

Newsletter 1 – Autumn 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		
Advanced Notice:	Lunchtime and afterschool clubs will start from 16 th 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:

KS1: Kacper (2A), Zofia (2B)

KS2: Franciszek (3A) Tommy (3B)

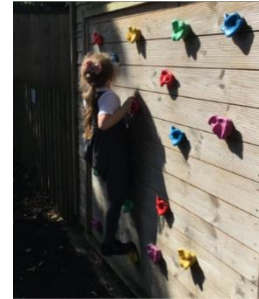
Nursery

This week it has been lovely to welcome new children into our nursery class. The children have been exploring the Nursery environment and learning our new routines. We have enjoyed playing in the builder's yard and sand area.



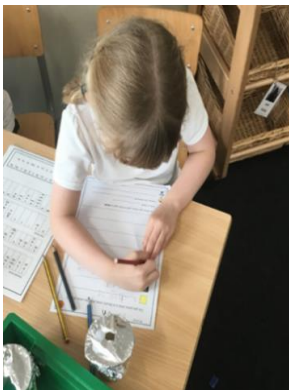
Reception

We have been busy exploring our new environment in Reception and have enjoyed our first days at school.



Year 1

To start out new topic 'All About Me', the children in year 1 have begun to explore their five senses. They took part in several experiments that involved their sense of smell, touch, sight, taste and hearing, where they learnt which part of their body is associated with each sense.



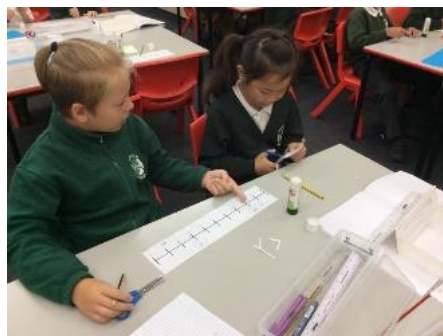
Year 2

Today, we were introduced to our new topic, 'The Seaside'. We read our new reading book called Sally and the Limpet. Working in groups, we then used some shells, pebbles and fabric to create our own beach themed sculpture based on the work of sculptor Andy Goldworthy.



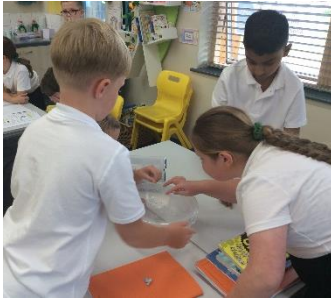
Year 3

Year 3 have had a fantastic first week back. In maths, we have been recapping number lines to 100 and estimating where different numbers go.



Year 4

This week, we introduced our new science topic – Sound! We learnt all about how sound is caused by vibrations. Did you know that snakes don't have ears? They detect sound vibrations with their bodies! After lots of fun, we applied our new learning of sound waves and vibrations by trying to move grains of rice with sound. Using a bowl and some clingfilm, we made different noises to see if the sound vibrations would make the rice jump!



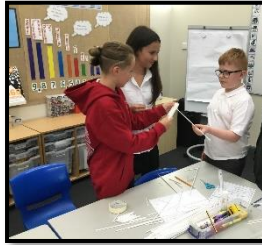
Year 5

In our science lesson this week, we were introduced to our new topic about space. The children were super engaged and enjoyed creating a human representation of a solar system. We considered the concepts of orbiting and rotating. We know that the planets orbit the Sun, which is a star. We also looked at the distances between planets and used our mnemonics to ensure we had the correct order of planets.



Year 6

Year 6 have made a great start to their final year of primary education. They are already working really hard and we can tell that it is going to be a fantastic year. In this week's PSHE lesson we talked about being assertive and working collaboratively as a team. They excelled in their team tasks to make bridges out of art straws.



KS2 Healthy Snacks

It is important that your children lead healthy active lifestyles. If your child is in KS2 please provide them with a healthy breaktime snack.

Snacks may include: Fruits, veg (carrot sticks, cucumber sticks, peppers), raisins, yoghurt.



Please do not send your child to school with crisps, chocolate or sweets as these are not healthy snacks.

PE News

PE Expectations

As we start the new school year, we wish to remind you of the correct PE kit that children should be wearing in school.

Indoor PE kit: Green t-shirt, black shorts, black pumps



Outdoor PE kit: Green t-shirt, black jogging bottoms, hoodie or zip up and trainers. Children may wear a plain black or navy-blue waterproof jacket if they wish.



School Clubs

This term, clubs will run from **Monday 16th September – Thursday 24th October**. All clubs, including those delivered by outside providers, will be free of charge. If your child is interested in taking part in any of our clubs, please sign them up through Arbor. **All clubs will go live on Arbor on Wednesday 11th September from 4pm.**

Miss Brown's year 5/6 before-school dodgeball club will begin on **Monday 9th September** from 8:20-8:40 on the all-weather pitch. There is no need to book onto this club. The year 5 and 6 children can join in the club when they arrive at school.

