

# Newsletter 6 – Autumn 1



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

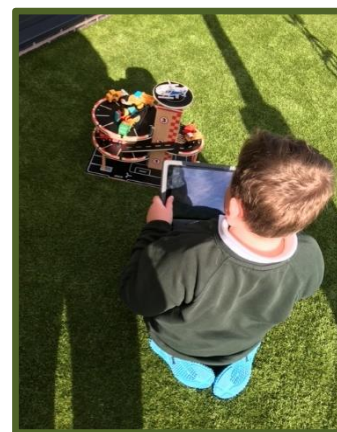
## This Week's Events

Date	School Events	International Events
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
<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>	

1A: Hughie, 2A: Eline, 2B: Amelle  
3A: Fabian, 3B: Prudence, 5B: Imogen 4B: Phoebe

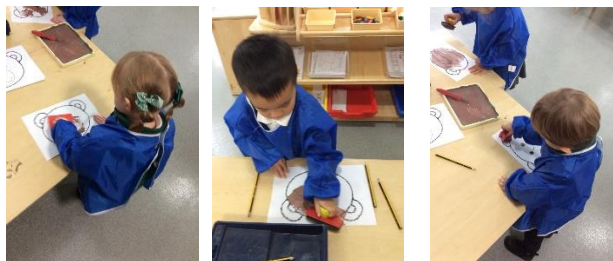
### The Hub

In Literacy the children in Hub 3 have been creating sentences about the new school building and the different spaces inside it. They have also thought about which area they like the best before photographing their favourite and writing about it to share with the rest of the class.



### Nursery

This week in Nursery, we have continued looking at We're Going on a Bear Hunt. First, we retold the story altogether with the characters. Next, we used some sponge painting to make our own bears. Then, we sang a new rhyme about looking and searching for a bear.



### Reception

This week we have been learning about different parts of the body. We sang rhymes such as head shoulders knees and toes, labelled parts of the body on a diagram and created skeleton pictures. We have learnt new vocabulary linked to the human body.



### Year 1

This week we did some active maths outside to help us with our understanding of parts and wholes.





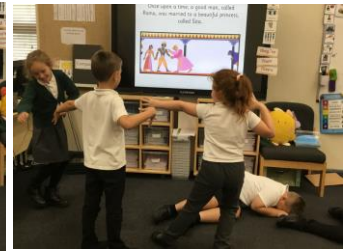
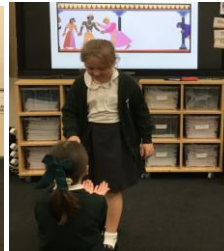
## Year 2

This week, Year 2 have all logged into their Numbots accounts and enjoyed completing maths challenges. Letters have been sent home with their login information so please have fun accessing them from home.



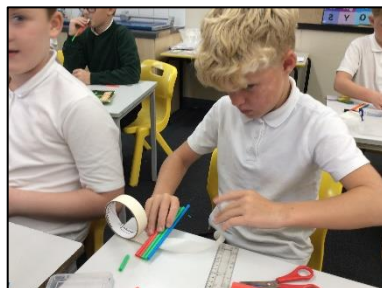
## Year 3

This week in RE, Year 3 have learnt the story of Rama and Sita. They used role play to retell it.



## Year 4

This week we have had lots of fun in science! We experimented with pitch using water bottles filled to different levels. Once we had established the relationship between the size of an object and the pitch it produces, we were able to make our very own set of pan pipes!



## Year 5

For our DT project this week, we created our seasonal bags. We used different skills including hand sewing stitches, using a sewing machine to join fabric together, cutting material and bringing our design to life. The children were really sensible with the equipment and have excellent bags to use throughout autumn.



## Year 6

In this week's geography lesson, Year 6 used an opinion line to form the basis of their class discussion about off-shoring and automation. They worked really hard to ensure that each comment was linked to the last. They also agreed how to be attentive listeners, because they understood the impact it has on the speaker.





## Art News

### Focus on Reception

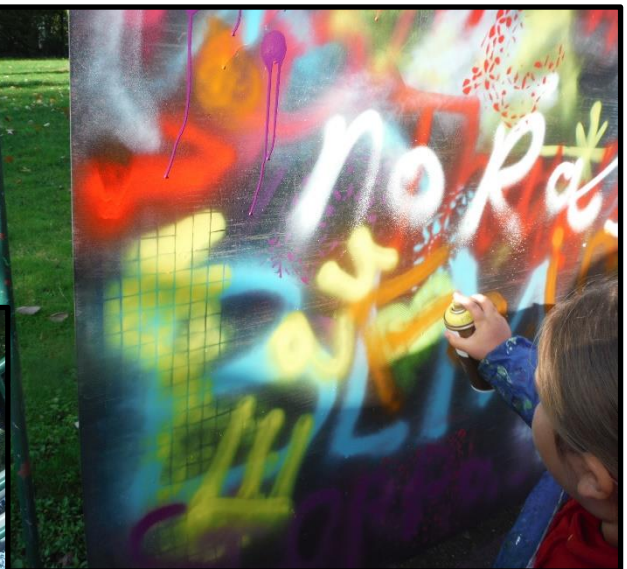
In Reception we have been learning about painting with watercolours to create an autumnal sunset sky. We had a go at printing with plants by rolling ink on both sides of the plants, then using them to create 2 editions of the image that reflect each other!





