

Newsletter 11 – Autumn Term



Wistaston Academy
Primary and Nursery School
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This Week's Events

Date	School Events	International Events
Monday 28 th November	Before school Y3-6 Dodgeball club Y1 & 2 Gymnastics lunchtime club Year 3 – 6 Basketball Club Year 1 & 2 Football Club	
Tuesday 29 th November	Before school Y3-6 Dodgeball club Y5 & 6 Gymnastics lunchtime club Y6 Swimming – (Swimming Kit/Towel/goggles needed) Y3 & 4 Football Club Y3-6 Athletics Club Y3 – 6 Sewing After school club	
Wednesday 30 th November	Before school Y3-6 Dodgeball club	
Thursday 1 st December	Before school Y3-6 Dodgeball club Year 5 & 6 Football Club Year 1 & 2 Multi Sports Club	
Friday 2 nd December	Before school Y3-6 Dodgeball club Year 5 & 6 Football Club Year 1 & 2 Multi Sports Club	
Advanced Notice:	Infant Games for all – 5 th December 2022 Year 5&6 Gymnastics Competition – 7 th December 2022 Parent Reading morning – 9 th December 2022 8.40am	
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

KS1: Paisley-Mai (1B), Mason L (2A), Shreeshaa (2B)

KS2: Harry (5B), Christian (3B), Francis-Lee (3A), Sophie B (6B), Nadia M (6A), Evie (4B) , Aurora (4A)

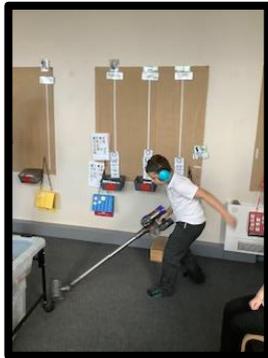
Sports Awards

KS1 : Archie(1B), Cassius (2A)

KS2: Sophie (6B), Olivia (3B)

The Hub

As part of The Hub's curriculum, we focus on practical skills for self care and independence. This week the children have taken it in turns to vacuum up the messy floor in the classroom. The all did a great job and really enjoyed themselves.



Nursery

This half term we have been learning all about Autumn. This week we went on an Autumn walk around the school grounds. The children were looking for different signs of Autumn. We found lots of acorns, fallen seeds and autumnal leaves. The children really enjoyed exploring with their friends.



Reception

This week we have been learning about hedgehogs, looking at their physical features, the types of food that they eat and where they live. The children have been busy labeling the body parts of a hedgehog, creating hedgehog hides in our nature area and making a hedgehog bread roll.



Year 1

Year 1 were visited by Martyn, an aerobatics enthusiast, who came to show the children his gliders. He explained how they were made, and then flew one of them over the school field. We found out about the Wright Brothers and how they have influenced the aviation industry.



Year 2

As part of our topic 'House and Homes' Year 2 have been learning all microhabitats. First, they researched microhabitats using a non-fiction book. Then, they created a series of tableaux to show each different microhabitat.



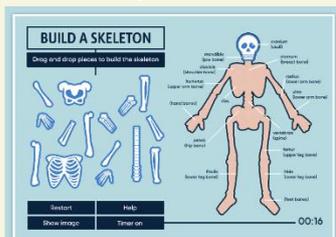
Year 3

This half term, we have enjoyed learning about food and our bodies. This week and last week, we have been looking at our skeletons. We learnt the basic body parts. Then played a game of Simon says to point to the body parts, then we labelled someone in our group and finally played an interactive game on showbie. We also learnt about why we need our skeleton and what the purpose is of it (Scan the QR code to hear our responses. To finish our science lesson, we conducted a quick experiment looking at our heights and the lengths of some of our bones trying to spot any patterns.



Interactive skeleton whole class-

- <https://www.dairy.edu.au/build-a-skeleton>



Year 4

Year 4 PSHE focus

Last week Year 4 joined with Anti-Bullying week along with the rest of the school. We enjoyed linking this to our PSHE topic of 'Positive Relationships'. We considered how bullying changes our relationships as well as what people may think of us. In PSHE we used drama to explore scenarios and explored what would happen if we became defenders instead of bystanders. On reflection, we all wanted to be defenders, making our school a safe and happy place.



Year 5

This week, our PE lesson with Mr Barton was linked to our literacy text, Harry Potter and the philosophers stone. We played a game of Quidditch using hockey sticks as witches brooms and dodgeballs as the golden snitch. We all had a fantastic time



Year 6

This week, Year 6 have been busy writing their first piece of narrative with dialogue. The children have worked so hard and we can really see the progress that they are making. Well done Year 6!