Autumn Clubs

Week Commencing - Monday 16th September 2024 – Thursday 24th October 2024

Lunchtime and after school clubs – KS1 & KS2

Monday

Club	Year Group	Time	Staff	Price	Location
Boys and girl's dodgeball (Max 30)	3-4	3:15-4.15pm	Mrs Harrington WA PE Specialist	FREE	All weather pitch
Boys & Girls football (max 20)	5-6	3:15-4:15pm	Miss Brown WA PE Specialist	FREE	Playground/field

Tuesday

Club	Year Group	Time	Staff	Price	Location
Sewing Club (max 15)	3 - 6	3:15-4:15pm	The Sewing Coach (outside provider)	FREE	KS2 classroom
Boys and girls Gymnastics (max 20)	3-6	3:15-4:15pm	Mrs Harrington WA PE Specialist	FREE	Irlam Hall
Boys and girls Football (max 20)	3-4	3:15-4:15pm	Miss Brown WA PE Specialist	FREE	Field/playground

Wednesday

Club	Year Group	Time	Staff	Price	Location
Gymnastics	Year 1	12pm- 12:30pm	Alicia Evanson Jasmine Evanson (outside provider)	FREE	Irlam Hall

Thursday

Club	Year Group	Time	Staff	Price	Location
Gymnastics	Year 2	12pm-12~30pm	Alicia Evanson Jasmine Evanson (outside providers)	FREE	Irlam Hall
Boys & Girls dodgeball (max 30)	5-6	3:15-4.15pm	Mrs Adamczyk WA PE Specialist	FREE	All weather pitch
Basketball (Max 20)	3-6	3:15-4:15pm	Miss Brown WA PE Specialist	FREE	Playground
Boys and girls Yoga (max 20)	1-2	3:15-4:15pm	Fiona (outside provider)	FREE	Irlam Hall

Friday

Club	Year Group	Time	Staff	Price	Location
Boys & Girls Sportshall Athletics (max 20)	5-6 INVITATION ONLY	3:15-4:15pm	Mrs Adamczyk WA PE Specialist	FREE	Playground
Dance (max 15)	1 - 2	3:15-4:15pm	Sophie – Young Arts Academy (Outside provider)	FREE	Irlam Hall
Boys & Girls Sportshall Athletics (max 20)	3-4 INVITATION ONLY	3:15-4:15pm	Miss Brown WA PE Specialist	FREE	All weather pitch
Boys & Girls Drumming (max 20)	4-6 INVITATION ONLY	3:15-4:15pm	Graham Proctor (Outside provider)	FREE	Classroom

Club links

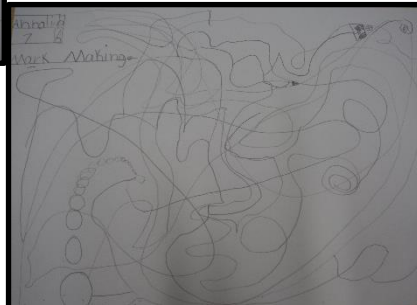
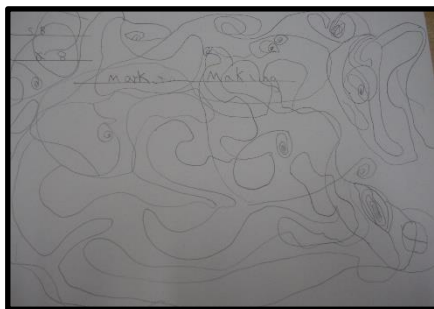
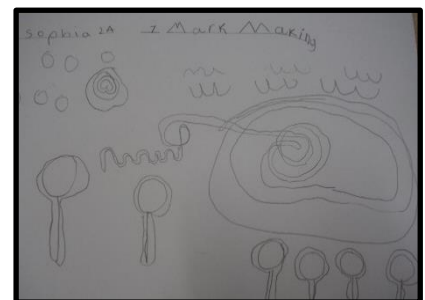
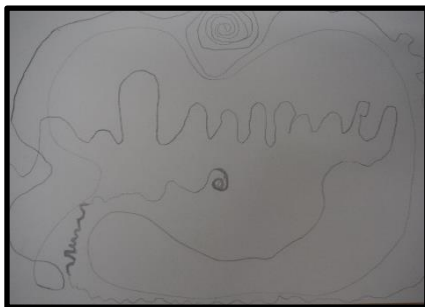
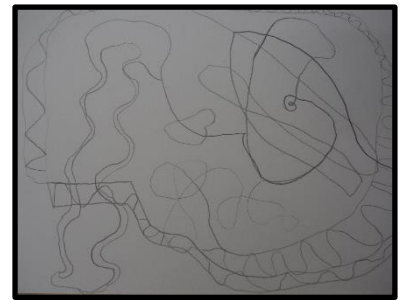
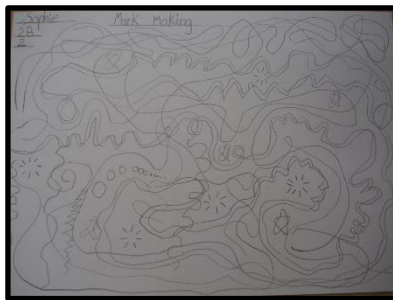
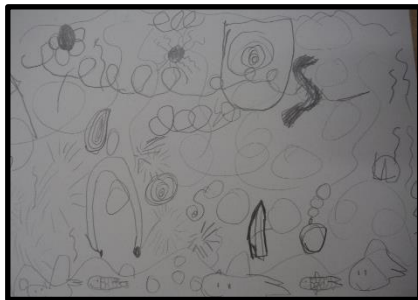
Here at Wistaston Academy we are fortunate to have so many children that are passionate about sport and healthy living. In order to follow a healthy active lifestyle and encourage a growth mind set for improving ourselves in everything we do, we encourage our children to not only get involved in extra-curricular activities offered here at school but to also pursue their sport or love for being physically active at club level. Therefore, to promote this transition from school to club level, we have a range of sport club links located around Crewe and Nantwich listed below:

