

# Newsletter 5 – Autumn 1



Wistaston Academy  
Primary and Nursery School  
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## This Week's Events

Date	School Events	International Events
Monday	Y5&6 Tag Rugby Festival 3:30pm-5pm at Crewe Vagrants	
Tuesday	Games for all festival at South Cheshire College 10-12pm	
Wednesday		
Thursday	Y3&4 Football Tournament at The Soccer Centre 12:30pm-4pm	
Friday		
<b>Advanced Notice:</b>		
<b>Polite Notice:</b>	<b>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.</b>	

KS2: Jude (3B), Ted (4B)

### The Hub

This week we have introduced Dough Disco in to Hub 1. We Follow along to a video, copying the moves and actions with a little support. We've worked hard to squeeze the dough, roll it and pinch it using our finger tips. It's great fun!



In Hub 3 this week we have been practising yoga with Fiona. We went on a magical bumpy bus ride and worked in pairs to copy the motions of an exciting and eventful journey!



### Nursery

This week we visited Magic Story Land and found a character from We're Going on a Bear Hunt. First, we helped her pack for her journey to find the bears. Next, we read Whatever Next. Then, we went on a journey using ideas from both stories.



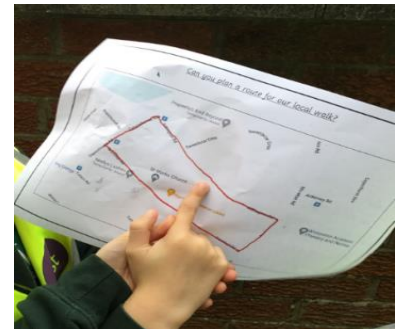
### Reception

We were very excited to visit Story World this week! We met Fred from our story and we will be helping him because he lost his cat! We have thought about how we can help Fred and we are hoping he will visit us again soon.



## Year 1

As part of our learning about maps this week, we have been on a local walk. Year 1 planned a route and thought about if they needed to turn left or right to follow the route on the walk. They looked out for different types of houses such as bungalows and semi – detached houses. We also read road signs and found out what different symbols meant from our maps like the church and shop.



## Year 2

This week in Topic, Year 2 looked at shells under the electronic microscope. They were amazed at how much detail they could see and couldn't believe how different they looked.



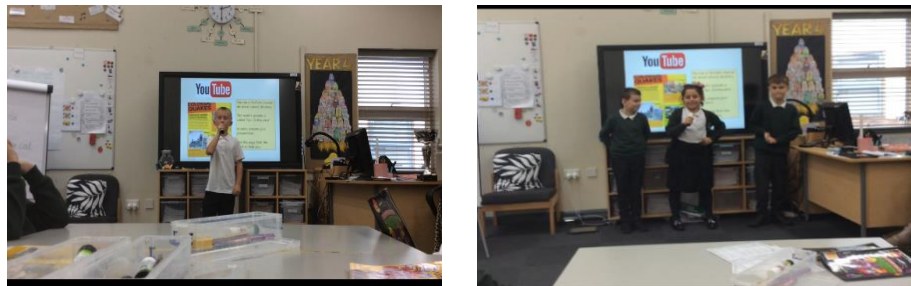
### Year 3

This week in science, Year 3 have had lots of fun exploring some fossils and learning all about them.



### Year 4

In Geography this week, we learnt about how people living in earthquake zones prepare for disasters. This led to us creating our own Geographical YouTube channel all about natural disasters. On this week's episode we had 'Epic Earthquake's' and recorded our channels to provide our audience with knowledge about past earthquakes and how people prepared and coped with these disasters.



### Year 5

In literacy this week, we were exploring monologues. We got into role as the characters from The Good Bear and hot seated how The Good Bear was feeling. The children enjoyed completing many different drama activities to support them with their writing.

## Year 6

Year 6 classes had an amazing and educational visit to Safety Central in Lymm, where they learnt valuable lessons about staying safe in different situations. The day was packed with engaging activities that helped pupils understand the importance of safety in everyday life. Pupils learnt all about fire safety, road safety, railway safety, cyber safety and water safety. Pupils were tasked with homework; they were told to ask their adult at home when the last time smoke alarms were checked in the home as well as practicing with an adult how to put someone in the recovery position!