### Focus on Year 6

Year 6 have started a graffiti project inspired by the artist Jean-Michel Basquiat, as part of our learning for Black History Month. There will be more progress to show in coming weeks!





### Special Project

Some of our Year 5s and 6s are working extremely hard on a special project. We are building it up each week after school on Thursdays – soon to be revealed! Well done to Angel, Jiaxin, Shambhavi, Theo and Inga!



**Breaking News for Crewe!** A date for your diaries: Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – see below 🤖

**Crewe//Makes is an initiative developed by Crewe Creates CIC. Crewe//Makes builds on the town's proud tradition of making, champions the development of new making skills across different generations and communities, and looks forward to a future that embraces the creative promise of new technologies.**



Over the coming months, Crewe//Makes will share creative opportunities for families, people who make or craft in their spare time, schools and colleges, professionals, established artists, and people starting their careers in the arts or creative industries.

Crewe//Makes will transform a shop in Crewe's The Market Shopping Centre into a space where artists and makers can exhibit work, crafters can craft, makers can make, and children and their adults can explore the joy of creating.

Events kick off in the October half-term on Saturday 26th October with family-friendly workshops. The space will host the work of Crewe//Makes' first artist-in-residence, David Jewkes, who works in the mediums of drawing and painting. The Crewe//Makes art space is open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays and will continue into 2025.

Crewe//Makes has a launch event on Saturday 2 November between 11am - 4pm when Lyceum Square Ly<sup>2</sup> is a space for the town's creativity. The event overturns the traditional notions of 'making' by featuring Caribbean cooking and Polish pickling alongside art, crafts and artistic traditions rooted in different cultural heritages. The event features Rangoli drawing, the hilarious food-themed performance 'Do What Your Mamma Told Yah!' from Just More Productions and a Bollywood dance workshop and performance from the Guinness-record-breaking RiRi's Dance Academy.

From 6pm-10pm, the event moves to Crewe Market Hall for a celebration of Diwali - the Hindu Festival of Lights - with Diwali Dhamaka. Explore global making traditions, shop for crafts like Indian jewelry, have your hands painted with henna, experience music and performance, watch cookery demonstrations on food from around the world and share delicious food, including Indian street food, with family and friends.

We're busy talking with partners, and our website and social media channels are under construction. If you'd like to join our mailing list for the latest news and opportunities or you're a maker who would like to be involved, please click this link.

<https://bit.ly/CreweMakes>

The project is supported by Cheshire East Council and the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.



## PE News

### Sports Ambassadors

Thank you to all the KS2 children who applied to be a Sports Ambassador for their year group. We were blown away by the amount of applications submitted and found it very difficult to select just two children per year group. If your child wasn't selected this year we would encourage them to try against next year.

Congratulations to our new Sports Ambassadors:



Pranavi 3A



Harrison 3A



Pheobe 4B



Bobby-Ray 4B



Kelvin 4A



James 5B



Olivia 5B



Tianna 6B Ben 6B

### Y5&6 Tag Rugby Festival

On Monday our Y5&6 tag rugby team took part in the Crewe and Nantwich tag rugby festival at Crewe Vagrants. This was a none scoring festival with emphasis being on enjoyment and team work. The team were amazing! They played with great enthusiasm, skill and a positive attitude. Well done to all involved.

### Y4 Football Festival

On Thursday our Y4 football team took part in a football festival at the soccer centre in Shavington. They played so well, winning 5 games and losing only 1. Well done JJ, Carter, Kelvin, Bobby-Ray and Cassius!



Wistaston Academy v Shavington Primary A 5-0

Wistaston Academy v Sound Primary 4-2

Wistaston Academy v Acton CE Primary 1-2

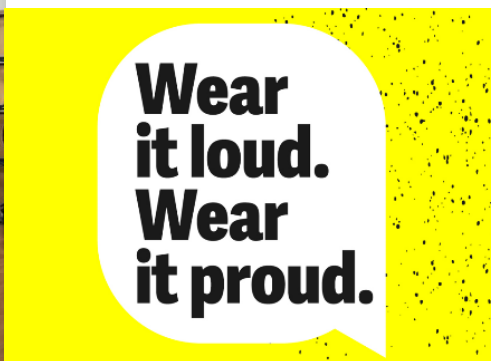
Wistaston Academy v Shavington Primary B 10-0

Wistaston Academy v St Mary's Primary 2-0

Wistaston Academy v Beechwood Primary 3-0

### World Mental Health Day

This week we supported Young Minds Hellow Yellow campaign for World Mental Health Day. Many of us wore something yellow to remind us how important our mental health is and our responsibility to look out for each other. We were welcomed to school by Winnie the Pooh, a Giraffe, an Eagle, a Chick and Mrs Dean who looked like a highlighter! Children took part in an assembly and we spoke about how important it is to have fun.





## 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

E-commerce company, Amazon, has told all staff they need to return to the office five days a week next year, ending the option to work from home. In a message to all workers, Chief Executive Andy Jassy said the company expected everyone to be in the office full time (apart from some exceptions) from 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 2025. Amazon's new policy is very different from the UK government's approach, which is to make flexible working a right for employees, as promised in a new law proposal, due to be announced later this year.

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

- > Do you believe Amazon's decision is fair? Talk to someone at home, do they agree?
- > Do you think you might prefer working from home, or from a workplace with others? Why?

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)



## Maths News

All children from Reception onwards will have access to an app called **Numbots**. If your child is in Year 2 and above, they will also 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





# 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

**Cheshire East**  
Council

