

Newsletter 23 – Spring 2



Wistaston Academy
Primary and Nursery School
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This Week's Events

Date	School Events	International Events
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday	Games for all at South Cheshire College 10-12pm	
Thursday	Trophy 75 football tournament 3:30pm- 5:30pm	
Friday		
Advanced Notice:	Walk to school week 17 th March KS1&2 Sports Day May 23 rd 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.	

We are Brilliant Winners

EYFS: Lemiala (RA), Jocelyn (RB)

KS1: Lexi (2A), Pasha (2B)

KS2: Michael (3A), Ivy (3B), Evalyn (4B)

KiVa antibullying



Please don't forget that we are a **KiVa** antibullying school. **KiVa** is visible in many ways in the daily life at school. Children will take part in the KiVa lessons (10 lessons, each consisting of two 45-minute sessions). The lessons include discussions, group work, short films about bullying and role play. Their content proceeds from general topics such as the importance of respect in human relationships to the mechanism and consequences of bullying. Many lessons concentrate on the role a group can have in maintaining or stopping bullying; the students think about and practice different ways to resist bullying.

You can report bullying concerns to a member of staff or via our QR code reporting form.



You can also find more information on our website

<https://www.wistastonacademytrust.co.uk/page/kiva-antibullying/157419>

The Hubs

We wanted to celebrate Shrove Tuesday in Hub 3 this week with some pancake making. The children all helped to add and mix the ingredients and enjoyed tasting what they'd made. The session wouldn't have been complete without trying to toss the pancake in the air and catch it again!



In Hub 1 we've been celebrating World Book Day with some visitors from our friends in year 6 and year 4. They came over to our class and shared some stories with us. It was lovely to welcome some new faces to Hub 1.



Nursery

HELP! The iguana has escaped!

This week in nursery the children have discovered that our pet iguana has escaped from its enclosure. So, we met a vet who told us all about iguanas and how to care for them. We then used this information to try and entice the iguana back into its enclosure.



Reception

We had a great day celebrating World Book Day. After having parents in to read this morning, we then listened to the story 'Pip finds the Calm'. We discussed what makes us feel calm and happy and we then completed some breathing techniques that we can use if needed. After playtime, we had our yoga session which we thoroughly enjoyed. Fiona Sherwood, the author of 'Pip finds the Calm', read the story while showing us different yoga positions. We felt very calm afterwards! This afternoon, Year 4 were our reading buddies and we were able to share lots of different stories with them.



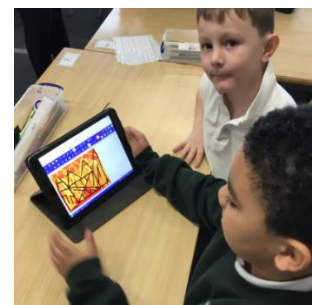
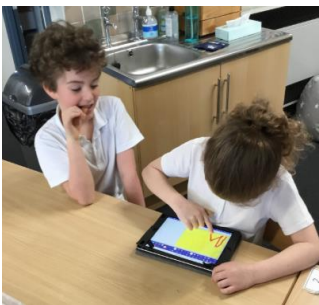
Year 1

This week, as part of our topic Wonderful Weather, Year 1 have learnt about the equator. They explored globes and maps in an atlas to find the equator and looked at the different hot and cold countries around the world. They then used an iPad and collated photographs about hot and cold countries. They inserted text and photographs onto a document to present their findings.



Year 2

After finding out that Samuel Pepy's diary was written in a secret code we thought about the view from his window of The Great Fire. We used the PaintZ app to create digital art which involved changing the size of lines, selecting tools such as fill, paint, line and spray and saving our work.



Year 3

As part of our World Book Day celebrations, year 3 had a lovely afternoon sharing books with the children from nursery. It was lots of fun!



Year 4

As part of our World Book Day celebrations, year 4 had a lovely afternoon sharing books with the children from reception. It was lots of fun and we loved sharing our love of reading with each other!



Year 5

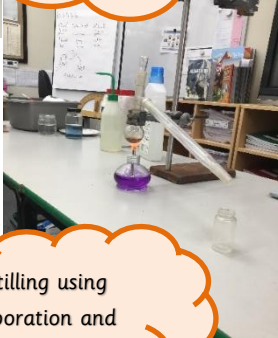
This week, we enjoyed a full day of science learning with Ruth. We were lucky enough to take part in many experiments throughout the day, whilst learning interesting scientific facts. The children brought home instructions on how they can complete these experiments at home if you wish.



Having an amazing time being scientists!



Using our cabbage water indicator to show acid, alkali and neutral solutions!



Distilling using evaporation and condensation!

