

Newsletter 39 – Summer 2



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:		
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:

KS1:

KS2:

The Hubs

The Hub staff try to get all of the children participating in activities together as much as is possible. As the children all enjoy being outdoors and getting physical, we took full advantage of the lovely weather to visit the big outdoor equipment on the Key Stage 2 playground.



Nursery

This week we have enjoyed looking at and discussing the Bloodhound car. First, we went to see the car. Then, we took art in a STEM activity to test different surfaces.



Reception

In maths, we have been working on doubling numbers. Using counters, we also had to think about what number had been doubled.



Year 1

This week in maths we have been consolidating our learning from across year 1. We have completed a range of worded questions with our explore partners.



Year 2

This week in Year 2, we took part in a Bloodhound event as part of STEM week. Working in pairs we had to build our car kits and had lots of fun blowing up the balloons to make our cars move.



Year 3

This week we took part in a Bloodhound event as part of STEM week. We had lots of fun making our own cars and testing how far they would travel.



Year 4

Year 4 had a brilliant time at the Bloodhound event as part of STEM week. It was so much fun and many left with a new found interest in engineering.



Year 5

At the end of last week, year 5 had their final music performance. They were excellent musicians and a great audience for one another. Here are some photos of us in action.



Year 6

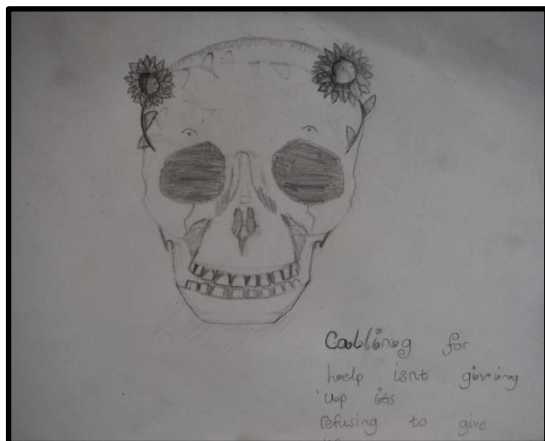
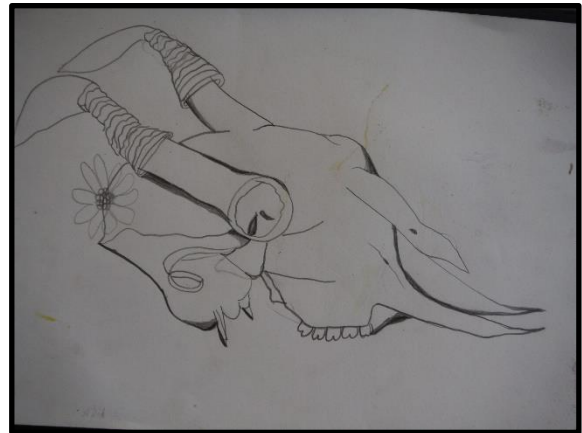
Last night, the Year 6s had their Leavers' Prom. it was a great way to celebrate a fantastic year. Good luck in high school Year 6 - we know you will all be brilliant.

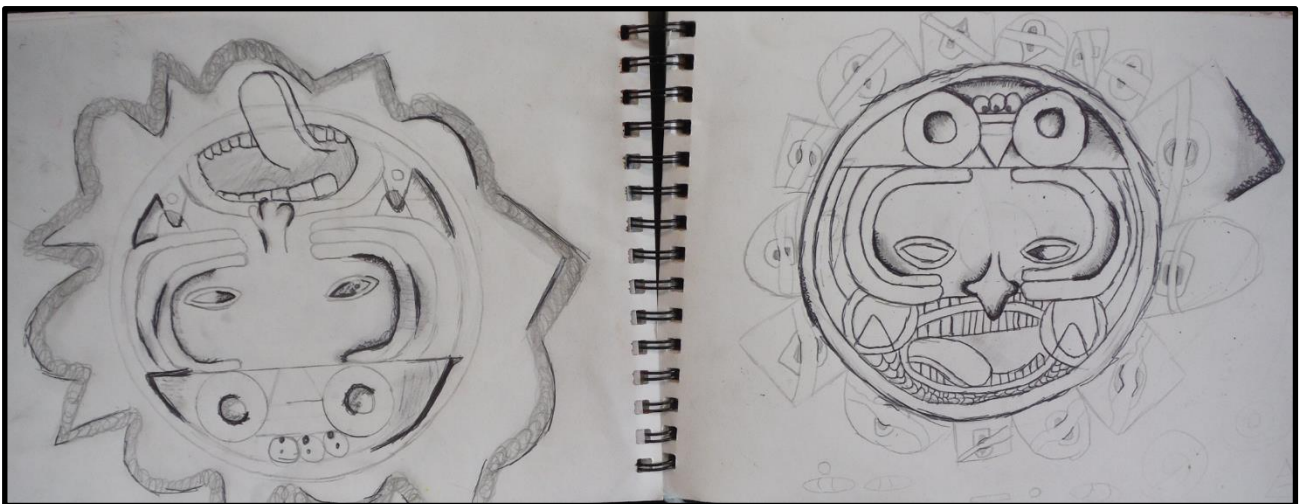
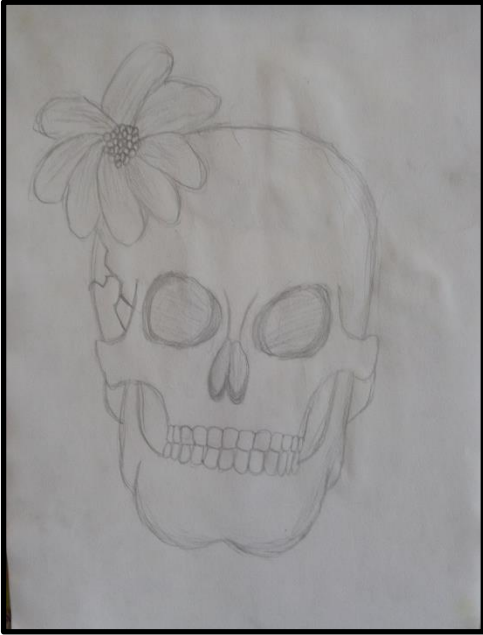


