

Newsletter 7 – Autumn 2



Wistaston Academy
Primary and Nursery School
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This Week's Events

Date	School Events	International Events
Monday		
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.	

The Hubs

Combining the theme of Christmas with our DT lesson this week, Hub 3 have made snowflake biscuits. The children worked in teams to carefully measure out each ingredient, before mixing their biscuit dough together, rolling it out and cutting snowflake shapes into it. After baking the biscuits in the oven, they were left to cool then decorated with white chocolate and colourful sprinkles.



Nursery

This week we have been focusing on the story of 'The Gingerbread Man'. The nursery children have been busy making gingerbread characters at the playdough table, retelling the story with finger puppets in the calm corner and decorating the gingerbread man at the finger gym.



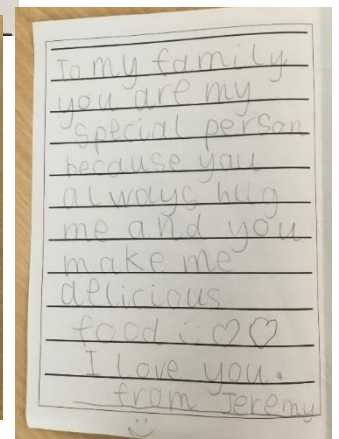
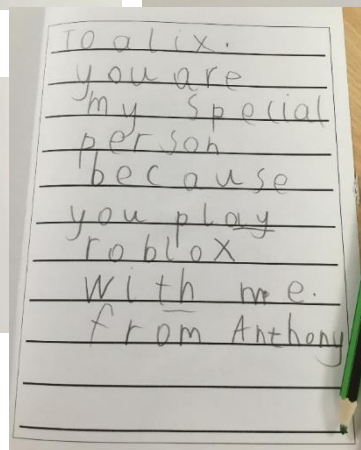
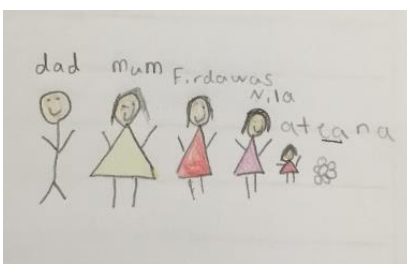
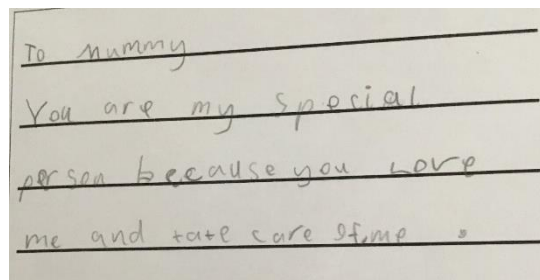
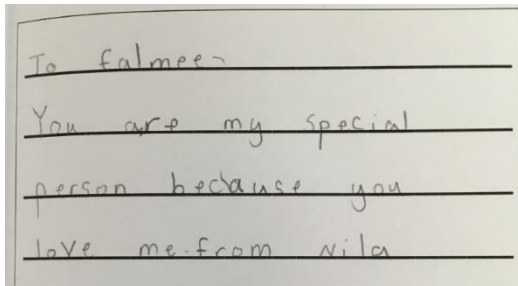
Reception

This week the children did an amazing job at their Christmas Carol Concert which I'm sure you will agree. They have worked extremely hard to learn the words and the actions of the songs and we are so proud of them all.



Year 1

This week, in our PSHE lesson we discussed the special people in our lives. Then we made a card for them to say thank you.



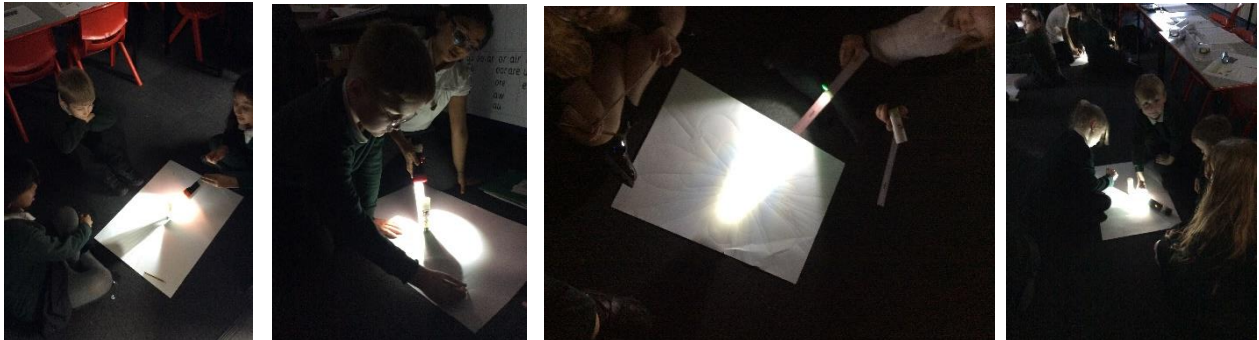
Year 2

This week, we had lots of fun learning how to code the Beebots and the BlueBot app. We followed different algorithms and debugged an algorithm that was wrong.



Year 3

This week, Year 3 had lots of fun investigating how shadows change when the position of the light source changes.



