

Newsletter 7 – Autumn 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.	

KS1: Fayvel (1B), Elsa (2A), Ellis (2B)

KS2: Penelope (3B) Summer (3A)

The Hubs

The Hub children have been exploring magnets and how they attract metal. They used their scissor skills to cut out some little ghosts, which they attached to a paperclip and some string to make magically 'fly' through the air. Some of the children then took the magnets around the classroom environment to investigate items which were attracted to the magnets and items which were not.



In Hub 1 we have been having a great time exploring our new outdoor area. We've got so much space, we weren't quite sure what to do with ourselves! We had the bikes out, played on our new swing area and climbed around the balancing beams and platforms. We've had so much fun!



Nursery

This week in Nursery we have started looking at Autumn. First, we went on a walk and looked at the Autumn leaves. Next, we compared the big and little leaves. Then, we did some printing using the leaves.



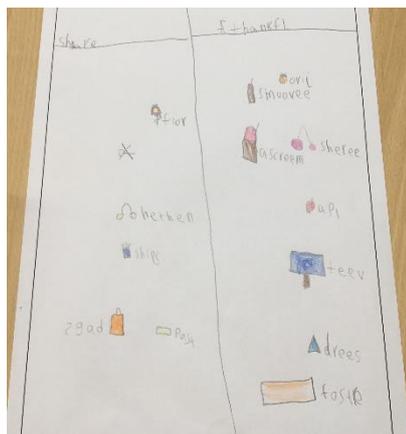
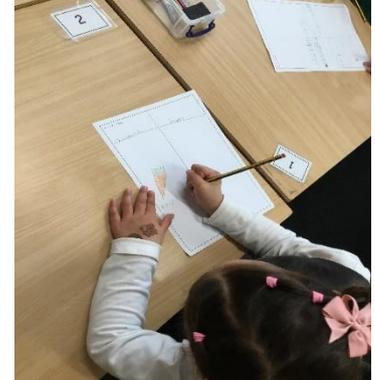
Reception

This week, the children have been exploring patterns and have been developing their understanding of both the word and the concept. They discussed that a pattern is a repeated unit. They explored different patterns and learnt that patterns can be both visual and auditory. They have been looking at patterns in the environment and then looked at AB patterns and were copying and continuing the pattern.



Year 1

This week we had a special visitor from the church, who explained to us why Christians celebrate harvest. We discussed what we are thankful for and what we might like to share. We then wrote down and drew our ideas.



Year 2

This week, Year 2 learnt about the seaside tradition of holiday camps and found out about the opening of the first Butlins in 1936. They learnt that at Butlins you are given leaflets with different activities. They received a real leaflet from the 1970s which had lots of different activities inside. They had lots of fun playing table tennis, going to the discotheque and completing a Butlins quiz!



Year 3

This week we learnt all about the formation of fossils. We created fossil rubbings and thought about what each fossil may have been whilst it was alive – an animal or a plant. Then we acted out the six different stages in which a fossil might form.



Year 4

This week, we created our very own 'apple-canos'! We did this by creating a chemical reaction between bicarbonate of soda and vinegar. When combined, they make a gas called carbon dioxide, producing the eruption you can see.

The carbon dioxide escapes the mixture in the form of bubbles. You can even hear them if you listen closely. We chose to add red food colouring to emulate the flow of lava. We also used a little dish soap – this is an optional extra that creates even more bubbles and foam, making the 'lava' thicker and more realistic looking.

Finally, we were very fortunate to get to watch a demonstration of the experiment with a larger volcano that Miss Thompson's friend had made for her!



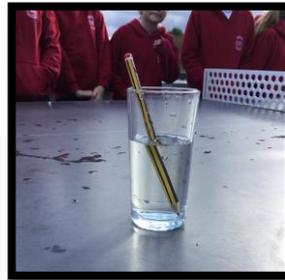
Year 5

We had our last music lesson of the half term. The children have thoroughly enjoyed exploring their new instruments and they are beginning to learn how to play these. They are looking forward to continuing with their instrument next half term.



Year 6

In Science, we have been investigating some real-life examples of refraction! In our first investigation, we discovered that when you place an arrow at a certain distance behind a glass of water, it appears to point in the opposite direction. We learnt that when light passes from air through a transparent material, it refracts, causing it to appear to bend.





Art News

This Year's Art Ambassadors are:

Year 6:



Ruby, Georgie, Ayesha, Ryan, Angel and Jiaxin.

Year 5:



Elina, Aylin, Bobby, Theo, Maryam and Shambhavi.

Year 4:



Kaja, Evalyn, Adam, Franciszek, Morayo and Clara

Creative opportunities in Crewe next Wednesday!

Please see below for exciting changes and opportunities to get involved in art and creativity in our town.



Crewe Cultural Forum

Admin · Crewe Town Council · 21h · 🌐

Making Crewe: Creative Social, Cherie Grist
Artist Talk and Workshop 🎨👩🎨

📅 Wednesday 23rd October

🕒 5-7pm

📍 Crewe Market Hall

Join us in a relaxed and social environment to hear more about upcoming opportunities and activities as part of the UKSPF Funded Crewe Arts Trail project.

Some of you may have seen the beautiful, vibrant mural emerging on the side of the former Chronicle building on High Street over the past week. This mural has been designed by around 70 of Crewe's young people and professional artist Cherie Grist. In this Creative Social artist Cherie will give an artist talk and pattern design workshop to celebrate the first mural commissioned as part of the Crewe Arts Trail.

No need to book, just pop along for pizza and pattern making. Email sarahg@counterculturellp.com with any questions!

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PE News

Clay Lane Academy

Today some of our children had the amazing opportunity to be coached by Clay Lane Academy, 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.

The children had some individual skills training and had the opportunity to compete in small game situations.



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.

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

U11's football competition



On Tuesday morning our U11 football team competed in the Crewe Alexandra FC UTILITA U11 Kids Cup Competition. The results were as follows:

Wistaston Academy v Brierly Primary 2-1

Wistaston Academy v Acton Primary 0-1

Wistaston Academy v St Anne's Catholic Primary 2-0

Wistaston Academy v Pear Tree Primary 1-0

Wistaston Academy v Underwood West Primary 0-0

Wistaston Academy v Pebble Brook Primary 0-0

Our team were fantastic, only losing one game. We have now qualified for the next round of the tournament taking place on Tuesday 12th November. Go team!

Y5&6 Quicksticks Hockey Competition



On Wednesday our Y5 and Y6 hockey teams competed in the Crewe and Nantwich hockey competition at Crewe Vagrants. It was a very wet and rainy tournament but as always, our children showed resilience and were great! Our Year 6 team finished in 6th place and our Y5 team in 8th place. Well done to all involved!

Y2 Football Festival

On Thursday our Y1&2 Football team took part in the Crewe and Nantwich schools football festival. The team played lots of games, with the emphasis being on the experience rather than competition. The children had a fantastic time and played brilliantly.

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

UK Prime Minister, Sir Keir Starmer, has faced questioning and criticism recently for accepting free gifts. The Prime Minister has said he would continue to accept such gifts, despite the negative comments, stating that he is not doing anything wrong. Sir Keir, an Arsenal football fan, has also come under pressure for receiving thousands of pounds worth of football tickets. Although he is already an Arsenal season ticket holder, Sir Keir explained that security concerns mean he can no longer watch games from his usual seat in the stands.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Do you believe politicians should always be allowed to accept free gifts?
- > Can you make a list of the different times you give people gifts, and times you receive them?
- > Do you prefer to give or receive gifts? Ask your people at home what they think.

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/>

NUMBOTS