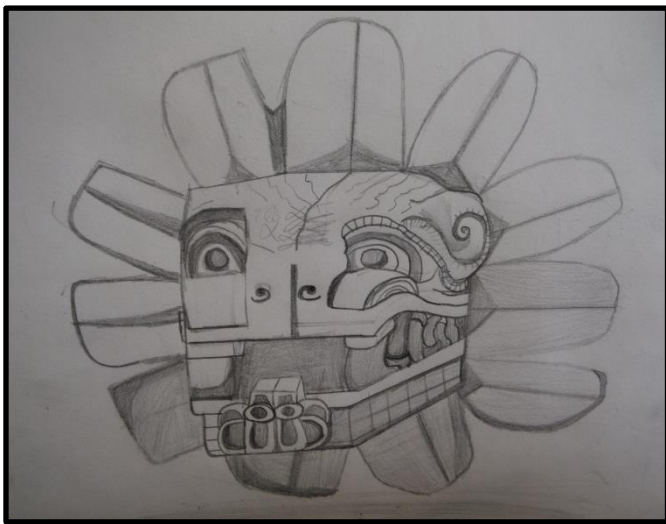
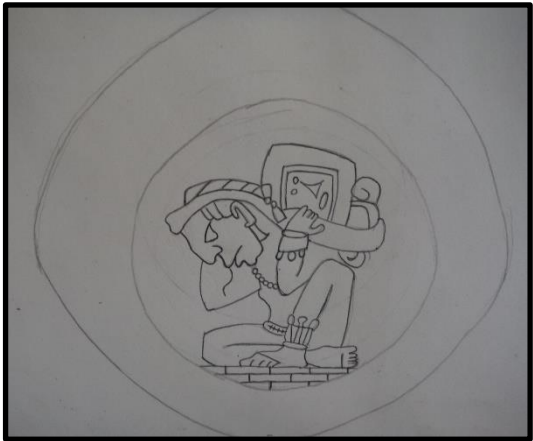
Art News

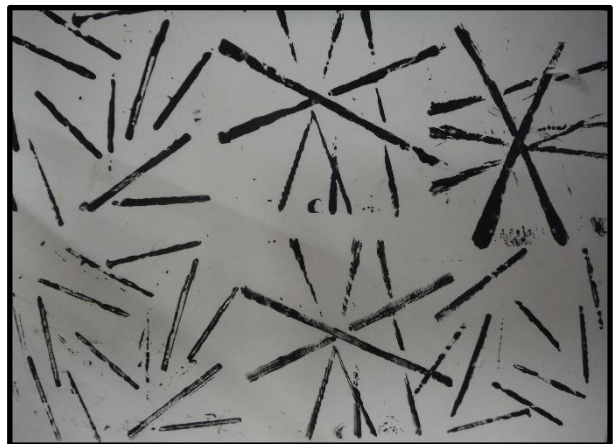
We are amazing!

At the end of this year, I wanted to celebrate some of the amazing sketchbook work that has been going on across the school. Our children are so incredible and bring our Artsmark Quality Principles to life by "Striving for Excellence" in every lesson. Here are some examples from Year 4, 5, and 2 this week! Have a wonderful summer and keep on creating everyone 😊









Artwork by: Tyler, Inga, Olivia, Aylin, Miran, Kaylub, Theo, Ginger, Filip, Jolie, James, Ayesha, Cyprian, Pagan, Jiaxin, Isla, Julia, Diana, Ellie and Michael.

Art Awards 2024!

