

Newsletter 36 – Summer 2



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Primary and Nursery School
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This Week's Events

Date	School Events	International Events
Monday	Cross Country 3.30-5.30pm at Crewe Vagrants	
Tuesday	Year 5&6 Trophy 75 Football Tournament 12:30-4pm at The Soccer Centre	
Wednesday	Diamond Cricket 3.30-5.30 pm at South Cheshire College	
Thursday		
Friday		
Advanced Notice:		
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), Segun (RB)

KS1: Olivia (1A), Ella (2A) Penelope (2B), Jayce (1B)

KS2: Angelo (3B), Hanna (5A), Lynette (5B), Lenny (3A)

The Hub

The children have been exploring how the states of some foods change when they are heated up or cooled down. The children were able to explore corn turning into popcorn when heated up in a microwave, and solid chocolate melting into a liquid when warm. Some of the children were able to make an accurate prediction that the liquid chocolate would turn solid again once it had been cooled in a fridge.

We are Super Scientists!



Nursery

This half term in Nursery we have been preparing for our Sports Day! On Wednesday we held our Sports Day for our adults to come and watch. First, we did the beanbag race. Next, we did a running race. Then, we watched some of our adults race. We had a good morning! Thank you to the adults that came to support the children for Sports Day.



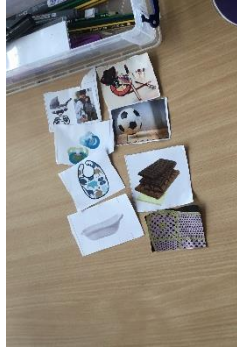
Reception

We have been thinking about our local superheroes and who helps us to stay safe. PC Gary came in to talk to us about his job and how he helps us to stay safe. He also discussed road safety with us too. He shared his uniform and explained how the camera worked and we were allowed to hold the handcuffs and the baton. We were surprised at how heavy they were!



Year 1

Year 1 have been learning about the differences between a baby, a toddler and a child in PSHE. Here, they are working in teams to organise pictures into two groups; things babies need and things babies do not need.



Year 2

This week, Year 2 were invited to participate in the Infant Cricket Skills at South Cheshire College. The children had great fun and showed off their fantastic cricket skills.



Year 3

This week, we were very lucky to be joined by members of The Wheelock Baptist Church who came in to tell us more about the Bible story 'Daniel in the Lions' Den'. Some children got to act out some of the parts and we also learnt a song about the story.



Year 4

This week, year 4 have been busy designing and making night lights in DT. Their knowledge of both electrical circuits and insulators and conductors has been put to the test as they have tried to create something functional yet aesthetically pleasing. It has been a joy to observe their wonderful creations come to life!



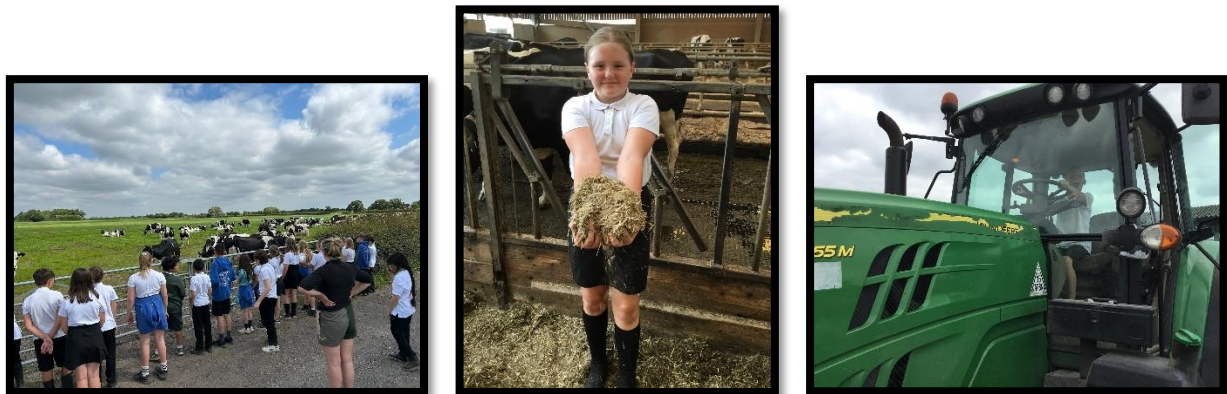
Year 5

Year 5 worked so hard last week during assessments. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, we were unable to get to Ruskin High School, however the children did enjoy a trip to South Cheshire College and 5B thoroughly enjoyed their day in the Lake District earlier this week. It has been lovely spending time with the children outside of the classroom.



Year 6

As part of our Field to Fork project, this week, we visited Wimboldsley Grange Farm. Children learned about how the farm operated, the food that is produced there, as well as the careers available in agriculture. We had a great day!



Art News

Focus on the HUB!

During our "Day to Create" on June 14th, that focused on diversity, HUB 1 and 2 celebrated our uniqueness by using colour on portraits of ourselves. The portraits were made using a stencil, like Banksy, and we splatted paint on them, like Jackson Pollock! We look A.M.A.Z.I.N.G!

