

Newsletter 38 – Summer 2



Wistaston Academy
Primary and Nursery School
Together We Learn • Together We Achieve

This Week's Events

Date	School Events	International Events
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
Advanced Notice:	No lunchtime or afternoon clubs wc 15 th July. Clubs will return in September	
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: Nancy (RA), Nicolas (RB)

KS1: Pasha (1B), Charlie (2A), Lennox (2B)

KS2: Leo (5A), Sara (5B) Takshay (3A)

The Hub

One of the books that we have been reading this half term is The Snail and the Whale by Julia Donaldson. We used this text to inspire some artwork by creating snails from modelling clay and, once they were dry, decorating them with paint and glitter.



Nursery

This week at Nursery, we have been continuing to look at different minibeast. First, we looked at the different pictures and named the mini beast. Next, we played a game of bingo with the minibeast. Then, we have played a game of What minibeast am I? We practised using our questioning skills e.g. do they have legs? Can they fly? Finally, we have enjoyed exploring the minibeast in the outdoor area.



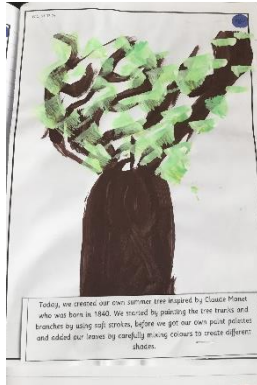
Reception

This week, the children have been learning about a local hero Shaneze Reade who is a BMX racer from Crewe. We have also been finding out more about the Olympics and created torches in Free Flow.



Year 1

Since September, year 1 have been made familiar with the four seasons we have throughout the year. As we are now in summer, as part of our art learning, we painted a summer tree, inspired by the artist Claude Monet. We discussed how given it is a summer tree it needs to have lots of green leaves.



Year 2

As part of our DT project, we sampled a range of bread products and rated the bread. We used this information to help us to think about how we want our bread to be. Working as a team we made the dough before carefully choosing our toppings once the bread had proved. After they were cooked, we tasted our bread to see if it had achieved the design criteria.



Year 3

This week Year 3 have learnt to sew in DT and have made some INCREDIBLE wallets. Here are just a few...



Year 4

This half term, Year 4's topic in Science has been 'Brilliant Bubbles'. We have looked at regular blowing bubbles, bubbles in chocolate and the bubbles formed when sherbet hits our tongues. This week, we investigated the effect yeast has on breadmaking. We learnt that, when activated, yeast produces carbon dioxide which forms bubbles in the dough. As part of our investigation, we wanted to see which flour created the most bubbles, so measured how much each dough rose in an hour. Plain flour was the winner in 4B, and wholemeal flour won in 4A. It seems we may need to work on controlling our variables...! However, we had lots of fun and loved experiencing more brilliant bubbles!



Year 5

This week, the children went to Ruskin high school to take part in PE and DT activities. The children had an excellent time and enjoyed exploring the facilities within the school. They represented our school brilliantly.

Well done year 5!



Year 6

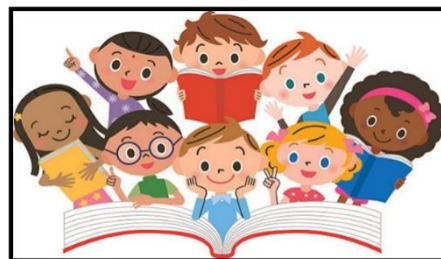
Year 6 have had the most fantastic 3 days. They've all fully embraced it and made memories for life. They will be coming home very tired, but very happy.



Reading News

This week, we a visitor from Crewe Library came to talk to the children about reading over the summer holidays. Did you know that encouraging your child to read **just 5 books over the holidays** will help to keep their brains active? To join in the summer reading challenge, simply head down to the local library to sign up. Or, take a look at these websites that have 100s of free eBooks to read.

