

Newsletter 35 – Summer 2



Wistaston Academy
Primary and Nursery School
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This Week's Events

Date	School Events	International Events
Monday		
Tuesday	Year 5 Rounders at Malbank High School 3:30pm-5pm	
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
Advanced Notice:	KS2 Cross Country AT Crewe Vagrants 3:30pm-5pm	
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: Ruchir (RA), Pandora (RB)

KS1: Jacob B (1B), Sophia (1A), Evelina (2B) Francizek (2A)

KS2: Kelvin (3A) Clara (3A) Emrys (3B)

The Hub

The Hub children have been exploring all different instruments in our music lessons. This week we got to use the glockenspiels. We listened to a familiar piece of music and then played along, trying hard to keep to the beat with the sticks. We had so much fun!



Nursery

This week in Nursery, we have dug our potato crop. First, we planted the potatoes before the half term. Next, we looked after our potatoes by watering them. Then, we used spades to dig the potatoes out. Finally, we have been cleaning the potatoes. We have even made a scarecrow for our other crops!



Reception

This week we have been learning about people who help us in the community such as firefighters, police officers, postal workers, doctors and nurses etc. We discussed their role, how they help people and we shared our own experiences. On Thursday, we also have a Buddy Reading afternoon with the Year 4 children. It was a lovely session and all the children enjoyed it.



Year 1

In topic year one have been learning all about birds. We started by writing a fact file about what birds are like on the outside, inside and how they have babies. After this we became scientists and compared two different feathers looking carefully at the similarities and differences, before drawing what we observed.



Year 2

This week in Literacy, we have been introduced to a new story book called Mama Panya's Pancakes. As a hook into the story we have recreated the pancake recipe from the story.



Year 3

In maths this week we played guess the shape and recapped the name of some 2D shapes.



Year 4

This week in literacy, year 4 have designed their own park and began to use some descriptive language to allow the reader to create an image of their park in their minds. We also shared some reading time with the children from Reception which was enjoyed by everyone.



Year 5

As part of our Day to Create, we were lucky enough to have Gurchara, who is an Indian Banghra Drummer. He taught us about the culture of the drumming as well as how to play. We all had a chance to play the drum and created a performance that we showed to each other in the class. We also considered the beat of the music and clapped along. We had a fantastic time playing and learning.



Year 6

In this week's drama workshop, we worked collaboratively to form a variety of freeze frames and then had opportunities to improvise our responses. We heard a story and discussed the impact of music on mood and then realised that music can transform the tone of a piece being performed. We had great fun with RicNic!

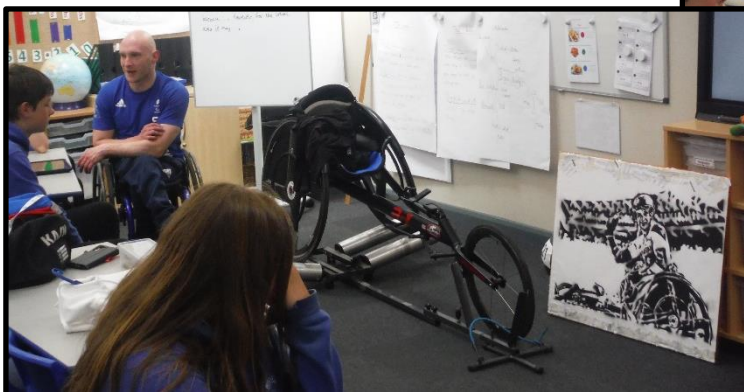


Art News

A Day to Create!

Last Friday, we had the most incredible day, celebrating our creativity, culture and diversity throughout the school! We enjoyed painting in the Hub; oil pastels (that expressed our hopes and dreams) in Reception; drama expressing our individuality with Miss Sophie in Year 1; yoga with Miss Fiona (based on her book which we have been illustrating) in Year 2; African drumming with Love Music Trust in Year 3; Year 4 and 5 enjoyed incredible banghra drumming workshops with Gurchuran from the Dhol Blasters and Year 6 enjoyed a workshop where Andrew Small (local Paralympic gold medallist) told his inspiring story. What a day! The Arts Council visited too and loved our school so much they said they wished they could go back to school here. When we receive footage from them, you will be able to see more of our special day on YouTube. All this just makes us more passionate to champion creative education!





The Royal Cheshire Show

At the Cheshire Show this year, the theme in the schools' tent was "Farm to Fork". We took the angle of our pollinators making farming possible, so our stand focused on the importance of bees. Year 6 children had a great time leading other children in different activities: badge making, a bee-bot coding challenge and wild-flower seed packet making. We displayed artwork on our stand from year 4, 5 and the Hub and our collaborative bee sculpture (mainly sculpted by years 4, 5 and 6 - with help and creative direction from our welder, Steve Oldham) created quite a buzz! Our children were fabulous representatives of our school and we had a great time too!



PE News

Town Sports 2024

Our athletics team competed in Town Sports this week. Children from Y3, 4, 5 and 6 took part in field events on Monday at the Cumberland Arena and track events on Wednesday at The Barony in Nantwich. The children were amazing! We won the field events and finished in 3rd place overall. Congratulations to all children who took part on both nights. Also, a huge thank you to everyone who came along to help and show support. **Bring on Town Sports 2025!**





Clubs

There will be no Dance Clubs with Miss Sophie from Young Arts Academy on Wednesday 26th and Friday 28th June.

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.



Should we always be prepared for an emergency?

In the news this week

The UK government has launched a new website, prepare.campaign.gov.uk, designed to help people plan for potential dangers and equip themselves with the necessary knowledge and resources to respond effectively. Households are encouraged to understand the hazards in their local area by checking their long-term flood risk and signing up for flood and weather warnings. Creating an emergency plan is another key aspect of being prepared, including deciding on escape routes and keeping important phone numbers to hand.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Do you have any plans in case of emergencies in your household? Is it something that you prioritise?
- > Have you, or anyone at home, ever experienced an emergency? Were you prepared for it? If so, if it happened again, is there anything you would do differently?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss



Maths News

Remember, 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** every day will make a massive difference to basic number skills and support your child to become confident mathematicians!

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

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



Learning to tell the time

Telling the time is an **important skill in everyday life**, but we all know how tricky it is to learn despite the number of devices we have in our homes that keep us punctual.



Before your child will be able to tell the time on a clock, they will need to grasp how time relates to their own experiences. You can start to increase their awareness of time from a young age by doing some simple activities and games.

How can you help at home?

When you're out and about with your child, look for analogue clocks and digital clocks. Practise reading times and converting them to 12- or 24-hour times.

You could also use timetables to solve problems – for example, finding when the next bus will arrive or how long a train journey will take.