Suki is missing (Dialogue)
Billowing clouds of debris suffocated the desolate streets, and tears of frustration cascaded from Olive's blood-shot eyes. A cacophony of deafening noises alerted people of another attack - her ears rang and throbbed and her. Instantaneously, the atmosphere had undoubtedly been drained. Amongst the pandemonium, she

Shivered in the cold sensation. From the sky, bombs dropped only a few feet away, which is when they experienced the ground rumbling. All around her, the city crumbled as fire came out of the broken windows. In the distance, she spotted someone she recognised. Who has that?

Salsie is missing (Dialogue)
Suffocating smoke filled the air, the burning smell hit Olive at once. Deafening gunshots sent chills down her spine, which made her stomach drop with fear. An eerie silence grew louder, then she heard cracks underneath her feet, as she stepped on broken shards of glass and

Art News

Dr Keiran Mullan's Christmas Card Competition

Congratulations to Georgia Owens-Kirk from class 5A who has got through to the finals of our local MP's Christmas card competition! You can see her beautifully drawn entry below. Please vote for Georgia by going on our school Facebook page and simply "liking" her entry, which is number 4 in the listings. We are so proud of Georgia and think this is well-deserved as she is someone who is continuously conscientious in all her artwork and is always passionate to do her best. We wish you every success in the competition Georgia and hope yours is the one that makes it's way to Prime Minister Rishi Sunak!

4. Georgia - Wistaston Academy - Age 9

A really beautiful but simple design!



Georgia Owens-Kirk.

PE News

PE Focus – KS2 Indoor Athletics Competition

On Wednesday 23rd November, 36 children were selected to represent the school in a KS2 Indoor Athletics competition. The children were put in 2 groups (Y3&4 and Y5 &6) both groups took part in a range of running events such as relay, hurdles, over and under relay. Then they all took part in field events too which were speed bounce, standing long jump, triple jump, vertical jump, and chest push. They were competing against three other schools, where they got points in which place they came in their event. Mr Barton and Miss Brown were so proud of the children how they supported each other when they were completing in their event. The overall results were Y3 & 4 finished Runners Up for the category and Year 5 and 6 finished in 1st place, this meant that the Year 5 and 6 have booked their place in the finals. The date of the finals will be announced shortly and the letters will be given out to the children as soon as we know. Thanks so much to all the parents for your brilliant support and well done again to all of the children!!



PE Kit Reminder

The weather is starting to get a lot colder, so please can your child bring in some tracksuit bottoms and a jumper or sport zip up jacket as well as their normal PE kit.



Sport Clubs News

This half term, clubs will run from Monday 7th November – Thursday 15th December. All clubs, including those delivered by outside providers, will be free of charge. If your child is interested in taking part in any of our clubs, please sign them up through Arbor as all the clubs are live, there are still some spaces left in some clubs. If Arbor won't let you make a booking it is likely the club is full.

Please make sure your child has got the right sports kit for the club they are attending such as tracksuit bottoms and a waterproof jacket as the weather is getting colder.

Monday

Year 1 & 2 Gymnastics Club with Jasmine and Alisha Evanson from Cheshire Gymnastics

11:45am till 12:25pm

Year 1 & 2 Football Club with Miss Brown

3:05pm till 4:05pm

Year 3 – 6 Basketball Club with Mr Barton

3:15pm till 4:15pm

Tuesday

Year 3- 6 Gymnastics Club with Jasmine and Alisha Evanson from Cheshire Gymnastics

12pm till 12:35pm

Year 3 & 4 Football Club with Miss Brown

3:15pm till 4:15pm

Year 3-6 Athletics Club with Mr Barton

3:15 till 4:15pm

Thursday

Year 3 – 6 Dodgeball club with Miss Brown and Mr Barton

3:15pm till 4:15pm

Friday

Year 1 & 2 Multi sports with Miss Brown

3:05pm till 4:05pm

Year 5 & 6 Football Club with Mr Barton

3:15pm till 4:15pm

Please ensure that ALL children are collected from clubs outside the main reception on time.



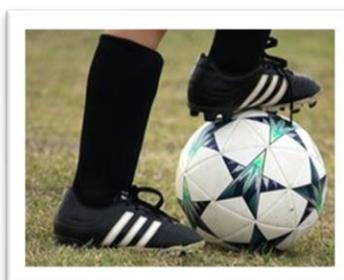
Active Home Challenge



How many sole taps on a ball can you do in 60 seconds?

Can you beat Mr Barton's score 37 times in 60 seconds !!

**Once you have completed the challenge, please let Mr Barton know
and you will win a raffle ticket.**



School Communication

If you wish to communicate with your child's teacher please use the class email address as your first point of call. An email with your child's class email address on will be sent to you during the week.