- <https://www.freechildrenstories.com/>
- <https://monkeypen.com/pages/free-childrens-books>
- <https://sooperbooks.com/>
- https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/?view=image&query=&type=book&age_group=Age+9-11&level=&level_select=&book_type=&series=#



Art News

Art Awards 2024!

This week we had great excitement in celebrating our children for their attitude and achievements in art! It was incredibly hard choosing winners as all of our children give so much to art in ability and enthusiasm. Well done to all!

Our awards were given to years 3, 4 and 5 in two categories (Year 6 awards will be presented next week in their leavers assembly):

▪ **Attitude to Art**

- Giving 100% effort in lessons
- Never giving up
- Having a positive attitude
- Always putting previous learning into practise.

▪ **Art Personality**

- Showing the determination of a true artist
- "Striving for excellence"
- Showing talent with various art media

Year 3 award winners

Attitude to Art



Art Personality



Maja, Mason, Alexia and Adam.

Year 4 award winners

Attitude to Art



Art Personality



Shambavi, Bobby, Theo and Inga.

Year 5 award winners

Attitude to Art



Art Personality



Ryan, Ayesha, Angel and James.



PE News

Sports Awards 2024



On Tuesday we celebrated the huge amount of sport that has taken place this year at our annual Sports Awards assembly. The children at our school love PE and sport and it was a difficult task choosing this year's awards winners. Congratulations to all our children who continue to be enthusiastic and motivated in PE and school sport and a very special well done to this year's award winners!

Year 3 award winners

Attitude to Sport



Sports Personality



Kaja, Jaden, Freya and Cassius.

Year 4 award winners

Attitude to Sport



Sports Personality



Shaylea, Sam, Jenson and Olivia.

Year 5 award winners

Attitude to Sport



Sports Personality



Helin, Ashton, Tianna and Rhoan.

Greenpower Race Team



Lilly, Ryan, Ellis, Anesu, Koby, Cassidy, Angel, Lynette, Skye and Aaron

Congratulations to Wistaston Academy's 2024 Race Team. Not only did they create a fantastic car but they also scored an impressive set of results. Competing against more than 50 other schools in the North and Midlands region, they achieved:

- Perfect driving with not a single penalty point given to any member of the team
- 11th in the sprint race
- 14th in the drag race
- 18th in the slalom
- 13th position overall

The organisers of this regional event were so impressed by the team that they have been invited to race at the famous Mallory Park circuit in September!

Well done Team WA, we are so proud of you 😊

Lego League Competition

Our Lego League club attended the Lego League Competition in Newcastle this week. They have spent weeks and weeks preparing for the event, creating posters, building models and coding their model to make it move. When we got to the event, we were judged and asked lots of questions about how we created our designs and what we had to do to get to the end result. The judges were so impressed. We won the Core Values award which is fantastic! Well done team!



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

Supermarket chain, Asda, has launched fan zones for elderly people to enjoy the UEFA EURO 2024 football tournament (the Euros). The idea came about as new research found that over 1.9 million individuals over 65 will be watching the matches alone. Many other places, where people choose to watch the football, can be very busy, with standing space only. The Nanzone spaces have been specially developed with older people in mind, ensuring they have somewhere enjoyable to watch the matches with others.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Have you been watching the Euros football competition this year? If so, who have you watched with? Who will you watch with? Do you prefer to watch sport and big events with others?
- > Do you think you have to be alone to feel lonely? Is there a time when you have ever felt lonely?

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/>

Next week, children in Years 2-6 will be awarded their **ROCK STATUS** certificates.

Children have until **Sunday 14th July** to play 10 studio games and achieve their rock status.



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?

Make clocks together to display. This gives them practice in writing the numbers in order in the right places. You could also add the 5-minute increments outside the clock face so they start to recognise that when the long hand is on the number 4, it means 20 minutes have passed.



Is your child on the Autism / ADHD Pathway for diagnosis?

Would you like information and support whilst on this Pathway?

Come along to one of our drop-in sessions at Oakenclough Family Hub and meet with professionals who can share guidance and support and answer any questions you may have...

