

Newsletter 1 – Autumn 2



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This Week's Events

Date	School Events	International Events
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday	Y5&6 Gymnastics competition	
Thursday		
Friday	Y5&6 Boys football competition	
Advanced Notice:	KS2 Sportshall athletics competition 29.11.23	
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: Joey (RA),

KS1: Micky (1A), Ellis (1B), Aaradhya (2A)

KS2: 3B Emrys 3A Clara 5B Connor 5A Cadence

The Hub

To celebrate Halloween this week, all of the children from Hub 1 and 2 had an afternoon of 'spooky' sensory experiences. They had to help carve pumpkins, move spaghetti worms, scoop eyeballs out of jelly, and rescue spiders from a block of ice. The children had a great time...and the staff had lots of cleaning up to do afterwards!



Nursery

This week in Nursery we have been creating firework pictures using coloured chalk and water. First, we watched a firework video. Then, we discussed the different sounds fireworks make and the different coloured patterns we could see.



Reception

This week we have been mathematicians on the hunt for numbers in the classroom! Numbers 1, 2 and 3 have been hiding in the classroom, and we have had to work together to find them! We have had lots of fun searching for the different numbers, and spotting them all over the classrooms and playground, and loved working with our friends to get some pictures! Our challenge is to see if the numbers are also hiding in our houses. If you find them – take a picture!



Year 1

This week, as part of our travel and transport topic, Year 1 have learnt about different landmarks in London, following from 'The Naughty Bus' story. They each drew one famous landmark using oil pastels in an abstract way to produce our very own London skyline.



Year 2

This week, Year 2 learnt how to retell the story of 'The Three Little Pigs' using different musical instruments. Firstly, they experimented with timbre and rhythm. Listening to the sound, they then chose an instrument and thought about which part of the story it could represent and why. For example, sticks, bricks or straw. We retold the story of 'The Three Little Pigs' as a class, with each group playing their rhythm when their word was mentioned.



Year 3

Year 3 had lots of fun in Science, investigating how light. We changed the lighting levels in the classroom and looked at which materials we could still see as it got darker.



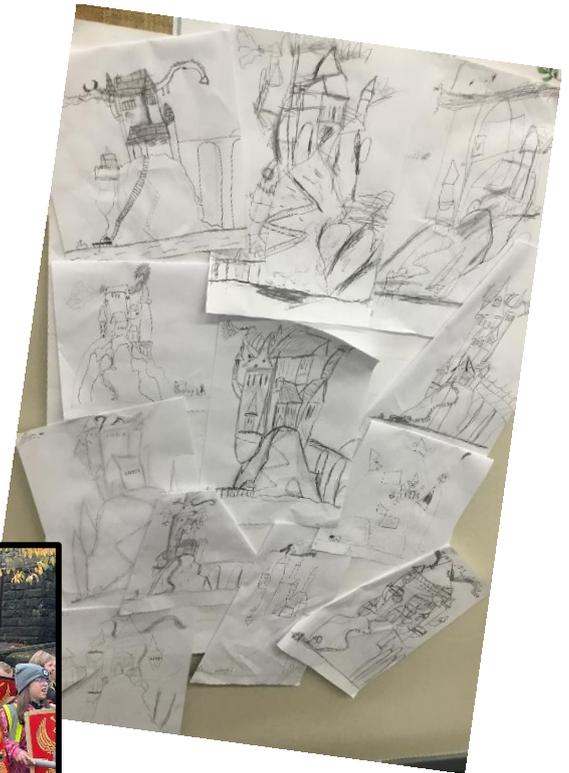
Year 4

This week, Year 4 enjoyed an immersive experience in Roman Chester. They were taken out on patrol, responding to Latin commands. They used their sword and shield to practice different styles of fighting as well as defensive manoeuvres – such as the tortoise defence! They also took a tour around an immersive museum. They started on the boat - sailing for Britannia, then entered a Roman fort. They explored a market, street kitchen, bathroom and wash house. They learned about gladiators and cheered on a re-enactment of a battle. Finally, they discovered the archaeology of Chester and how to find evidence of Roman Britain with artefacts and archaeology.



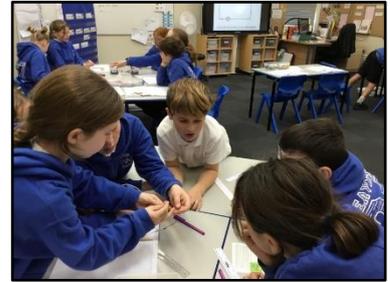
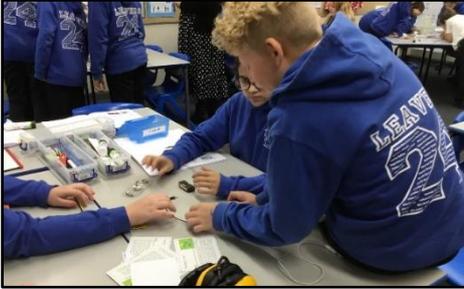
Year 5

This week, we have been learning about our new literacy topic. The children are very excited to be reading Harry Potter. At the beginning of the week, we began to write descriptive settings just like JK Rowling. We even joined a draw-along session with the illustrator of some of the Harry Potter books and created our own Hogwarts drawings. Look at some of our amazing creations!



Year 6

In this week's science lesson, the children worked collaboratively to create simple circuits. They were able to find faults quickly, which enabled them to see the effects of the complete path of electricity flowing through the different circuits that they made.



Harvest

Dear Families, thank you so much for your generosity in donating so much food for our Harvest appeal. We received this lovely note from St Paul's Food Bank to thank you for what you have done.