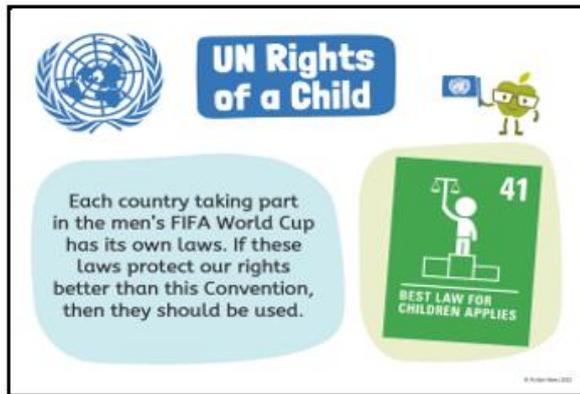


The Festive Season

The Festive Season at Wistaston Academy Please can you register your children by using the QR code or clicking on the link below by Friday 2nd December. Thank you

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=yU349eDaZUGIOk442EgdOwBSaGpMFMtlopdtDz81BgdUM085NlpZSIRNRVRPNzZSTlc3V1o4TINZMy4u>

British Values



UN Rights of a Child

Each country taking part in the men's FIFA World Cup has its own laws. If these laws protect our rights better than this Convention, then they should be used.

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British Values

Mutual Respect and Tolerance

World sports events provide an opportunity to learn about other countries and their cultures. Life is not the same for everyone and we can respect our differences.

Supporting Your Child's Language at Home

Try to limit screen time — guidelines recommend that 2-5 years olds should watch screens for no more than 2 hours per day. For under 2s, it is only 30 minutes.

(American Association of Paediatrics)

Where can I find apps that will support my child's communication?

	<p>Free app filled with interactive stories for 0-5 year olds. A great way to introduce a love of reading with your child!</p>
 <p>Lingumi</p>	<p>Government approved app to help children with learning English as a first or additional language. Includes speech recognition games alongside games targeting first words and building sentences.</p>
	<p>The National Literacy Trust's Literacy Apps Guide has reviews and recommends apps for children to support a love of reading and later literacy skills: http://literacyapps.literacytrust.org.uk/</p>
	<p>Useful website to look at for more information on using apps with pre-school children to support early communication skills: https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/</p>

Top Tips for Parents

Putting screens away gives me more time to talk and play!



Screen time can reduce language learning opportunities for your child



Find us on Facebook!
'Cheshire East Chatters'



Did You Know?

Too much screen time can:

- Be a risk factor for language delay
- Restrict opportunities for two-way interaction throughout the day
- Reduce the amount of time your child has to learn through play
- Impact on your child's ability to listen and concentrate
- Affect the quality and quantity of your child's sleep
- Reduces opportunities to share experiences in the real world, this can impact on emotional development



The more time you spend looking at a screen— the less time you spend looking at people and the world around you

How can I make the most of screen time?

Choose TV programmes, apps and computer games that are designed for children	Watch TV and play computer games <i>with</i> your child. Explain new words to them as they hear them
Talk about what your child has been looking at on screens and relate it to the real world	Turn the TV off when no-one is watching—background noise can make it difficult to listen and talk
Think about alternative activities to screen time — try reading a book together, or playing games based on your child's favourite characters	Be aware of how much time you spend on your phone / tablet and the effect this may have on your child

Visit Nursery and Reception class webpages to access links to more ideas, information and support.

Better Health Start for Life

Chat, play, read!

<p>Chat, play, read three simple ways to give your child the best start in life</p> <p>Chat - Chatting to your child when you're out and about helps them learn new words and become confident talkers</p> <p>hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk</p>	<p>Chat, play, read three simple ways to give your child the best start in life</p> <p>Play - Playing games with your child will help their social skills and independence</p> <p>hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk</p>	<p>Chat, play, read three simple ways to give your child the best start in life</p> <p>Read - Reading to your child daily will give them better listening and speaking skills</p> <p>hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk</p>
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Attendance

Wk 14.11.22 – 18.11.22

Target 96%

Reception A – 92.7%

Reception B – 96.1% 😊

1A – 92.3%

1B – 88.7%

2A - 94.2%

2B – 84.4%



KS1 Attendance for last week - 91.5% 😞

Whole school attendance for the academic year – 94.7% 😞

Attendance

Wk - 14.11.22 – 18.11.22

Target 96%

3A = 93.5%

3B = 94.5%

4A = 92.2%

4B = 83%

5A = 90.7%

5B = 90.4%

6A = 92.3%

6B = 95.2%



KS2 for the week = 91.6% 😞

Whole school attendance for the academic year – 94.7% 😞