Professionals from CAMHS, Education, Social Care amongst others will be available to signpost and give advice...



Where ?

Oakenclough Family Hub

Colshaw Drive

Wilmslow

SK9 2PZ

When?

- Thursday 25th July 2024 - 10am until 12pm
- Thursday 29th August 2024 - 2-4pm
- Tuesday 1st October 2024 - 4.30-6.30pm
- Tuesday 5th November 2024 – 12.30-2pm
- Thursday 12th December 2024 – 10am-12pm



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Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)
Local Offer Marketplace



For all families with children aged 0-25 who would like to find out more about our SEND Local Offer and how we can support you and your child. Drop in and meet with multiple agencies all in one place!

Monday 12 August 10am – 1pm
Tuesday 17 September 4pm – 6.30pm
Thursday 17 October 1pm – 4pm
Monday 18 November 11am – 2pm
Tuesday 17 December 4pm – 6.30pm



Monks Coppenhall Family Hub

Remer Street, Crewe, CW1 4LY

01270 371240





Rubys
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Families Shine

Summer holiday timetable

SCAN



Monday 22/07

community cafe
open to all
9-3.30

Tuesday 23/07

little Ruby's 9.30-12
SEND lunch club
12.30-2.30

Wednesday 24/07

community cafe
open to all
9-3.30

Thursday 25/07

community cafe
open to all
9-3.30

Friday 26/07

community cafe
open to all
9-3.30

Saturday 27/07

community cafe
open to all
9-1pm

Meals available for SEND families from 24th email: sendteam@rubysfund.co.uk

call 01260 277666
for details

www.rubysfund.co.uk

Sensory room available to book for 1 hour slots



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SCAN



Monday 29/07

community cafe
open to all
9-3.30

Tuesday 30/07

little Ruby's 9.30-12
SEND lunch club
12.30-2.30

Wednesday 31/07

SEND Paddling Pool
10-1pm
community cafe
open to all
9-3.30

Thursday 01/08

community cafe
open to all
9-3.30

Friday 02/08

community café
open to all
9-3.30

Saturday 03/08

smile group
10-12
www.smilegroup.org.uk

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SCAN



Monday 05/08

community cafe
open to all
9-3.30
Sibs club 4-6pm

Tuesday 06/08

little Ruby's 9.30-12
SEND lunch club
12.30-2.30

Wednesday 07/08

SEND Paddling Pool
10-1pm
community cafe
open to all
9-3.30

Thursday 08/08

community cafe
open to all
9-3.30

Friday 09/08

community café
9-3.30
Sensory bus at
caudwell children 10-3

Saturday 10/08

closed for
Private hire

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Summer holidays timetable

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Monday 12/08

community cafe
open to all
9-3.30

Tuesday 13/08

little Ruby's 9.30-12
Sensory bus Sandbach
Town centre 11-1pm

Wednesday 14/08

SEND Paddling Pool
10-1pm
community cafe
open to all
9-3.30

Thursday 15/08

community cafe
open to all
9-3.30

Friday 16/08

community cafe
open to all
9-3.30

Saturday 17/08

closed

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Summer holidays timetable

SCAN



Monday 19/08

community café
open to all
9-3.30

Tuesday 20/08

little Ruby's 9.30-12
SEND lunch club
12.30-2.30

Wednesday 21/08

SEND Paddling Pool
10-1pm
community café
open to all
9-3.30

Thursday 22/08

community café
open to all
9-3.30

Friday 23/08

community café
open to all
9-3.30

Saturday 24/08

closed for
Private hire

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Summer holidays timetable

SCAN



Monday 26/08

closed
(bank holiday)

Tuesday 27/08

little Ruby's 9.30-12
community café
open to all
12-3.30

Wednesday 28/08

SEND Paddling Pool
10-1pm
community café
open to all
9-3.30

Thursday 29/08

community café
open to all
9-3.30

Friday 30/08

community café
open to all
9-3.30

Saturday 31/08

Rubyfest
@Beartown Brewery
6pm adults only

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