Crewe and Nantwich RUFC
Crewe and Nantwich Athletics Club
Crewe Vagrants Hockey Club
Cheshire Hornets Basketball Club
Crewe and Nantwich Gym Club
Deeside Orienteering
Nantwich Swimming Club
Wistaston Cricket Club
Crewe Cricket Club
Nantwich Tennis Club
Nantwich FC

Art News

Focus on Year 2

This week Year 2 worked in the Art Room for the first time! We really enjoyed being in our designated art space 😊 We continued the class theme of "The Seaside" and used our imagination to listen to underwater music and create movements based on what we thought the sounds might look like. Then, we had a go at drawing these watery "sound shapes". Some of us even drew with our eyes shut! Here are some of our ideas:



Art work by: Eline, Sophie, Amelia, Oscar W, Max, Sophia, Oscar, Ellis and Annalise.

Well done everybody!

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.



How can communities help each other in times of difficulty?



In the news this week

Over the summer, many protests took place in England and Northern Ireland. Some of these became violent and turned into riots, which caused a great deal of damage to cars and buildings. It is thought that a lot of the protesters involved were encouraged by misinformation spread online. Following the protests, communities in many towns, including Middlesbrough, organised clean-up efforts that united people from all faiths and races.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > What does community mean to you? How would you describe your local community?
- > Can you think of a time when you have either helped or been helped by your local community?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss



Maths News

If your child is in Reception or KS1, they will have access to an app called **Numbots**. If your child is in 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/>

NUMBOTS



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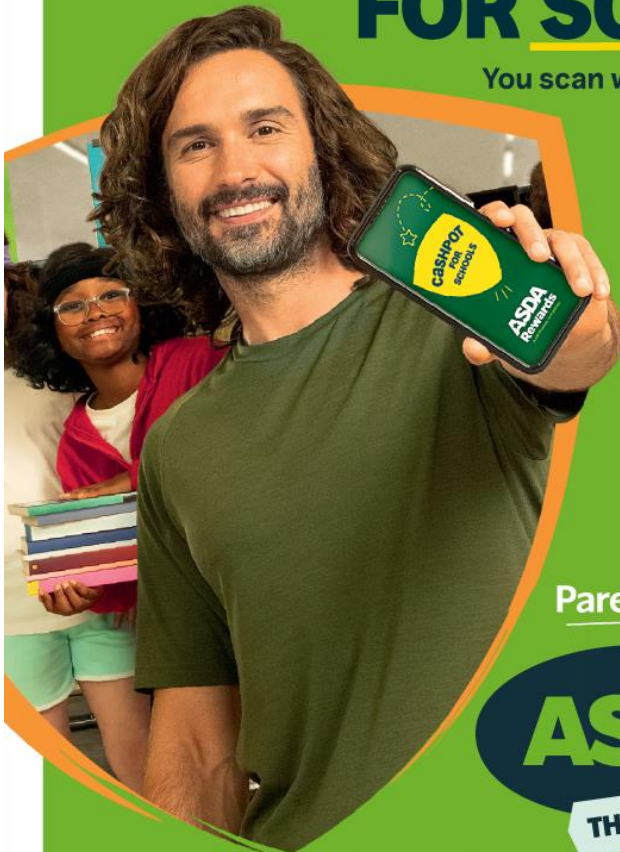


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