

Newsletter 22 – Spring 2



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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: Igor (RB)

KS1: Elena (2A), Jack (2B)

KS2: Summer(3A), Isabella (3B) Bobby (4B)

The Hubs

The children have been learning a wide range of skills during their visits to the gym. They are now putting all of their experience together to begin working towards their British Gymnastics Association Level 1 award.



Nursery

Our word of the week is 'tall'. We have been looking around our nursery environment to find different tall and not tall items. Throughout the week we have been researching the role of a zookeeper and matching different big and little zoo animals.



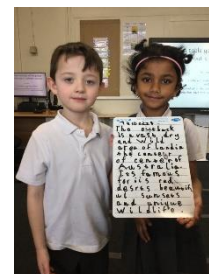
Reception

We enjoyed receiving our new greenhouse this week and were keen to help build it! We think it looks great and can't wait to start using it very soon and grow a variety of plants.



Year 1

To continue our learning about the continents of the world, we worked with our partner to learn about each continent and what the weather is like there.



Year 2

This week, we have started to learn about our 'Great Fire of London' topic by investigating what houses were like at the time. We looked at different sources to find out more about them before making our own version of a Tudor house. We put them all together to recreate Pudding Lane, which is where the fire started.



Year 3

In Literacy this week, Year 3 have been introduced to their new book 'The Great Kapok Tree' which is set in a rainforest. Together, we had lots of fun creating a large scale rainforest artwork!



Year 4

We were introduced to our new class text, *The Firework-Maker's Daughter* by Philip Pullman. We were given a set of clues to uncover and the children did an amazing job of discerning what our story could be about. We then read some extracts from the text that described the setting. We discussed how we all have our own 'reader's mind', and that the images the text creates for each of us will all be different. Using oil pastels, we then each created an image that represented the world of the book as it appeared in our minds.

There was no right or wrong answer, only *our* answer. The images are now placed around our literacy display, so we can feel immersed in the story as we find out more!



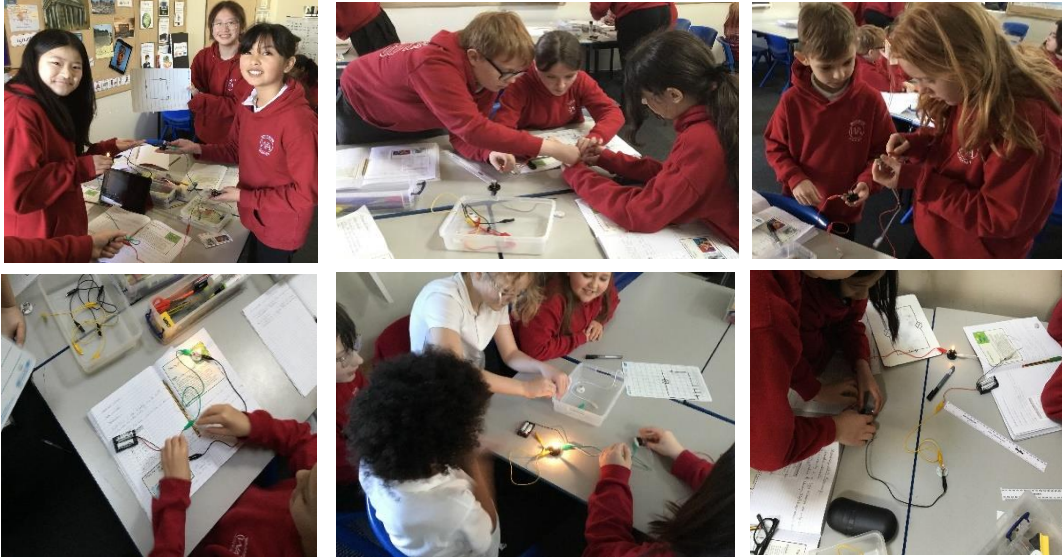
Year 5

In our PE lessons this half-term we are studying Dance. This week, we have been practising haka dances, focusing on trying to intimidate our opponents with our body language and facial expressions. Take a look at some of our intimidating poses.



Year 6

In this week's science lesson, we worked collaboratively to create simple circuits. We were able to find faults quickly, which enabled us to see the affects of the complete path of electricity flowing through the circuits. We used the following components to create simple circuits: batteries, bulbs, wires and switches.



Art News

Focus on Year 5!