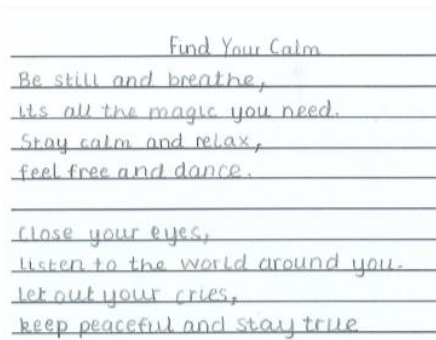
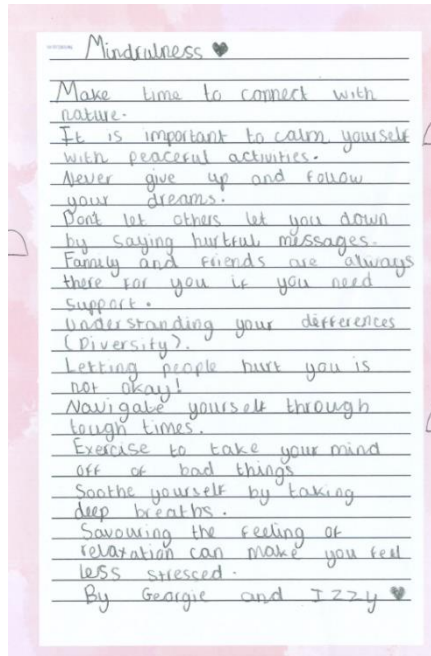
Creating carbon dioxide by mixing an acid and alkaline!



Using air pressure to defy gravity!

Year 6

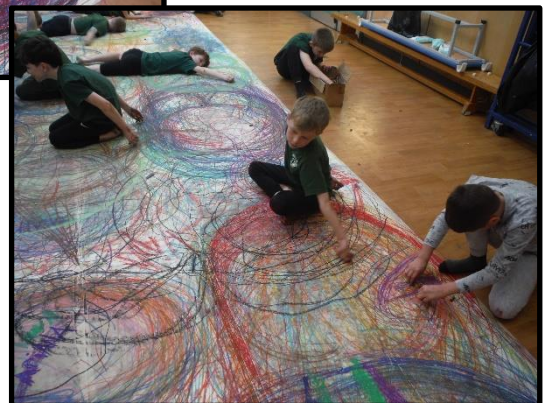
Year 6 have thoroughly enjoyed celebrating World Book Day this week. From paired reading with Year 2, to writing our own poetry about mindfulness, we have truly celebrated in style.



Art News

Focus on Year 4

Year 4 had an unusual experience this week, where we participated in a kinetic art activity. We drew inspiration from artist Heather Hansen, who “downloads” her movements onto paper using charcoals and pastels. We listened to relaxing music and mindfully focused on interpreting the music with oil pastels. It was a free, fun and relaxing experience – and we had the bonus of getting extremely messy too! We really enjoyed the stretching involved in creating our art. Our patterns will be used to form the basis of a whole new art piece in weeks to come.



Performing Arts

Djembefola

Our Djembe drumming group “Djembefola” will be participating in a Love Music Trust ensemble competition on Wednesday 12th March! We will be one of only two percussion ensembles, competing against choir and orchestral groups. Should we succeed in this round, we will be put through to the finals later on this year.

Good luck Djembefola!

Community Arts

Many of our children have enjoyed the free workshops that have been available through the new Crewe Makes ArtSpace in the town centre. Especially popular has been the robot making workshop led by creator Mark Haig. If you have any photographs of your children’s creations you would like to share, please email them to Mrs Walsh. Here are three of our children’s masterpieces: Ruchir, Shambhavi and Max:



Well done to all of our artists!

PE News

World Book Day 2025

We have lots of books in school related to sport and sports people. The children enjoy reading them during reading time.



We loved seeing so many children dressed up as characters from sports books on world book day.



Clay Lane Academy



Clay Lane Academy, is a new up and coming football club. The lead coaches bring decades of expertise from top-tier Premier League and Football League academies, including Manchester City, Manchester United, Everton, and Crewe Alexandra.

If your child is looking to enhance their skills as a train-only player or is interested in joining one of Clay Lanes representative teams they provide an environment that supports growth, friendship, and the core values of resilience, hard work, and teamwork. Boys and girls of all abilities welcome.