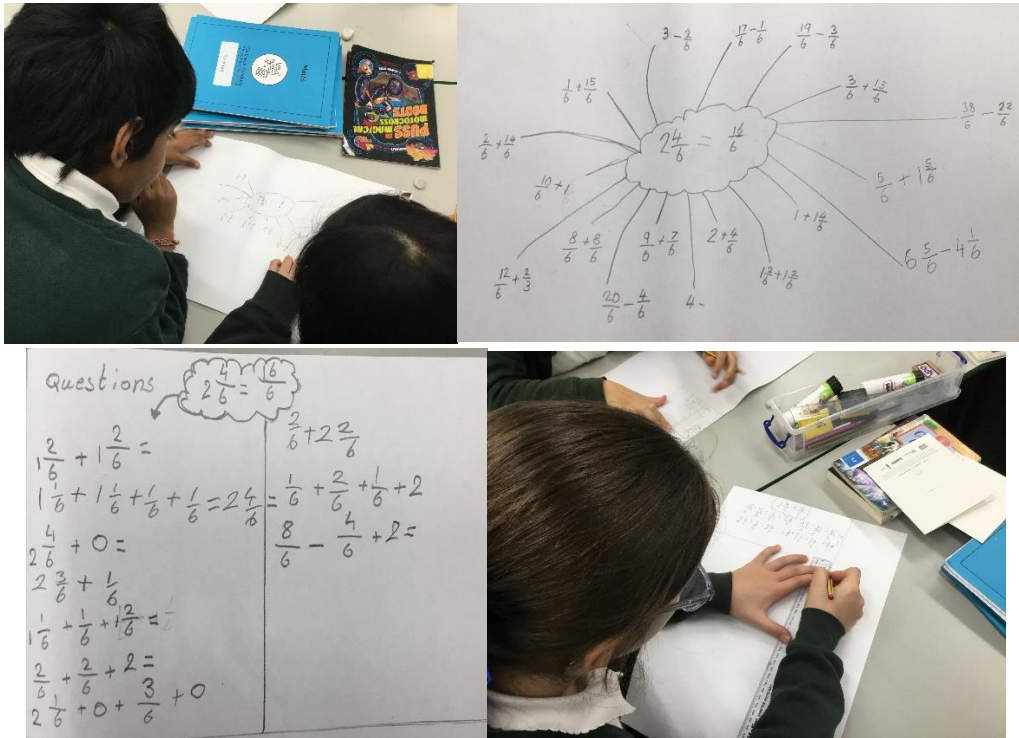
Year 4

This week, Year 4 had a 'Roman Feast'. The children did really well and tried a variety of foods that many of them had never tasted before, such as moretum (soft cheese with herbs and olive oil), sourdough bread, figs and dates with honey. The most surprising takeaway for the children was that many of them really enjoyed the figs, despite not expecting to. They were also very relieved to hear that sheep brains and flamingo tongues weren't on the menu!



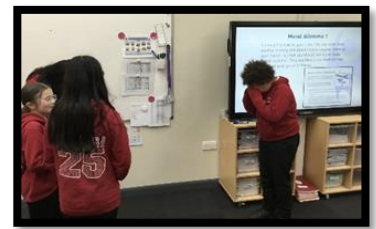
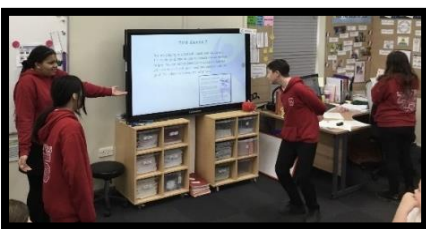
Year 5

This week, the children have been practising converting improper fractions to mixed numbers. Today, they had to create addition and subtraction questions which reached their given answer. They were practising their adding and subtracting improper fractions and mixed numbers.



Year 6

This term, Year 6 have been studying Humanism in RE lessons. To really understand how Humanists, make good choices without having a faith to guide them, we looked at some moral dilemmas and acted out how a Humanist might respond.



Y5 Swimming



All children from 5A will be going swimming after Christmas as part of the compulsory national PE curriculum. The sessions will begin on the afternoon of Tuesday 14th January and will finish on Tuesday 11th February 2025.

The children will be travelling, by mini bus, to the Crewe Lifestyle Centre, accompanied by members of the Year 5 team. Your child will need to bring in their swimming costume/shorts and a towel. If your child forgets their kit, we will contact you during the morning to try to arrange for their kit to be dropped off.

Children are not allowed to wear any jewellery in the pool, so all must be removed before they enter. Please ensure that all earrings are removed before children come to school, if the children cannot remove the earrings themselves. In addition, long hair must be tied up.

If your child has a medical condition which prevents them from swimming, they will require a signed doctor's note; otherwise they will be expected to swim. If your child has a one-off medical condition on one of their swimming sessions, then please speak directly to their class teacher, or send in a signed note. We will not accept the children's reasons for why they are missing swimming, without confirmation from an adult.

Clubs

Clubs 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

It is thought the number of cards sent this festive period will be lower than in previous years, as stamp prices have increased. The price of a first-class stamp rose by 30p in October, to £1.65. This rise (the fifth increase in less than three years) has also led to fears that the money reaching charities through card sales will be lower this year.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Share your experience of giving and receiving cards and ask someone at home about theirs.
- Fewer cards are being sent each year; talk about why you think this is the case.
- What other ways can you think of to show loved ones that you care and are thinking of them?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss



Maths News

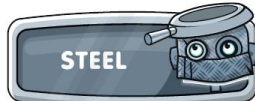
All children from Reception onwards will have access to an app called **Numbots**. If your child is in Year 2 and above, they will also have access to an app called **Times Table Rocks Stars (TTRS)**.

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



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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