Our children's art work has been submitted to the Art Bytes Website! Keep your eyes peeled for voting lines to open. This will take place on Thursday 3rd April. Three of our Year 5s will have been selected by professional art judges. We can then place our votes to determine 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. The winner of this round may be selected also as a regional or national winner and all three finalists will be invited to attend an award ceremony and art workshop at the Whitworth Gallery in the summer term!

Meet the judging panel:



RACHEL THOMPSON

Artist

Specialism:
Painting and
drawing



JAMES LAKE

Artist

Specialism:
Cardboard
sculpture



MARLENE WYLIE

Artist

Specialism: Textile
design



ADELE DARLINGTON

Artist

Author and Art
Consultant



KEVIN DALTON JOHNSON

Artist

Specialism:
Sculpture



EMILIE KENT

Artist

Specialism:
Fashion and
textiles



ALEX JACKSON

Artist

Specialism:
Photography

Good luck Year 5!

Performing Arts News

Our drummers (Djembefola) and singers performed fantastically on Saturday 22nd February as part of the first Crewe Arts Festival “Crewe//Makes 2025)! We were so proud of our children, so bravely leading in front of the general public outside the Lyceum Theatre and inside the Market Hall. There were also so many fun workshops to get involved in: from robot-making to land art – as well as seeing our own artwork exhibited in two shops in the Market Centre. What a great weekend! We are so happy to celebrate the great opportunities in Crewe, please follow Crewe Makes Artspace for details of much more up-coming opportunities!





Well done everyone!

PE News

SPORTS COUNCIL

We will announce our new sports council and ambassadors next week in our celebration assemblies.

Winter PE kit

During these cold months it is important that children are fully prepared for outdoor pe lessons so please see below as a reminder of the outdoor PE kit your children should have in school.

Outdoor PE kit: Black or navy blue plain jogging bottoms, hoodie or zip up and trainers. Children may wear a plain black or navy-blue waterproof jacket if they wish.



Club places

If there is a high demand for certain clubs, we will look to ensure all children who wish to go to the club, but do not get a place this term, have the opportunity to attend the club at some point across the school year.

Below are the conditions that we will be following to keep our clubs process fair and consistent.

- If you would like your children to sign up for a club we recommend that you sign up on the day that the clubs go live. If you have been unsuccessful please make sure you pop in to the office and place your child on the waiting list.
- If you have been successful, please ensure your child is aware that the club will run for the whole half term and they are expected to attend each week.

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

A girls' football team, in York, has launched a campaign called 'Girls can have short hair. Get Over It'. This was prompted by parents and coaches of opposition teams questioning whether all the players were girls, due to some having short hair. The team has received a positive response, with other young players, who have experienced similar situations, reaching out.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Share your response to this week's news and your thoughts about the campaign. What changes do you think it hopes to bring?
- Can you think of any other campaigns that have helped to bring about positive change? Ask someone at home if they can recall one too.

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/>

		 GAME FORMAT	 QUESTION TYPE	 COINS	 HEATMAP
 SINGLE	JAMMING	10, 20 or 30 questions	Select the tables and operations you want	8 coins for \times \div mix 4 coins for \times OR \div	\times
	GARAGE	1, 2, or 3 minute games	\times and \div questions chosen just for you	10 coins per correct answer	\checkmark
	GIG	Up to 100 questions in 5 mins	\times questions only up to 12×12	10 coins per correct answer	\checkmark
	STUDIO	1 minute games	\times and \div questions up to 12×12	1 coin per correct answer	\checkmark
	SOUNDCHECK	25 questions, 6 seconds each	\times questions only up to 12×12	5 coins per correct answer	\checkmark
MULTI	FESTIVAL	1 minute games	\times and \div questions up to 12×12	1 coin per correct answer	\checkmark
	ARENA	1 minute games	\times and \div questions chosen just for you	1 coin per correct answer	\checkmark
	ROCK SLAM	1 minute games	\times and \div questions up to 12×12	1 coin per correct answer	\checkmark

World Book Day

Pip Finds the Calm

Fiona Sherwood, our very own yoga instructor has written her own amazing book, illustrated by our talented children! Fiona will be here at Wistaston Academy on Wednesday 5th March for World Book day.

Don't forget to come to school dressed as a book character!

She will also be present during the Wednesday of Parent' Evening (12th March) with her books in our exhibition hall, where our children's original artwork will be on display, alongside her books. She is more than willing to sign copies should you wish her to.

Please see the below link if you wish to purchase a copy of her book. (Price £10 each)

<https://www.musicboxmeditations.co.uk/shop>

