

Newsletter 8 – Autumn 1



Wistaston Academy
Primary and Nursery School
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This Week's Events

Date	School Events	International Events
Monday		
Tuesday	Y5&6 Gymnastics Competition	
Wednesday		
Thursday	Y3&4 Girls Football Festival	
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.	

The Hubs

This week the children have been learning about Halloween traditions. They have visited our very own Hub pumpkin patch and have created pumpkin artwork. In Science the children have created little ghosts which were propelled across the outdoor area at high speed!



Nursery

Over this half term, we have enjoyed exploring different stories about Bears including We're Going on a Bear Hunt. This week we have continued to enjoy our stories in story time and in the provision. We made our own Bear masks.



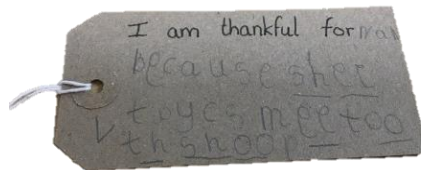
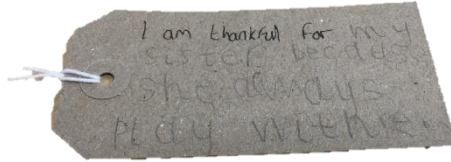
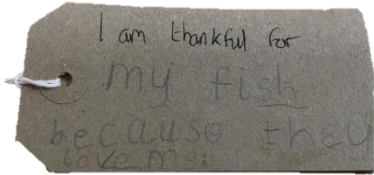
Reception

Reception have started their Bikeability sessions and this week they developed their balance and co-ordination skills using games and balance bikes.



Year 1

This week, year 1 thought about what they are thankful for; they wrote this down on tags which were later added to our school's thankfulness tree. We also discussed the word thankful as part of our harvest festival where the children enjoyed singing songs, and listening to a story all about giving thanks.



Year 2

As part of the school's celebration of thankfulness for harvest, Year 2 thought about all of the things and the people they are thankful for. They then decided who they are thankful for and wrote this on a tag.

Finally, they attached it to the 'thankfulness tree' in the Dunwoody building.



Year 3

Over the last couple of weeks, Year 3 have had lots of fun making things move using pneumatics. Here are some of their creations...



Year 4

Over the past few days, Year 4 have had lots of fun making their own instruments in DT using the skill of junk modelling.



Year 5

The children were showing assertiveness as they took events that happened in Katherine Johnson's life and created a tableau. The magic microphone came around to gather their thoughts and feelings in character.



Year 6

In this week's reading lessons, we read the book 'Little People Big Dreams Simone Biles'. We then thought about, and discussed in pairs, times in her life when she felt inferior and superior. We also worked as a team to discuss how she reclaimed her narrative, which is this year's Black History Month theme. We shared that because she is positive, determined and honest, she has reclaimed her narrative. Despite having ADHD, being female, being raised in the care of her grandparents and being an African American, she is the greatest gymnast of all time – she has countless medals, titles and moves named after her.

We had a moment to also think about the impact oracy is having on our learning. We shared that it helps us be more confident, be assertive, gives us greater understanding and we enjoy the opportunities to hear other people's ideas and opinions.



PE News

6B Swimming

All Year 6B 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 5th November and will finish on Tuesday 10th November 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.

School Clubs

Next half term, clubs will run from **Monday 4th November – Friday 13th December.** All clubs, including those delivered by outside providers, will continue to be free of charge. **Please remember to only sign your child up to one after school club so that each child has a fair chance of attending.** If your child attends an invite only club then they can also sign up to one other club. **All club are now live on Arbor.**

Miss Brown's year 5/6 before-school dodgeball club will continue to run each day from 8:20-8:40am 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.

Please note that Sewing Club will move from Tuesday 12th November to Thursday 14th November for one week only.

