

Newsletter 6 – Autumn 2



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Primary and Nursery School
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This Week's Events

Date	School Events	International Events
Monday	16.12.24 – Nursery Stay and Play 3:00-3:45pm	
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
Advanced Notice:	Lunchtime and after school clubs have now finished. They will start again from Monday 13 th January 2025	
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.	

KS2: Jacob (3B) Lilly (4B)

Nursery

This week the children had a special visit to the cinema! First, we started our journey by walking carefully to the coach. During the coach journey we discussed what we could see and sang our favourite songs. Then, we arrived to the cinema to watch 'Room on the Broom'.



The Hubs

Hub 1 have had great fun decorating our own baubles. We chose a coloured shape and then drew some patterns on to it. After that we laminated them, threaded ribbons on to the top and then hung them on our tree. They look beautiful!



Each week, the children from Hub 3 visit LS gym in Crewe where they learn and practise new gymnastic skills. Our latest challenge has been to complete a circuit of climbs and jumps which tested strength, coordination and perseverance.



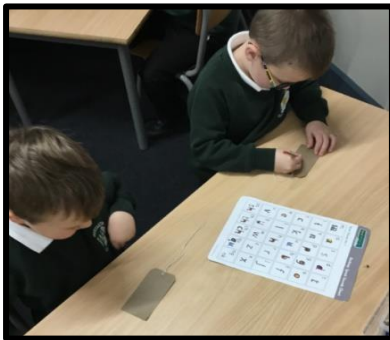
Reception

We have continued to work with numbers up to 5 and we have been building our own staircase towers. We noticed how numbers increase in size when 1 more is added and that the order of the numbers when counting does not change. We also noticed that the numbers get smaller when we take 1 away.



Year 1

In RE this week, the children thought about the role of the innkeeper in the Christmas Story. They thought about how kind it was of him to offer Mary and Joseph a stable for the night. They learnt that because of this, many Christians believe that it is very important to help people in need, particularly at Christmas. The children thought about what they were hoping for at Christmas but then what other, less fortunate, people might wish for. They wrote a wish and then created a Christmas Tree on the other side.



Year 2

In music this week, we played different instruments and learnt how to change the tempo and add an interval into our performance.



Year 3

In science this week we learnt about shadows and how they are formed. We have had lots of fun investigating which objects created shadows and what shapes the shadows were.



Year 4

In literacy this week we used our oracy skills to create drama pieces based on our story of the Gladiator. We delved deeper and focused on the characters of Maximus and Commodus and was even lucky enough to meet the great General Maximus himself. Then, we used the wonderful story stick and soundscape to retell the final part where Maximus heads to the colosseum to compete in his battle for freedom!



Year 5

The children got into role as the characters from their quests. They imagined that they had just found the vault hidden within the Forbidden Forest. They created a freeze frame to show how each character reacted when finding the vault. They thought about their facial expressions and body language.



Year 6

We have been busy baking in Year 6 this week! In History, we have been learning about rationing as part of our WW2 topic and in our lesson this week we recreated a war-time classic: The National Loaf. We even made a mixed berry jam to go alongside our bread. The children thoroughly enjoyed baking and eating the bread and have even asked for copies of the recipe to take home!



Art News

Focus on Year 4

Year 4 have been learning about blending with oil pastels. We have been inspired by a recurring motif that we discovered in the work of Pop-Artist Jim Dine – the heart! We drew our hearts, then thought about picking three colours that are close together on the colour wheel, so that they would blend. By graduating from the darkest to the lightest, we tried to show the 3-D form of our hearts, adding a shadow in the background to heighten this effect. We are looking forward to completing our work next week.



PE News

Clubs

Clubs have now finished until after Christmas. They will restart on Monday 13th 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.



In the news this week

Wicked, the hugely successful Broadway musical, has recently premiered worldwide as a film. Wicked shares a different perspective of the events in the magical land featured in 'The Wizard of Oz', prior to Dorothy's arrival. It is the story of Elphaba (a misunderstood witch), who later becomes the Wicked Witch of the West, and her friendship with Glinda, who becomes the Good Witch. Karis Musongole, aged 10 from Manchester, plays the young version of Elphaba.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > What have you heard about the film Wicked? Is it something you have seen or would like to see? Ask someone at home. Are they familiar with the story of The Wizard of Oz?
- > Do you like performing on stage? Do you like other roles or responsibilities in plays or performances? Talk about the importance of each role and how our different strengths can all be celebrated.

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/>



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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.

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Applications should be submitted by

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