

Newsletter 29 – Summer 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:	WC 9.6.25 – Phonics Screening Check. Please ensure your child is in school every day during this period. Tuesday 24 th June 12.40pm – 3.00pm – Reception's Inspire Afternoon	
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: Hugo H (RA), Kea (RB)

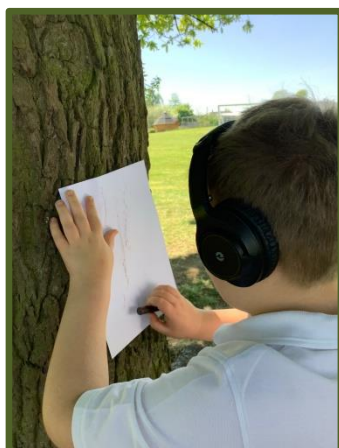
KS1: Lucy (1A), Sophie (2B), Oliver (2B), Dennis (2A), Maya (2A)

KS2: Cole(3A), Jenson (3B)

The Hubs

With the weather being so lovely and our theme this half-term being the seasons, Hub 3 decided to explore the grounds of the school and observe the natural things around. They are working on creating a piece of Art which shows the cycle of the seasons so this week they each chose a tree to take a bark rubbing from.

These will be developed over the next few lessons to form the image which represents the Summer.



Nursery

This week in nursery the children have been enjoying learning in our outdoor area. We have been talking more about farmers and learning about farm animals and their babies. The children have loved engaging with our non-fiction books and drawing pictures of their favourite animals.



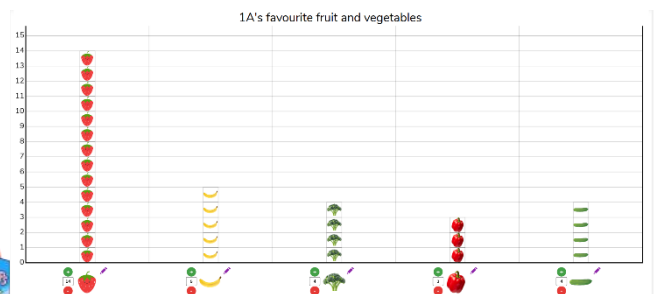
Reception

This week in maths, we have been exploring number bonds to 10 in lots of different ways. Also in topic, we followed a set of instructions to plant cress seeds. We can't wait to watch them grow over the next few weeks.



Year 1

In PSHE, we have been thinking about what a healthy diet consists of. We learnt about the different food groups, tasted a range of fruit and vegetables and voted for our favourite.



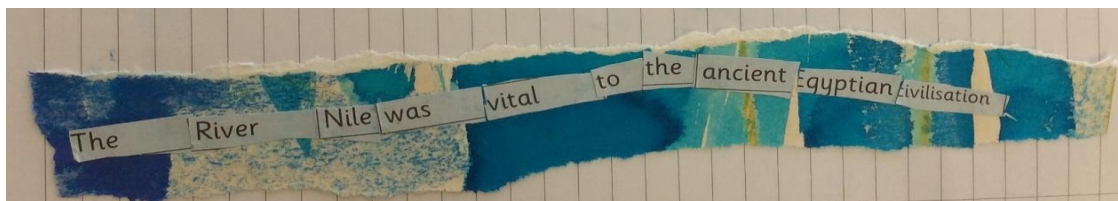
Year 2

Today, we found out that most plants grow from a bulb or a seed. We used the electronic microscopes to look really closely at some different bulbs and seeds and couldn't believe what they looked like!



Year 3

This week in History, we created some lovely art to show the importance of The River Nile to the people of ancient Egypt.



Year 4

This week, the children were tasked with the challenge of making a light bulb light up, without being shown how. Many were successful very quickly, so moved on to trying to make the bulb light without the bulb holder. Then they sketched a diagram of their circuit in their books.