You are amazing! 😊

To all the pupils, parents and staff at
Wistaston Academy Primary and Nursery School,
Thank you so much for the wonderful support you have given to
St Paul's Foodbank by collecting food for us for your **Harvest Collection**.
You are one of 11 local schools who together collected an amazing
2,000kg/2 tonnes of food!!
This is equivalent to providing 180 people with enough food each to last them
5 to 7 days!
Your school collected a fabulous **287kg** of food. This will provide approximately
574 meals to local people needing help from our foodbank.
A BIG thank you from

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We are still counting the money donated for WaterAid and we will let you know how much we raised very soon.



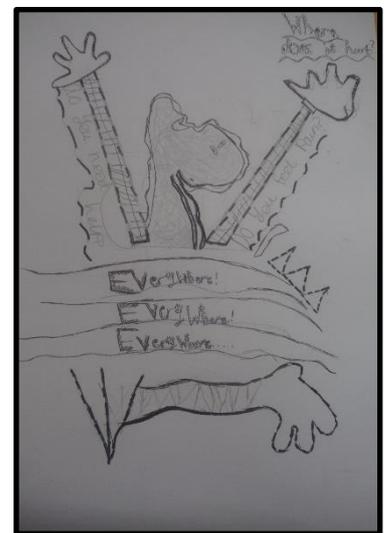
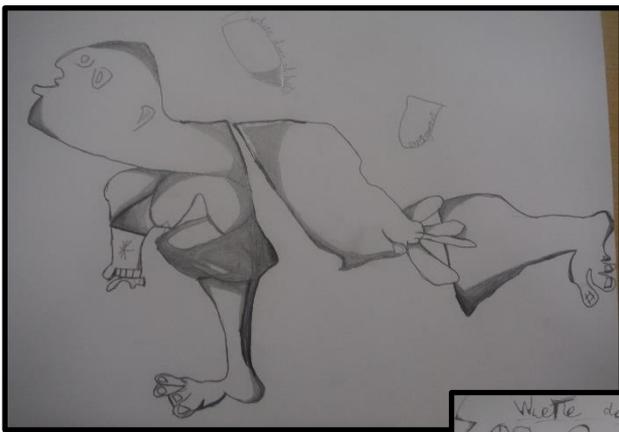
Once again – THANKYOU!

Art News

We have so many exciting things to share with you this week!

The first is a spotlight on Year 6.

Year 6 have been looking at the Cubist “Guernica” painting by Pablo Picasso. We analysed his use of two perspectives to create distorted, malformed bodies in a painting that expressed the horrors of war. We also compared with “The Scream” – an impressionist painting by Edvard Munch, and saw how this emotive picture expressed angst and pathos. We thought about the suffering of those in war-torn countries and also used our artwork in response to these works to express our own inner anxieties. Some of us incorporated words from the poet Warsan Shire, who shared her grief about the wars around the globe. Our pictures are unsettling this time, but powerfully expressive:



We also have an art exciting competition to bring to you!

The A3 challenge competition

Do you like art?

Do you like maths?



Combine the two and you can enter our wonderful competition!

Simply produce a piece of artwork which celebrates the number 3 in some way.

It must be hand-drawn on A3 paper

(Class teachers will have some A3 paper available in class if you want to have a go).

All entries to be handed to Mrs Walsh or Mrs Martin by **Wednesday 15th November**



Art competition number 2!

Our MP, Dr. Kieran Mullan, has invited us to take part in his annual Christmas card competition!



All you need to do is:

- Use A4 paper (normal workbook size – if you haven't any at home, ask a teacher!)
- Design a Christmas card that fills one side of the A4 sheet. Add your name, age and school onto your sheet.
- Return your design to Mrs Walsh by Thursday 16th November.

What you may win:

- A winner will most likely be picked from our school.
- This will become a semi-finalist in a Facebook competition.
- We will all vote for our candidate.
- The winner will have their design printed as Dr. Mullan's Christmas card, which will be sent to many people, including our Prime Minister, Rishi Sunak. Those who are runners up will be printed inside the card too.

MAKE IT YOUR BEST WORK!

HAPPY DESIGNING AND GOOD LUCK!

PE News

PE expectations

As the winter approaches we wish to remind you of the correct PE kit that children should be wearing in school.

Indoor PE kit: Green or white T Shirt, black shorts, black pumps



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



Sports competitions

November is our busiest month for sports competitions. We have the following competitions coming up:

Competition	Year group	Date
Gymnastics	5&6	Wednesday 8 th November
Football	5&6	Friday 10 th November
Dodgeball	5&6	Thursday 16 th November
Hockey Final	5&6	Wednesday 22 nd November
Football	3&4	Thursday 23 rd November
Girls football	5&6	Friday 24 th November
Sportshall athletics	3, 4, 5, 6	Wednesday 29 th November

If your child has been selected to represent the school in one of these competitions they will receive a letter. Please return the consent slip to a member of the PE team or your child's class teacher as soon as possible.

A big well done to all of the children that attended the Games for All competition this week! You all worked really hard and impressed us with your attitudes towards learning new skills.



Swimming

Y6 children will continue to take part in swimming lessons this half term as part of the national PE curriculum. Please see the list below of when all other KS2 year groups will be attending swimming lessons.

Spring 1 (Jan-Feb half term)	Year 5
Spring 2 (March-Easter)	Year 4
Summer 1 (April-May half term)	Year 3

Maths News

If your child is in Reception or KS1, they will have access to an app called **Numbots**. If your child is in KS2 they will 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.

NEW: There is now a dedicated TTRS website for parents <https://trockstars.com/parents/>

Visit their funky new webpage to find out all about TTRS and to answer any question that you might have!

