together. Then, we put it in the loaf tin. Finally, we put it in the oven to cook.



## Reception

This week in Maths we have been exploring 3D shapes. We have been learning to recognise and name a cone, cuboid, cube, sphere and cylinder. We have been discussing their properties and finding 2D shapes within the 3D shapes. The children found lots of ways to sort the 3D shapes into groups for example; shapes that roll, shapes that stack or shapes with circular faces. At the end of the week, we went on a shape hunt to spot 3D shapes in our environment.



## Year 1

This week, year 1 have been authors. We are working towards writing a story about being in the woods. To help with our writing, we did some drama where we acted out walking through different types of forests. We were thinking about how we might walk through the forest and what our facial expressions would look like. In the forest covered in snow, children would shiver and hold their arms close, whereas in the forests with bright sunshine, children skipped through the forests smiling.



## Year 2

This week, we had a music and PSHE enrichment day with Tim with a focus on healthy choices. First, we learnt songs about our bodies and then we played some choice games and thought about which of those choices were healthy and not. After that, we thought about when people make unkind choices and say things that hurt us. We have a choice to react negatively or respond positively about what others say and how to show resilience in our response. Then we created healthy choices posters and performed the songs and things we had learnt to Year 1 in an assembly.





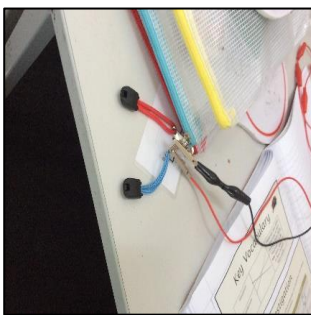
### Year 3

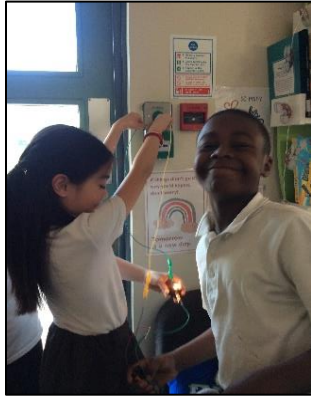
This week, Year 3 have set up an experiment to show the function of the stem of a flower. They have put flowers into different coloured water and some children have predicted that this will change the colour of the petals. Other children think it won't make a difference.... We are looking forwards to finding out!



### Year 4

Year 4 had lots of fun investigating conductors and insulators this week. Having quickly worked out mid-investigation that metal objects were good electrical conductors, the children went on a hunt around the classroom to find as many conductors as they could. They were very creative and incorporated a range of conducting objects into their circuits, such as the classroom sink and the metal nibs of their pens! It was a pleasure to observe them working scientifically and having so much fun.





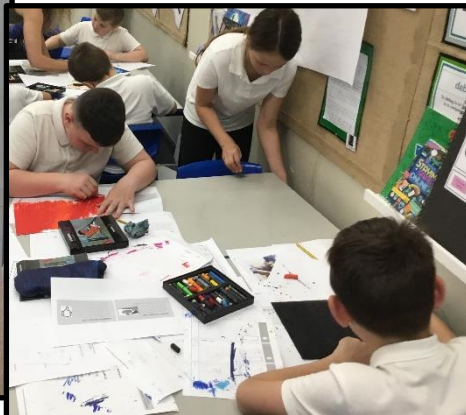
### Year 5

This week 5A have been exploring Gunner's How in the Lake District. They had an excellent time and even got to try homemade vegetarian fajitas and flatbread. The children were exhausted after their train journey and walk up the hill!