Today, we presented our levers with their art awards for this year. In each year we have the following two categories:

▪ **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

But for Year 6, there is also a further category:

▪ **Art Colours**

- Showing a consistent talent with various art media throughout their time at Wistaston Academy
- Being an art role model
- Being a legend!

For ‘Attitude to Art’, we were delighted to celebrate:

▪ **Areen**



Areen is a rich personality with a mine of creativity! She knows her own mind and produces work that shows her unique view of the world. She is skilled with art materials and works conscientiously to create fantastic pieces. Her hard-working attitude is an inspiration.

▪ **Harry**



Harry has really developed in his attitude to art this year. He has created work of excellent quality and pushes himself to take the more challenging option. He is developing a real enjoyment in his creations and inspires others to do the same.

For 'Art Personality', we were delighted to celebrate:

Harleigh



Harleigh is an outstanding artist who always strives to do her very best. She is talented with all art media and creates work of a really mature standard. She sets the bar high amongst her class and her calm conscientious attitude is something people can look up to.

Roland



Roland is enthusiastic and conscientious in every art lesson. He is extremely skilled, especially in detailed drawing and his outstanding work is frequently an inspiration to other children. Roland has helped as an art ambassador and sets a high standard for others to follow.

And for 'Art Colours', we were delighted to celebrate:

Sylvia-Rose



Sylvia-Rose is creative in so many ways. She has put her all into visual and performing arts all throughout her time here – positively representing the school and spreading her infectious enthusiasm wherever she goes. She is a leader, deciding on her own slant on life and expressing this through her art.

Mati P



Mati is very talented in art and has set the example for others to follow. He has worked extremely hard throughout his time at Wistaston Academy and has built on his art skills with each passing year. His desire to push himself is a pleasure to see and inspires others to do the same. It is a delight to see the pleasure he takes in his work and the growth of his confidence.

Well done everyone! What a wonderful year! 😊

PE News



We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games Platinum Mark Award for the 2023/24 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

We are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport. As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

Sports Awards 2024



Today we were excited to celebrate our Year 6 sports Awards. The categories are as follows:

▪ **Attitude to Sports**

- Giving 100% effort in lessons
- Being a good team mate
- Having a positive attitude
- Always having their correct PE kit

▪ **Sports Personality**

- Being a great competitor
- Representing the school in competitions
- Showing talent in different sports

▪ **Sports Colours**

- Being a great competitor throughout their time at Wistaston Academy
- Being a sporting role model
- Being a legend!

For 'Attitude to Sport', we were delighted to celebrate:

▪ Luca



Luca is quietly confident and has made a great amount of progress in PE throughout his time at Wistaston Academy. Luca works well both independently and as part of a team and is a role model to all.

▪ Ecaterina



Ecaterina is naturally talented in all sports and is motivated in every PE lesson. She is always willing to give new challenges a go, regardless of which sport it is. Ecaterina is positive, enthusiastic and helpful to her classmates. She is a role model to all.

For 'Sport Personality', we were delighted to celebrate:

Aaliyah



Aaliyah is an all-round great sports person. Her natural ability and skills help her with all areas of PE and she is talented in all sports. Aaliyah has grown in confidence throughout her time at Wistaston Academy, she is a great leader and role model to all.

Hamza



Hamza is a great sportsman and incredible person. He is kind and helpful and has a calming affect over others. He motivates, inspires and encourages others to be the best that they can be. Hamza is a fantastic role model to all.

And for 'Sport Colours', we were delighted to celebrate:

Isla



Isla has a natural ability in all sports and has represented our school in many competitions. She is able to inspire others to do sport and exercise and is a role model to all. Isla's confidence has grown each year which was evident in her amazing town sports performances.

Josh



Josh has always applied himself well to PE lessons and sports competitions. He is enthusiastic, motivated and determined to succeed in any sport he takes part in. Josh has been a constant member of school teams and is a great leader. Josh is a great example of how in sport, you don't need to be the loudest player on the pitch to have the greatest impact on the game.

Well done everyone!

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

Research company, YouGov, surveyed young people aged between 6 and 17 about which jobs they'd like to have in the future. The survey, conducted alongside Great Ormond Street Hospital (GOSH), found that the role of prime minister came in as the bottom choice in the survey, the least popular career option. Almost a fifth (17%) of those asked in the poll picked footballer as their preferred job, with the same amount picking gamer or YouTuber. Gaming is a popular industry, as these choices were closely followed by video game developer at 16%.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Have you ever thought about what job you might like to do when you are older? Ask someone older at home what they wanted to do when they were younger. Are the responses similar?
- > Why do you think jobs in gaming and sports are such popular choices for young people?

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?

Keep practising through the summer break!

Maybe encourage your child to make a daily plan of what the family is going to do, and at what time. For example, waking up, having breakfast, feeding the pet, going to the park, having lunch, tidying and other activities.