

# Newsletter 5 – Autumn 2



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

## This Week's Events

Date	School Events	International Events
Monday		
Tuesday	Nursery cinema trip – 10.12.24	
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
<b>Advanced Notice:</b>	Clubs finish on Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December and restart on Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> January.	
<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>	

### We are Brilliant Winners

EYFS: Lydia (RA), Eadie (RB)

KS1: Max (2A), Oliver (2B)

KS2: Ella(3A), Mia (3B)

### The Hubs

Over the past few weeks, the children in Hub 3 have been working with Mrs Walsh to create their very own aliens. They worked with air-dry clay to create their models which they then decorated using brightly coloured acrylic paints.



### Nursery

As part of our story 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark' the children have been busy in the playdough area making worms for Plop the owl. We have also been helping the astronomer to sort the stars into the correct jars. The children are beginning to recognise the numerals 1, 2 and 3.



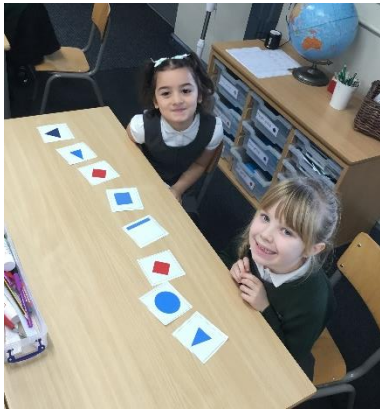
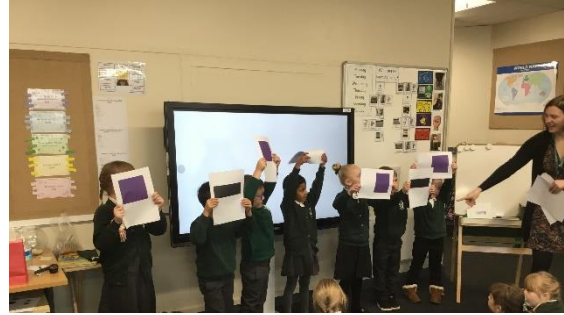
### Reception

This week we have helped the astronomer from 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark' and we were able to experience the Sensory Room in the Hub. Before we entered, we used 'Imagined Action' to put on our space suits, helmets and space boots.



## Year 1

This week year one has been spotting patterns using 2D and 3D shapes.



## Year 2

In DT this week, we have used our findings from the bug hunt last week to design and build our structures. We tested the structures in our outdoor area overnight and then adapted our bug houses to make them stronger and weatherproof.



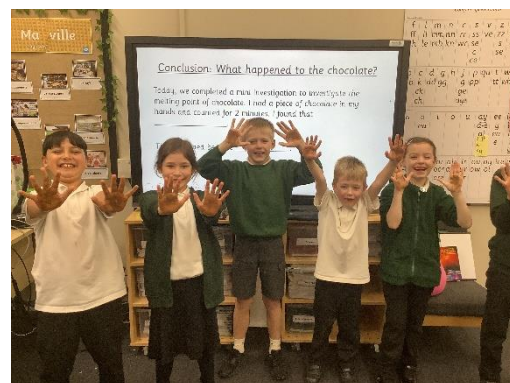
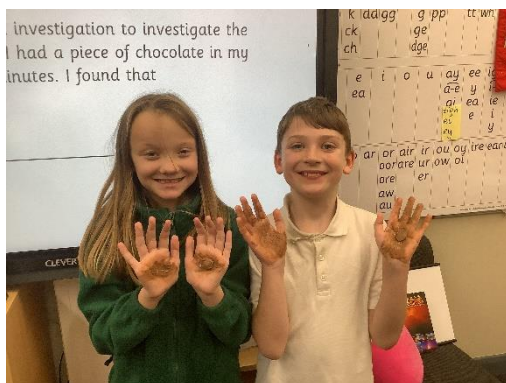
### Year 3

As part of Science this week, Year 3 had lots of fun investigating transparent, translucent and opaque materials.



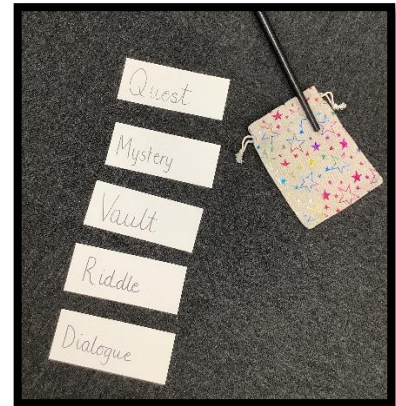
### Year 4

In Science this week, we explored the melting point of chocolate. We deepened our understanding of what happens to the particles in matter when their state is changed. By holding a piece of chocolate between their hands, the children learnt that the heat energy produced by their body was giving energy to the solid particles, causing them to move more and spread out, thus becoming a liquid. It was pretty 'sweet' lesson!