Autumn 2 Clubs

Week Commencing – Monday 4th November 2024 – Friday 13th December 2024

Lunchtime and after school clubs – KS1 & KS2

Monday

Club	Year Group	Time	Staff	Price	Location
Boys & Girls dodgeball (max 30)	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 Football	3-4	3:15-4:15pm	Miss Brown	FREE	All weather pitch/playground

(max 20)			WA PE Specialist		
Boys and girls Yoga (max 20)	1-2	3:15-4:15pm	Fiona (outside provider)	FREE	Irlam Hall

Wednesday

Club	Year Group	Time	Staff	Price	Location
Gymnastics	Year 1	12pm- 12:30pm	Alicia Evanson Jasmine Evanson (outside provider)	FREE	Irlam Hall
Choir Club (max 30)	4-6	12pm- 12:30pm	Miss Latta & Mr Wilson WA Teachers	FREE	5A Classroom

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)	3-4	3:15-4.15pm	Mrs Adamczyk WA PE Specialist	FREE	Irlam Hall/All weather pitch
Boys & Girls football (max 20)	5-6	3:15-4:15pm	Miss Brown WA PE Specialist	FREE	Playground

Friday

Club	Year Group	Time	Staff	Price	Location
Boys & Girls Sports hall 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 Sports hall 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 places

If there is a high demand for certain clubs, we will look to ensure all children who wish to go to the club, but do not get a place this term, have the opportunity to attend the club at some point across the school year.

Below are the conditions that we will be following to keep our clubs process fair and consistent.

- If you would like your children to sign up for a club we recommend that you sign up on the day that the clubs go live. If you have been unsuccessful please make sure you pop in to the office and place your child on the waiting list.
- If you have been successful, please ensure your child is aware that the club will run for the whole half term and they are expected to attend each week.
- If your child no longer wants to attend it is your responsibility to contact the office to inform them that your child no longer wants a place. This way we can remove your child from the register and add someone from the waiting list.
- If your child does not attend for **2 consecutive weeks** (without reason) you will then be contacted and your child will be automatically removed to allow someone from the waiting list to attend.
- If your child has a space, we expect them to follow the school rules outlined in our behaviour policy during club. If your child displays disruptive behaviour you will be informed and their place will be removed.

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Weather

The school has worked hard to invest in an all-weather Astroturf so that your children can participate in sports all year round. This does mean that if it is raining during clubs such as football and dodgeball that clubs will continue to run on the all- weather pitch. Please make sure your child has the appropriate clothing i.e. coat, trousers, jumpers so that we can continue to offer high quality sports clubs.

If you do not wish for your child to participate when it is raining it is your responsibility to collect them at 3.15pm.

Sports clothing

Please ensure that your child has the correct clothing for their after-school club. If the club is run outside then jumpers, joggers and coats are needed. If your child participates in football we are asking if they can bring trainers as well as football boots (if they have them). Football boots will only be worn if the club is taking place on the field as we are no longer able to use studs on the all-weather pitch.

Please ensure that ALL children are collected from clubs outside the main reception on time. If children are not collected from clubs on time they will be taken to Wizz Kids and will need to be collected from there. You will be charged for their time in Wizz Kids.

Prefects

This year we have a group of Year 6 pupils who will be taking on the role of Prefects. To be selected they had to complete an application form and explain why they would be a good role model to the other children in school.

Our prefects for 2024 are:

Jiaxin, Hanna, Jayden, Pagan, Isabella, Georgie, Angel, Aurora, Maya, Ruby, Lynette, Lilly, Sara, Evie



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.



What impact can music have on our lives?

In the news this week

Following a ten-year campaign, music exam boards have announced they will now be including Sikh sacred music, also known as Kirtan, on their syllabus. It will be examined alongside violin and percussion instruments. The campaign to get the music recognised was led by Dr Harjinder Lallie, the co-director of Birmingham-based Gurmat Sangeet Academy.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Have you ever learnt to play a musical instrument? Would you like to?
- > What type of music do you like listening to? Ask others at home what they like to listen to. Is it the same as or different from what you like?
- > Can you think of times when we listen to music or make music with others?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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



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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

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