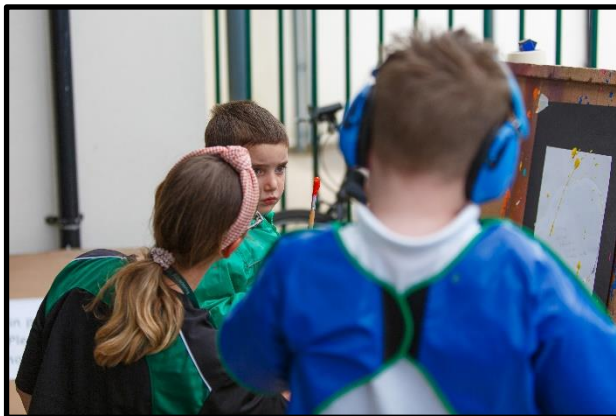


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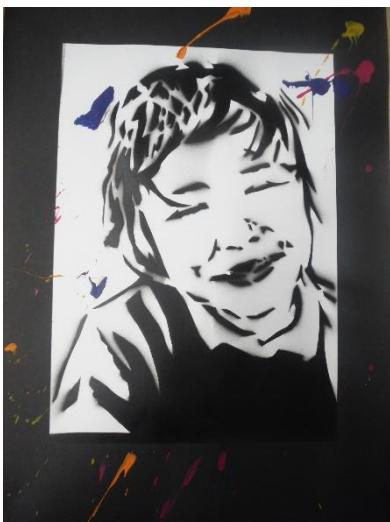
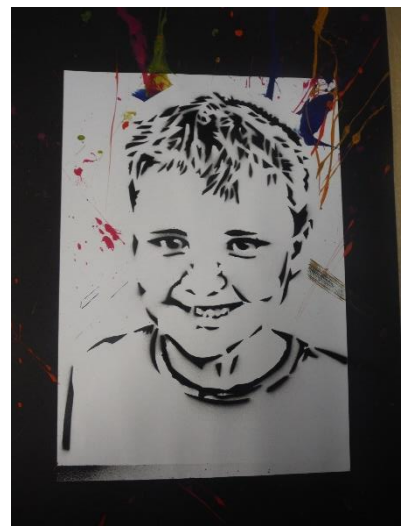
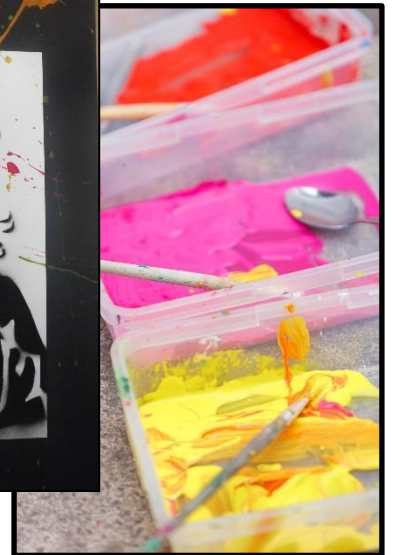
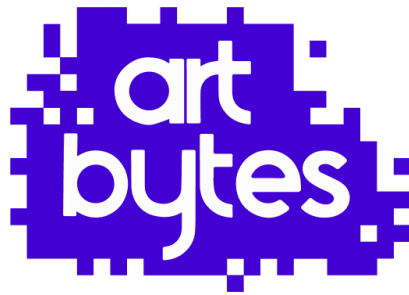




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Focus on Year 5!



We are so proud of our Year 5s who participated in the Art Bytes Competition that was open to Year 5 and Year 9 only. As you know, our 3 finalists were Angel Swift, who won first place for our school, Cassidy Young, who won 2nd place for us and James Finnan, who won 3rd place. We visited the Whitworth Gallery for the presentation of their certificates, to take part in a drawing workshop and to see Angel's work exhibited. Art Bytes will release the official photos to us in due course, and we will share these. In the meantime, the virtual gallery is now open and you can view all the local, regional and national winners in this gallery in both ages categories by either searching "Art Bytes" on Google, or by clicking this link:

<https://artbytes.co.uk/virtual-gallery-2024/>

You can browse the artworks by using the arrow keys or your mouse.

Well done Year 5!

PE News

Year 5 Rounders Competition

On Tuesday, some of our Year 5 children competed in the Rounders competition At Malbank School and Sixth Form College. The aim of the competition was to provide our pupils the opportunity to compete against other schools. We won every game! A big well done to Cassidy, Ashton, Harrison, Freddie R, Alfie, Helin, Angel, Madison, Ella.



Year 2 Cricket Festival

On Thursday all Y2 children went to South Cheshire College to take part in a Cricket Festival. The children have been doing cricket in their PE lessons so this was an opportunity for them to show off the skills they've learnt. They were amazing and everyone really enjoyed the experience. Well done Y2!



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.