## Year 6

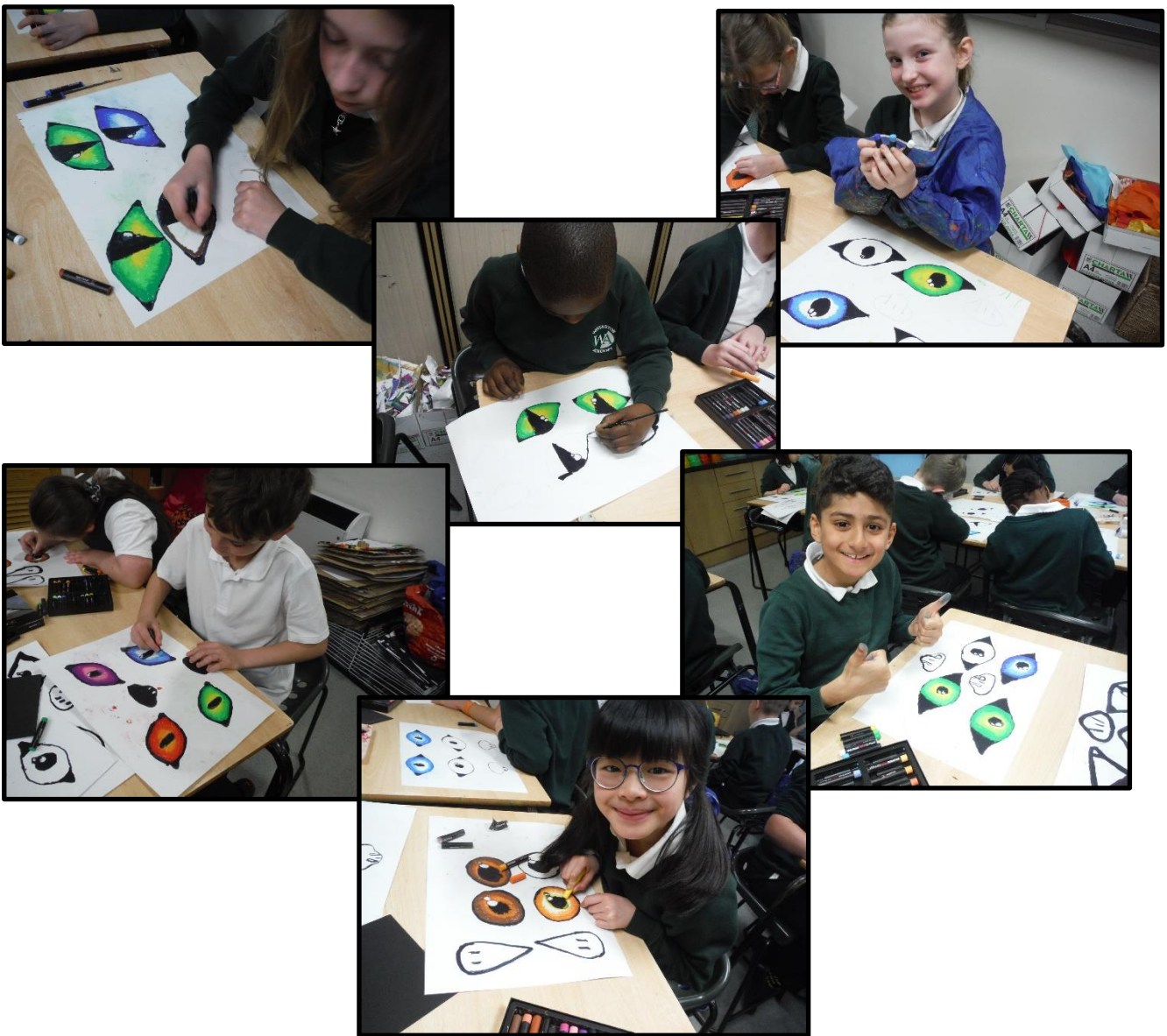
In Year 6 we have been experimenting with a new type of art called "sgraffito". We are using art as a way of learning about RE and in particular, the significance to Christians of beliefs about Jesus' death and resurrection. Children drew linear images to begin with and enjoyed making a huge mess by blending oil pastels. Our finished products will be fabulous!





## Art News

Year 4 have been learning about blending oil pastels to create eyes and noses for our collaged animal faces. Our blending has been absolutely fantastic! For each eye, we chose 3 colours that are next to each other on the colour wheel, so we could blend various shades. The eyes look so realistic – we are delighted with the outcome. 😊



## Year 5 ArtBytes Competition

Thank you to everyone who votes for our three finalists! The voting lines have now closed. We will find out who our winner is shortly, who will be entered into an online exhibition, with all other national winners. This child's work will also be exhibited in the Whitworth Gallery in Manchester at a Celebration Event on June 13<sup>th</sup>.

