

Newsletter 2 – Autumn 1



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

KS1: Nancy (1B)

KS2: Ellie (3A) Harley-Jack (3B) Robyn (4B)

The Hubs

This week, the Hub 3 children returned to the gym for the first time since the Summer break. In addition to the trampolining skills that the children develop each week, they are now also learning gymnastics skills to improve their core strength, coordination and control.



Nursery

Nursery have had another great week settling in to the environment and our new routine. We have been exploring the indoor environment and using our listening skills in group times.



Reception

The children have settled beautifully into Reception, learning the school rules and routines. We have had lots of fun exploring our new environment and making new friends. The children have explored our Outdoor Area, working out how to use the different equipment and problem solving. We've worked on our gross motor skills on the bikes and worked hard to throw the balls accurately into the Ball Cauldron.



Year 1

This week in RE, we learnt about how many Christians believe God created the world. We discussed what a creation is and made our own creation (an origami dog). We spoke about how we would feel if our creation was spoiled (sad/hurt), therefore it is important to take care of our planet, as many Christians believe it is God's creation.



In R.E. this term, we are going to look at Christianity.
Many Christians believe there is one God.

Many Christians believe that God created everything on the earth and want to thank God for making such a beautiful world. They believe he is the best artist or creator.

Therefore, it is important to look after and take care of what he has made.



Year 2

This week, we created a tableau from a scene in the story of Sally and the Limpet. We used the magic microphone to find out how Sally was feeling and what the doctor thought would happen.



Year 3

This week in Science we have used the electronic microscopes and magnifying glasses to explore lots of different rocks. We were amazed at what we could see!



Year 4

This week we conducted our mini investigation in science. We used a tuning fork and a bowl of water to test if we could see the vibrations caused by the sound waves. During the experiment we got splashed by the water due to the water vibrations.



Year 5

We had a planetarium in school this week for us to explore and learn lots of fascinating facts about our science topic Space. We learnt about phases of the moon, different planets, our solar system – milky way, astronauts who landed on the moon, stars and how they are formed, and the distance between planets.

We asked lots of fantastic questions which the expert was able to answer. The videos, pictures and diagrams were incredible!



Year 6

In Geography this week, we watched short clips about different people in a Fairtrade cooperative and how it has benefitted their lives. This created a lot of topics for discussion including: working as part of a team; the roles that women play in different societies; and children's rights to education. We questioned whether Fairtrade food was any different to other foods. We explored the various certifications available, other than Fairtrade. We read our class text to research facts for and against and created very persuasive arguments.

Finally, we had a class debate on Fairtrade.



Art News

Focus on Year 5

Year 5 have been preparing for 3D sculpture work, inspired by the artist Alberto Giacometti. We thought about the proportions of the human body and drew preliminary sketches of each other in different postures to give ourselves ideas. It was a lot of fun!



Secret Mission

Many of the children in school across all the year groups have been working on embellishing letters using various art techniques. The letters are to form a mystery word which will be displayed soon. Children have had many guesses about what the word could be, but there are no spoilers – you will have to wait and see!



Collaborative Mural

Children in years 5 and 6 have been working with Mrs Walsh to add to a large mural that was started before the summer. This will be a work in progress for a long time, but we are adding to it bit by bit! Like our secret mission – all will be revealed in due time. Well done Theo, Shambhavi, Inga, Jiaxin and Angel!



PE News

A polite reminder

Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit for our PE lessons, if you are unsure when your child's specific days are they are now displayed in each classroom window. It is imperative that all children have the correct PE kit for safety and hygiene reasons.

6A Swimming

All Year 6A children will be going swimming this half term as part of the compulsory national PE curriculum. The sessions will begin on the afternoon of **Tuesday 17th September and will finish on Tuesday 22nd October 2024.**

The children will be travelling, by mini bus, to the Crewe Lifestyle Centre, accompanied by members of the Year 6 team. Your child will need to bring in their swimming costume/shorts and a towel.

Crewe Alexandra Mascot

Alfie had the amazing opportunity to be the Crewe Alexandra Mascot on Saturday 7th September 2024. He got the chance to walk out in front of all the fans with the penalty scoring Alex player and also got to meet and greet other players from the team.



Caitlyn

Congratulations to Caitlyn 3B who took part in a girl's football tournament in Macclesfield over the summer holidays. Caitlyn plays for Crewe 8 Dragons and is very proud of her medal. Well done Caitlyn!



Clubs

A reminder that clubs starts next week. 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.

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
Cheerleading	1-2	11:45pm-12:15pm	Hannah Wood (outside provider)	FREE	Irlam Hall
Boys and girls 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	11:45pm-12:15pm	Alicia Evanson Jasmine Evanson (outside provider)	FREE	Irlam Hall

Thursday

Club	Year Group	Time	Staff	Price	Location
Gymnastics	Year 2	11:45pm-12:15pm	Alicia Evanson	FREE	Irlam Hall

			Jasmine Evanson (outside providers)		
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	Field/playground

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



We are proud to announce that the school has been awarded the Royal Horticultural Society School Gardening Awards Level 4. This award acknowledges the work that the staff and children put into caring for nature around the school grounds and recognises the way in which the curriculum at Wistaston Academy is enriched through practical, real-life experiences.

Well done everyone!



Apply online for a school place

It's quick and easy

If you are a parent resident in Cheshire East, with a child born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021, your child will be due to start primary school in September 2025.

If you do not have web access
call **0300 123 5012**

You can apply from
1st September 2024 at
[www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/
schooladmissions](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

Applications should be submitted by

31st October 2024 for secondary

15th January 2025 for primary

Late applications may be disadvantaged



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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

Space agency, Nasa, says two astronauts stuck on the International Space Station (ISS) won't return to Earth until next year. Sunita Williams and Barry 'Butch' Wilmore originally went on an eight-day mission but have currently been in space for three months. The Boeing Starliner spacecraft they were supposed to return on has a problem, so they need to wait for a different space capsule to bring them home in February. The astronauts will continue researching whilst they are there.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > How do you think the astronauts felt upon hearing the news that they would be staying much longer in space than originally planned?
- > Can you think of a time you were in an unexpected situation or a time when you needed to change your plans? How did you deal with it?

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



RUST



IRON



TIN



BRASS



COPPER



STEEL