For further information on Clay Lane Academy and to register your child, please use the link provided:

https://linktr.ee/claylaneacademy?utm_source=linktree_profile_share

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

The Times newspaper recently asked young people, aged between 18 and 27 (also known as 'Gen Z'), what they thought about their lives and life in the UK. The survey showed lots of views, including that 4 out of 10 young people are proud to be British, and around half feel that people in the UK are accepting and welcoming towards others.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share your response to this week's news. Are you proud of where you are from? Share your response with an adult at home, and ask them the same question.
- > Can you think of some ways people might show they are proud of their heritage and where they are from?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss



Maths News

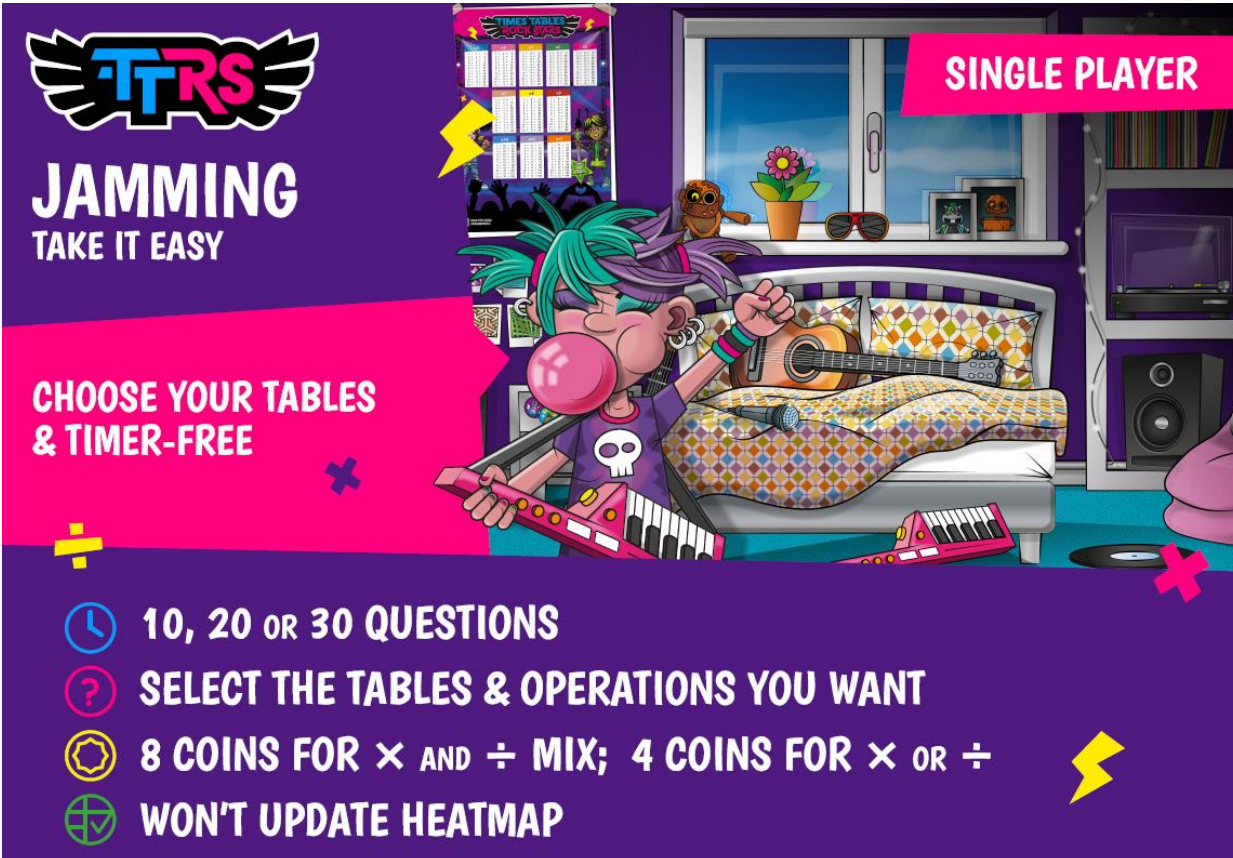
All children from Reception onwards will have access to an app called **Numbots**. If your child is in Year 2 and above, they will also have access to an app called **Times Table Rocks Stars (TTRS)**.

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/>

TTRS game focus:

The image shows a vibrant, cartoon-style interface for the TTRS game. At the top left is the TTRS logo with wings. Below it, the text 'JAMMING TAKE IT EASY' is displayed. A central illustration depicts a character with spiky purple hair and a skull t-shirt playing a pink keyboard and a guitar in a bedroom. A window in the background shows a night scene with a potted plant and sunglasses on the sill. A pink banner at the top right says 'SINGLE PLAYER'. On the left, a pink banner reads 'CHOOSE YOUR TABLES & TIMER-FREE'. At the bottom, four features are listed with icons: a clock for '10, 20 OR 30 QUESTIONS', a question mark for 'SELECT THE TABLES & OPERATIONS YOU WANT', a coin for '8 COINS FOR × AND ÷ MIX; 4 COINS FOR × OR ÷', and a plus sign for 'WON'T UPDATE HEATMAP'. The background is a mix of purple and pink with various musical and math-related icons.