Watch this space!

## PE News

### Sports Day 2024

Our annual sports day event will take place on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May. The Reception and KS1 event will be starting at 9.30am and the KS2 event will be starting at 1.30pm. As in previous years we will have a parent and carer spectator area available; you are more than welcome to come along to support your children.

As the Olympics is taking place this summer In Paris, we thought it would be nice for the children to be in teams which represent some of the countries taking part. These counties have been selected by our Sports Ambassadors. Children have been divided into the following teams to encourage a small element of competition. The team names are **Spain (red)**, **Brazil (green)**, **Jamaica (yellow)** **USA (blue)**. Children should come to school in **Sports Day Kit (black shorts, teams coloured t-shirt)**.



Spain



USA



Brazil



Jamaica

In the case of hot, sunny weather your child must wear a sun hat and sun cream. Please also ensure that your child has a bottle of water to take out with them onto the field. If sports day has to be postponed because of bad weather we will inform you asap.

**Nursery sports day will take place on the morning of Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June.**

### **PE polite reminder:**

Please could **all** after school club participants come to school with the correct PE kit to wear to clubs. Over the last couple of weeks, it has become more evident that some children have the incorrect kit, missing items or no PE kit at all. This is a PE lesson and children will need to have the correct attire to be able to continue to participate in the clubs this is due to health and safety reason.

### **Healthy Eating**

We are working alongside our Sports Ambassadors to encourage children to make healthy choices with their packed lunches. The Sports Ambassadors will be completing an audit of the content of packed lunches at our school. The PE staff will then meet with the children and help them to lead sessions in all our classes about healthy food options for children to include in their packed lunches. We will also be running a competition during the summer term to create healthy packed lunch posters which we will display in the school and on our website.

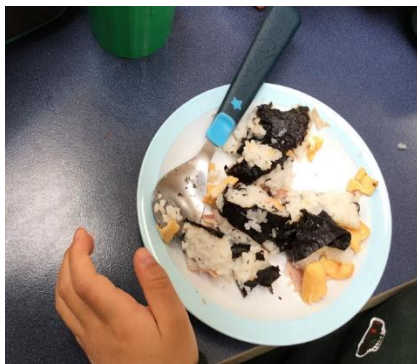


We have created a survey for parents to complete on the link below, this is gaging your interest in receiving more information around healthy lunch ideas and also your understanding on the importance of a healthy packed lunch.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PJF8SHM>

**Lunch box inspiration**

This week we have seen some excellent varied healthy packed lunches, these lunches contain a well-rounded balance of dairy, protein, carbohydrates, fruits and vegetables.



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Reception

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Reception

Year 1  
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Some simple practical ideas to encourage your child to eat a more varied and healthy packed lunch.

<p><b>Compartment lunch boxes:</b> These encourage children to try more foods. It includes compartments for carbohydrates, protein, dairy and fruits and vegetables.</p>	
<p><b>Shapes:</b> Changing the shape of fruit, vegetables and sandwiches can encourage younger children to try a range of foods.</p>	

## 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

Stef Reid MBE, a former Paralympian medal-winner who represented Canada and Great Britain, is asking Nike and other sportswear companies to start selling individual trainers to single-leg amputees. The request comes after noticing the company using mannequins with running blades to promote its products in shops. Stef has said that by refusing to sell single shoes, Nike is not living up to its values of diversity and inclusion. In a video viewed over 3 million times, Reid said she was thrilled to be shown photos of mannequins in Nike stores with running blades wearing a single shoe.

### Things to talk about at home ...

- > Do you believe all sportswear companies should sell single shoes to single-leg amputees? Ask others at home to share their thoughts.
- > Can you think of any shops or businesses that take action to celebrate diversity?



How can shops make sure everyone feels represented?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

[www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss](http://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/>

