

# Newsletter 2 – Autumn 2



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

Date	School Events	International Events
Monday		
Tuesday	Crewe Alexandra PLPS U11 Girls Cup Competition 9am-12:30pm	
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
<b>Advanced Notice:</b>	KS2 Sportshall Athletics Competition 12:30-4pm Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	
<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>	

## Maths Week

Across the school we have been celebrating Maths Week with a range of exciting activities during our maths and even art lessons. All children in KS1 and KS2 had an assembly looking at how different jobs use maths and also how we use maths in our daily lives. Maybe you can point out the maths in everyday life when you're shopping, cooking and travelling this weekend!

## Parent/Carer survey

We want **YOUR VIEWS** on how we communicate with you.

Please scan the QR code and complete our short survey.

Or visit <https://app.bouncetogether.co.uk/shrt/WP13B0692C>

Together we can make things even better!

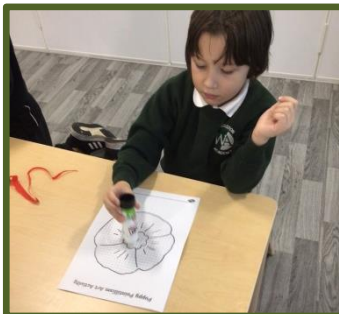


## The Hubs

The Hub children took advantage of having our very own art gallery in school this week. They visited to explore the incredible work on display and decide on which they liked the best and why. They thought the hall looked “wow”, “amazing” and “so beautiful”. Thank you to all of the artists who produced such fantastic work and to Mrs Walsh who created such an inspiring event!



Hub 1 have enjoyed celebrating Remembrance Day this week by creating our very own poppies. We ripped up tissue paper and then stuck it to the poppy. We then displayed them in Mrs Walsh’s fantastic Art Exhibition during parent’s evening for all to see!



## Nursery

This week in Nursery we have been looking at the number 2! First, we counted objects to two. Next, we looked at the numeral two. Then, we went on a hunt around the environment to find two objects.



## Reception

This week in the story 'The Owl Who is Afraid of the Dark', Plop the baby barn owl meets a lonely scout guarding a campfire. The children shared their ideas on how to help the scout not feel lonely and gave him advice on how to keep safe by the glowing fire. We met scout Jayden a year 6 pupil who told us about how he earns his badges by completing different activities. The children took on the role on a scout and have earned their own badges this week by making banana boats, collecting wood ready for the camp fire and making hot chocolate.



## Year 1

In topic, we have been creating created images of the Naughty Bus inspired by the work of the artist Hundertwasser. First, we experimented with his style. Next, we created an outline of the bus and painted it with different shades of the same colour. Finally, we used a marker pen to redefine the shape, and oil pastel to add pattern.



## Year 2

On Monday, we followed the route that we had prepared last week to look at the different types of accommodation in our local area. We saw terraced houses, bungalows, flats and some semi-detached houses.



## Year 3

In science we are learning about light and dark. This week, we have had lots of fun investigating what materials we could still see most easily even as we made the room darker.



## Year 4

During maths week, we learnt all about money! Year 4 took part in the Museum on the Mound Digital Workshop which introduced the children to what is money and how we use this in everyday life. We also looked at different forms of ancient money and became money detectives. We had lots of fun!

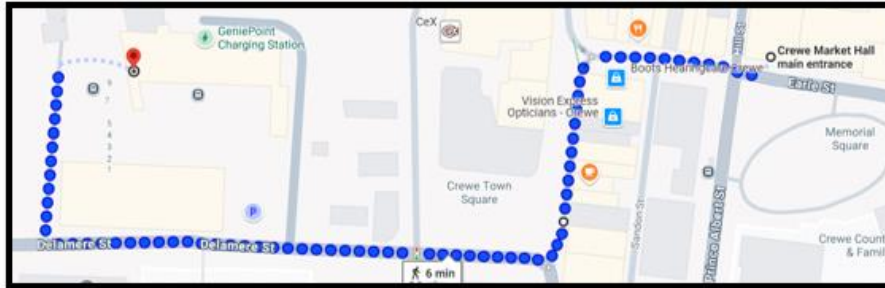


## Year 5

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November**

### **Field Work – Local visit to Crewe town centre**

Today, we walked to Crewe town centre to observe and take photographs of some of the changes that have occurred in our local area throughout the years. We followed a planned map route there and back to school. Whilst in the town centre, we visited: Crewe Market Hall, Market Street and Crewe Bus Station.



## Year 6

We had a workshop with Jason King where we were able to explore various artefacts from WWII. We thought about who each of the items might have belonged to and what their experience of the war might have been. We then participated in an air raid warden drill, where we had to practise making noise to warn others and carrying stretchers without dropping our 'injured'. We then listened to some stories from people during the war and learnt more about how it affected each of these individuals. We will be using the stories we have heard and the information we learned about the artefacts to write a poem from the point of view of one of the WWII jackets we tried on. It was a brilliant day!





## PE News

### U11 Boys Football Competition



On Tuesday our U11 football team were back in action. We won one, drew one and lost a few. The standard was higher as this was the next round. Our team still played brilliantly and as a team. Well done to all!

## 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

This year, Anti-Bullying Week takes place on 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> November with the theme, 'Choose Respect'. As part of the week, Odd Socks Day is on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November, with odd socks being worn to celebrate what makes us all unique. There are many other ways schools are raising awareness and taking action to tackle bullying, including several pupils working towards becoming Anti-Bullying Ambassadors.

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

- > What do you know about Anti-Bullying Week?
- > This year's theme is 'Choose Respect', what is your definition of respect? Ask others at home.
- > This week's story explores the role of Anti-Bullying Ambassadors. Do you think this a good way of tackling bullying? Can you think of any other strategies?

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/>

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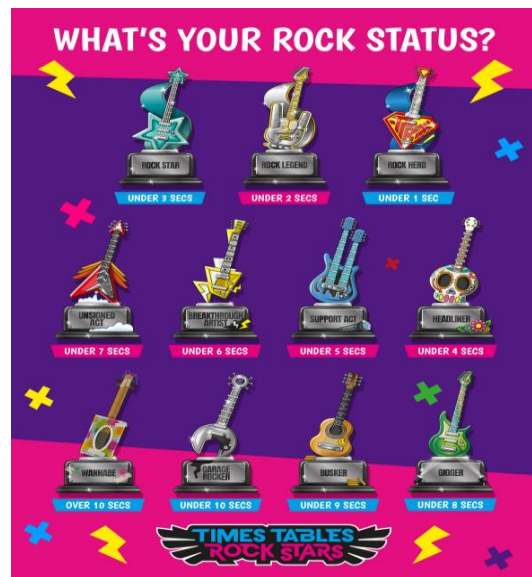
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If you do not have web access

**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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