## Year 5

In literacy, we explored different clues and vocabulary words to uncover what we will be writing about this half term. We have learnt that we will be writing narrative with dialogue, using the characters from our new house. We then looked at pictures of the Forbidden Forest and 'read the pictures'. We created words and phrases to describe what we could see, hear, touch and smell whilst walking through our setting.



## Year 6

Year 6 pupils have been taking part in Bikeability this week. They have been developing essential cycling skills and road safety awareness. Over the two days, they have practised riding confidently, navigating junctions, and understanding the rules of the road.



## Art News

### Focus on Year 3!

Year 3 have been working really hard creating collagraph printing plates based on our learning about Rangoli patterns. We tried practise prints in our sketchbooks in preparation for printing on our tie-died textiles in our next lesson. It was very exciting to see our fantastic results!

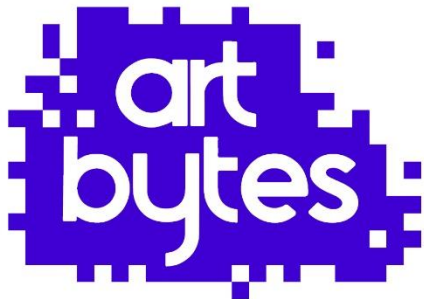




Well done Year 3!

### Focus on Year 5!

We're taking part!



[artbytes.co.uk](http://artbytes.co.uk)

Year 5 are taking part in the national Art Bytes Competition again this year! We are currently working hard to prepare our entries, which will be selected from either our sculpture work completed already, or the superb reduction-block prints we are completing before Christmas. Unfortunately, we are only allowed to submit 30 entries from the whole of Year 5. When we upload these to the Art Bytes website, a panel of professional judges will select 3 finalists from our school. The link will then be shared so that all families and friends can vote for their favourite piece. Our finalists will attend a prize-giving, gallery and art workshop event in the Whitworth Gallery in Manchester and will be exhibited in a virtual exhibition alongside all other participating schools.

One of our children may be selected as a national or regional winner too!

Keep a look-out for more news.

### Arts Ambassadors, Artmark Celebration Week and Arts Council England

Parent's Evening coincided with Artsmark Celebration Week and our Art Exhibition. During these two days, our Arts Ambassadors led three visiting schools in art workshops and guided our visitors around the exhibition. The Arts Council England came to see how we were celebrating and this is how they wrote about us:





## **Wistaston Academy**

In Crewe, we visited Wistaston Academy, an Artsmark Platinum school. They were hosting a whole school art exhibition, showcasing the incredible talent of every single pupil. We also joined in a print-making workshop, led by Art Teacher, Luchelle Walsh and a team of Arts Ambassadors. Neighbouring schools were invited to the workshop and visited the exhibition, exploring the artwork and sculptures. The young Arts Ambassadors shared with us how much they enjoy helping Mrs Walsh in the art room, saying 'art really helps me relax'; 'I enjoy school more'; and 'art makes me really happy.'



## **PE News**

### **Top of the League!**

Congratulations to our Y5&6 football team who are undefeated in their football league. We are top of the league and will now go through to the cup after Christmas. Well done team!

Wistaston Academy 2 Monks Copenhall 1

Wistaston Academy 2 St Mary's RC Primary 1

Wistaston Academy 4 Beechwood Primary 2

## **Clubs**

After school clubs finish for the year on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024. They will restart on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025, more information will follow after Christmas.

## 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.

### Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

### Local Offer Marketplace



For all parents/carers with children aged 0-25 who would like to find out more about our SEND Local Offer and how we can support you and your child. Drop in and meet with multiple agencies all in one place!

**Tuesday 17th December 4pm-6pm**

0-19+ SEND Health Practitioner

Speech and Language Therapist

Education Psychologist

LDCAMHS

SPOTSS



**Monks Copenhall Family Hub**

Remer Street, Crewe, CW1 4LY

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# TAKEHOME

End - 8th  
December



**What does  
it mean  
to feel  
included?**



## In the news this week

The Football Association (FA) has laid out new plans aimed at raising awareness and increasing participation in disability football. The strategy, called Football Without Limits, includes growing the Comets programme for young people aged 5–11. The FA says Comets will be the most inclusive format of the sport and will provide a safe and supportive space for children to start playing football.

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

- Share your thoughts about the FA's plans to increase awareness of disability football.
- Can you think of a time when you have felt like you belonged (perhaps in a team or group)? What was it that made you feel included? Ask the same questions to someone at home.
- Ask people at home whether they, or someone they know, have benefitted from a similar programme.

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