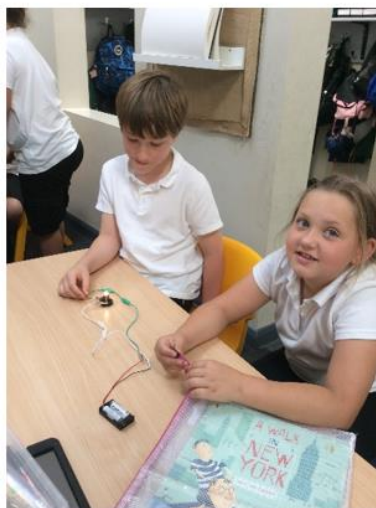
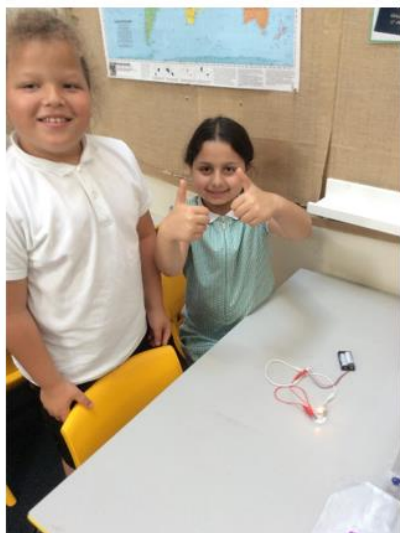


Challenge: Make the bulb light up.

Here is a cell, two wires and a light bulb.

Consider:

- Where is your source of electricity (energy)?
- Where do you need the energy to travel to?
- How will you do that?

A small inset image showing a simple circuit diagram. It consists of a battery (cell), two wires, and a light bulb connected in a loop.

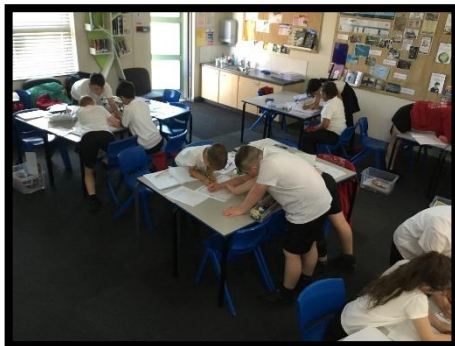
Year 5

Last week, we were visited by a team of fire fighters from Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service. We watched a range of informative videos which helped us to understand what to do in the event of a house fire. We discussed many different scenarios and strategies to escape in each scenario. We recognised that fire alarms are essential to escaping quickly and safely and we talked about how often to test that they are working. After the presentation, we went outside where we explored the different parts of the fire engine and the equipment they carry. We even entered the smoke tent where we had to drop to the floor to avoid inhaling smoke and crawl to the exit. This represented what we should do in the event of a fire.



Year 6

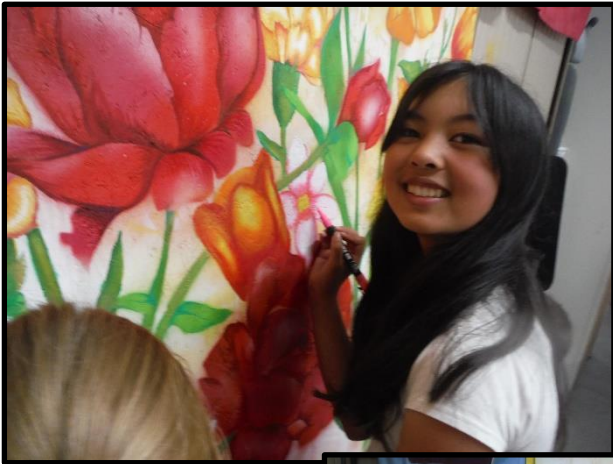
In this week's Literacy lesson, we have been working as a team to create descriptive phrases to describe the main characters Oberon, Titania and Puck. We then used role on the wall to record them. It worked really well, as we were armed with ideas to create descriptions sentences about the characters using a variety of rich and varied vocabulary.



Art News

Children in Year 6 have continued working hard to add to the second phase of our mural for Big Mugs Café! This week Laylen, Anesu, Jiaxin and Filip did a great job blending colours with spray cans on our poppies, carnations, tulips and greenery. Maya, Lilly C, Lilly W, Koby and Connor added some fine shading to our original piece too. We are getting there - Great work!





Focus on year 5



The results are in for the National Artbytes Competition!

Congratulations to all who took part! From our school, first place went to Bobby Bailey, second to Harper Stubbs and third place to Harper Li! Well done!



