

Newsletter 4 – Autumn 2



Wistaston Academy
Primary and Nursery School
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This Week's Events

Date	School Events	International Events
Monday	Walk to school week	
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

EYFS:

KS1: Hailey (2A), Celil (2B)

KS2: Ahmed (3A), Rudaw (3B) Angelo (4B)

The Hubs

Keeping with our Space theme, the children have used kits to create some foam rockets in DT this week. They had to decorate them before mounting them on a sprung base. They had lots of fun both making them and bouncing them around the classroom afterwards!



Nursery

This week we read the story 'Room on the Broom'. We created bravery potions and drew pictures of the missing witch. Nursery worked really hard to help the cat from the story to be brave. We created our own witches' hats and magic wands to become a witch!



Reception

This week, we were very excited to find a picture of Queens Park as one of our clues in the Magic Story Box. On Wednesday, we went for a walk around Queens Park and we were observing the local wildlife and discussing features within our local community. We were also looking for any clues that the characters might have left from our story and we found a broken broomstick!



Year 1

This week, Year 1 have made their own vehicles for our topic 'Travel and Tourism'. We explored different materials and decided on our own unique designs. Then, we evaluated our vehicles and discussed what we would change if we were to do it again.



Year 2

This week in Topic, we went on a microhabitat hunt around school. Back inside, we worked in partners to create a tally chart and record all the different minibeast that we found and the microhabitat that they were living in. Then we used the I-pads to create a chart to display the data.



Year 3

This week in PSHE, we thought about how to listen respectfully to the ideas of other people. Working as a group, and taking into account the ideas of everybody, we had to design a playground game. We had lots of fun!



Year 4

This week, Year 4 have been busy designing and making a seasonal traybake! They have learnt all about the merits of eating seasonally and the impact of food miles on the environment. When designing their dish, the children also thought about how they could enhance the natural flavours of their ingredients using different herbs and spices. They were very adventurous with their choices and can't wait to try their creations tomorrow!



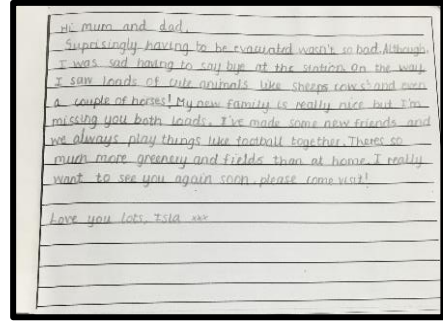
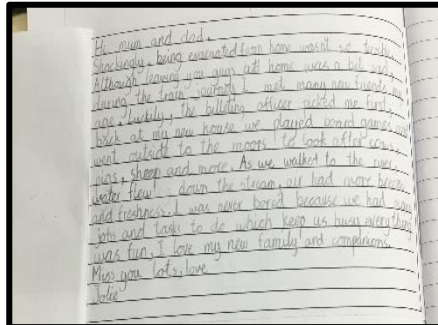
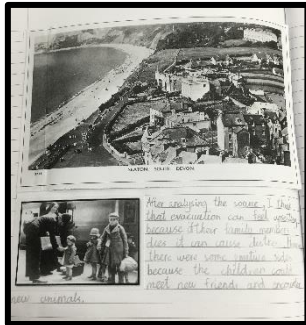
Year 5

After writing letters to Professor Dumbledore, he wanted to see these proposals in the form of a PowerPoint. The children have used their information technology skills to create presentations. They have explored changing backgrounds, font and colours and inserting images and text. We have also presented our presentations to Professor Dumbledore and Professor McGonagall, which they were very impressed with. A massive well done to everyone in year 5, your presentations were fantastic. Congratulations to our winning teams: Vulpis and Wolfana!



Year 6

Year 6 have been busy writing about World War Two this week. Take a look at some of our postcards home as an evacuee.



Art News

Focus on Year 5

Year 5 have been working extremely hard on preliminary drawings of creatures from the amazon. We have started transposing these on to Styrofoam blocks by etching, so that we can create reduction-block prints later. Our work is fantastic so far!



PE News

Next week is 'Walk to School Week', week commencing 2nd December. We would love to see as many children as possible walking, cycling and travelling on their scooters to school. If you normally drive to school, what about parking a bit further away from school this week and walking part of the way?



For every day your child is active travelling to school this week and next week they will receive an achievement mark on Arbor, which you will be able to see on your school gateway.

Remember to leave your bikes and scooters by the bike shed at the front of the school!

School will not accept any responsibility for bikes which are left unlocked.

Y3&4 Sports hall Athletics winners!

On Wednesday our KS2 children competed in heat 3 of the Crewe and Nantwich sports hall athletics competitions at South Cheshire College. We won the Y3&4 competition and came a close second in the Y5&6 competition. Our Y3&4 team are now through to the finals which take place in January 2025. The children were fantastic and we are so proud of all of them! Thank you to our parents and carers who came and supported us.



Y5&6 Girls Football Tournament

On Tuesday morning our Y5&6 girls football team took part in the Crewe Alexandra PLPS U11 Girls Cup. The girls were fantastic and reached the semi-finals. Unfortunately, we were beaten in the semi-finals but played brilliantly. Well done girls!



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.



How can we raise awareness of important issues?

In the news this week

This year's Earthshot Prize winners have been announced. Prince William, who launched the prize in 2020, closed the award ceremony in Cape Town, South Africa. The Earthshot Prize celebrates and supports people and companies working to provide innovative solutions for climate and environmental issues. The winners include projects to protect animals, handle rubbish and prevent wasted energy.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Can you tell someone at home a bit more about the Earthshot Prize?
- Do you believe awards are a good way of raising awareness about important issues?
- Have you ever taken part in or contribute to a project with the aim of helping protect and look after the world? Ask others at home whether they have.

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



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

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