## Art News

We are very excited to share the news with you that our town has been awarded £200,000 to fund a new creative hub! This will boost all kinds of creativity in Crewe and provide for so many more wonderful opportunities here. Click the link to read the full report, (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cgk7nz6d2v0o#:~:text=A%20town's%20new%20arts%20hub,the%20local%20creative%20arts%20sector.>) or you can see it below!:

# New town centre creative hub awarded £200k grant



A new creative hub will be established in Crewe town centre, Cheshire East Council said  
**Richard Price**

BBC News, West Midlands

**A town's new arts hub and cultural programme has been given a £200,000 funding boost.**

Arts Council England has provided the grant towards the scheme in Crewe, Cheshire, in order to bring about a “step-change” for the local creative arts sector.

The money will be combined with £125,000 of UK Shared Prosperity Fund cash and council funding to create a programme for people of all ages and backgrounds, according to Cheshire East Council.

The local authority said a hub would be developed as part of the project, to provide workshop and exhibition space in the town centre.

It is hoped the three-year scheme will help people develop skills, support the economy and provide exhibitions and workshops in unconventional settings.

The council said it wanted to encourage creative groups to share their knowledge and collaborate on inspiring artworks, with some available for the public to buy.

The council also wants the scheme to engage with children and young people, and break down barriers to the arts.

“The cultural strategy for Crewe and the ongoing partnership working has continued to grow and evolve each year,” said the local authority’s deputy leader, Michael Gorman.

“This investment will ensure we can create positive long-term change for Crewe’s cultural sector.”

Jen Cleary from Arts Council England said: “We believe that everyone should have access to fantastic creative experiences, wherever they live and whatever their background.”

The programme will begin with a series of events and projects aimed at highlighting and growing the creative talents of the different generations and communities in Crewe.

### PE News

WOW! Another great week of PE lessons going on throughout the school. We are blown away by the amount of Sports Ambassadors applications we’ve received from the children in KS2. We will be announcing our 2024/25 Sports Ambassadors in next week’s newsletter.



We would just like to say thank you everyone who has made a special effort to walk to school this week.

A polite reminder to all parents/carers, please ensure that **ALL** PE Kit and school uniform is clearly labelled with your child’s names. All of our children get changed in our purpose-built changing facilities and not in classroom.

### Important Clubs notice



A reminder that many of our sports clubs take place outside. Please ensure that your child is equipped for all types of weather. Providing it is safe, clubs will still take place in the rain. If you do not want your child taking part in a club if it is raining then please collect them from school at 3:15pm.

## 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

Book publishing company, Penguin Random House UK, has revealed a new book vending machine at Linlithgow Academy, near Edinburgh, Scotland. The machine gives the pupils access to more than seventy different books from Penguin's 'Lit in Colour' reading lists. The reading lists, set up around four years ago, are updated each year and aim to make works by writers of colour more visible and accessible in schools.

### Things to talk about at home ...

- > Would you like to see a book vending machine in school? Do you think it would be popular?
- > What types of books do you like to read, and who are some of your favourite authors? Ask others at home about their reading preferences.
- > Do you feel it's important to know about the author of a book you read? Is it important to you to read books by authors from different backgrounds and with different experiences? What do others at home think?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

[www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss](http://www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss)





## Talking about Potty Training Parent/Carer Event

Join The Children's Bowel and Bladder Society for a Potty Training webinar led by their Family Services Team where they will outline their evidence based 3 step approach, involving preparation to use the potty, practising potty skills and eventually stopping using nappies as your child gains confidence.

They will be sharing useful resources which will help support you and your child on their potty training journey.

They will also be discussing some commonly asked questions about how to potty train including:

- The best age for potty training and when to start
- The equipment you will need
- Potty refusal
- How to manage accidents



**PLEASE NOTE: these free events are for parents and carers.**

Booking can be made here: [Talking about Potty Training - parent / carer event - ERIC](#)

or by scanning the QR code

**Thursday 10th October 7pm-9pm via Zoom**

### 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