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Bobby Bailey

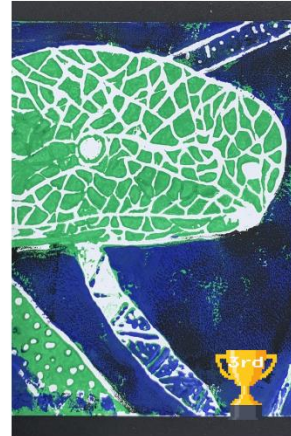
Monoprint, 25cm, 32cm



Mini Monkey

Harper Stubbs

Monoprint, 25cm, 32cm



Skelly

Yan Yu Li

Monoprint, 25cm, 32cm



Performing Arts News

Our Djembefola Group and Choir Club will be performing at Crewe Out Loud on Saturday 17th May! Please come along and support them as well as enjoying a day out with your family. (See details below.)

If your child is in Djembefola or Choir, please remind them to practise the songs below!

- Fight Song by Rachel Platten: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xo1Vlnw-SKc>
- Roar by Katy Perry: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=st2lgyi4Ujg>
- Something Inside So Strong by Labi Siffre:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oCAgyoaf8iw&list=RDoCAgyoaf8iw&start_radio=1
- The Eye of the Tiger by Survivor:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qDML_BCju8&list=RD_qDML_BCju8&start_radio=1
- Shine by Take That:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IVwzKaHYybo&list=RDIVwzKaHYybo&start_radio=1
- Livin' on a Prayer by Bon Jovi:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ohFtQIPqGSo&list=RDohFtQIPqGSo&start_radio=1
 - And the Crewe Out Loud Song (emailed out).

Crewe Out Loud Festival

Saturday 17th May 11am-2pm

FREE ENTRY

Cheshire College- South & West, Crewe Campus, Dane Bank Avenue, CW2 8AB

Get ready for a day of vibrant performances, creative expression, and community spirit at the **Crewe Out Loud Festival**, happening on **Saturday 17th May** at **Cheshire College** as part of the exciting **Community Fun Day**! This dynamic event brings together school pupils from across Crewe to showcase a diverse range of local talent, from live music and dance performances to spoken word and visual art. Whether you're a fan of the arts or simply looking for a fun day out with family and friends, there's something for everyone! Join us for an unforgettable day of entertainment, food, and fun as we celebrate creativity and bring the community together.

The event is free to attend with many free family-friendly activities. Refreshments are available to purchase.

Don't miss out – mark your calendars and come along to experience the best of Crewe!

PE News

Summer PE kit

During the warmer 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.

Summer PE kit: Black shorts, plain or badged green t-shirt and pumps or trainers.



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

Many workers in Birmingham have been on strike (choosing not to work) since January, because they believe they are not being treated or paid fairly. The workers on strike are the people whose job it is to collect rubbish and empty the bins from outside homes and streets. As an all-out strike has now been going on since 11th March, huge piles of rubbish are building up around the city.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Talk to someone at home about what happens to your rubbish. Where do you take it? Do you know where it goes? What about your recycling?
- Tell someone at home about this week's story. What do you think it might be like for some people living in Birmingham at the moment?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss



Maths News

Fancy winning a **£50 gift voucher**!? Take part in the **Number Heroes competition**.

When you grow up, how will you use numbers in your life? Maybe you would love to be a firefighter, fashion designer, or footballer? Or do you see yourself as a scientist or a secret agent? Let your imagination run wild, and **create a picture of how you will use numbers in your dream job or hobby**.

You can draw, paint, collage, use a computer, or use any other way you'd like to create your picture!

Prize categories are for: EYFS, KS1, LKS2, UKS2 and SEND/EHCP

Give your picture to Mrs Martin by **2nd June**. Find out more: <https://youtu.be/jmCKqcn4Gyw>



TTRS and Numbots

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://ttrockstars.com/parents/>

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Community Share Hub

- School uniforms
- Football boots
- Children's coats
- Sanitary products
- Fancy dress
- Prom dresses
- Baby clothes up to 2 years
- Prams
- Cots
- Moses baskets
- Rockers/bouncers
- Bottle steriliser/warmer

Simply call or email with a list of items you require: 01606 557666 / hub@her-place.co.uk

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