

Newsletter 20 – Spring 1



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.	

We are Brilliant Winners

EYFS: Cecilia (RB)

KS1: Alicia (1B), Lexi (2A), Shaquille (2B)

KS2: Freddie (3B) Archie W (3A)

The Hubs

Over the last two weeks the children have been learning about The Great Fire of London. The children have been thinking about the sights, sounds and smells that that people would have experienced during the fire.

They have written their ideas up as a newspaper report and today have aged their newspapers by scrunching them up and staining them.



Nursery

This week we have been exploring ice. First, we used our senses to discuss what we could see and what we could feel. The ice was very cold, wet and slippery! Throughout the week we explored different ways to melt the ice. We also created colourful pictures using ice and paint!



Reception

This week, we have enjoyed using the equipment in our outdoor area. We ensured the correct number of children were on each piece of equipment at a time and we waited our turn when there was a queue. We particularly enjoyed the spring beam and took our time crossing it.



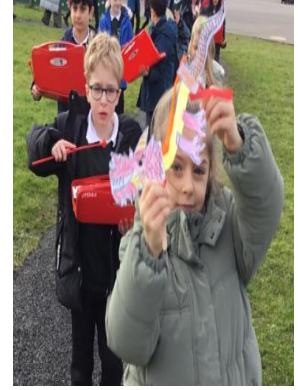
Year 1

This week to start our DT project we thought about what we already knew about playground structures. We then went out to look at playground equipment around the school to see what we could find out about their structures. After our research, we created the design criteria which we referred to as we designed and made our equipment.



Year 2

Over the past few days we have been preparing for our special Chinese New Year Parade, which is normally held on the 15th day of the New Year. First, we created Chinese dragons. Then we composed some music inspired by traditional Chinese music. Finally, we had lots of fun going on a parade around the school with our dragons and playing our own piece of music that we composed.



Year 3

This week Year 3 have been learning about what life is like in space for astronauts. We discovered that the food astronauts eat is different to the food we eat because it has been dehydrated which helps preserve the food. We then investigated the process of how food is preserved by dehydration. We can't wait to see what our fruits like after it has been dehydrated.



Year 4

Today, we went on a field trip to Nantwich Lake where we deepened our understanding of the River Weaver that runs alongside it. We learnt so many interesting facts! Did you know that Nantwich Lake was built to prevent the town from flooding? It's also as salty as the sea! The River Weaver floods regularly, but when you look at how many tributaries join it, it isn't so surprising.



Year 5

Today, we stepped into the story of Deadman's Cove and completed a range of drama strategies – guided tour of the cove, conscience alley and hot seating where we interviewed a suspect, which uncovered the mysteries faced by our heroine Laura. We used our knowledge and forensic science skills to investigate different pieces of evidence including footprints, teeth marks, handwriting and fingerprints. We made sure to use gloves so we did not contaminate the evidence.



Year 6

It's been another very busy, and very exciting week in Year 6. We've been completing assessments, creating engaging pieces of writing, carrying out some practical tasks in science, as well as take part in a workshop about Racism. We're very proud of how hard the children are working.



Thank you!



A huge thank you to everyone who supported the school through the Asda Cashpot for Schools scheme. The school has received over £450 which will be spent on a range of resources for all of the children to benefit from.

SoulBox!

Last Friday we had the fabulous experience of having SoulBox band in school, leading sessions with Year 5 and 6 on the subject of racism and identity. They also talked and performed for us in an assembly. We loved their music: a fusion of soul singing and beat-boxing, and the chance to discuss issues regarding fairness and discrimination that were close to our hearts. It was a fun, powerful and thought-provoking time.



PE News

U11 Girls Cheshire Cup

Last Friday our Year 5&6 girls football team competed in the Cheshire Cup. They competed against teams from all over the county including, Winsford, Congleton, Hartford, and Chester. Unfortunately, we didn't make it past the group stages but the team were fantastic! We are so proud of the girls for qualifying for the finals. Well done girls!

Y5&6 Netball Tournament

On Wednesday our Y5&6 netball team took part in the Crewe and Nantwich netball tournament held at Shavington Academy. Our results were as follows:

Wistaston Academy 1 Wybunbury Delves CE Primary School 1

Wistaston Academy 1 Leighton Academy 0

Wistaston Academy 1 Shavington Primary B 0

Wistaston Academy 0 Shavington Primary A 1

Wistaston Academy 0 Stapely Broad Lane Primary 2

The team were fantastic and we finished in 3rd place overall. Well done to all involved!

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

Tennis player, Emma Raducanu, has revealed she would like to meet darts player, Luke Littler, after he recently became the world darts champion. Comparisons between the two young sports stars have been highlighted. Raducanu was 18 when she became the only qualifier in history to claim a Grand Slam title, by winning the 2021 US Open. Similarly, Littler became the youngest-ever World Darts Championship winner at 17.

Things to talk about at home ...

- How do you think Luke Littler felt when he became the youngest-ever World Darts Championship winner at 17? How do you think he might be feeling now about future competitions?
- Can you think of a time when you were under a lot of pressure to succeed or achieve something? Share it with someone at home. Can they recall a similar time?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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

