

Newsletter 31 – Summer 1



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This Week's Events

Date	School Events	International Events
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday	Sports Day	
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: Hunter (RA), Rumi (RB)

KS1: Ruchir (1B), Max (2A), Gabriella (2B)

KS2: George (3A), Harvey (3B) Lilly (4B)

The Hubs

Buoyancy was the theme of this week's Science lesson. The children explored this concept through a practical activity with model boats. They found that they could affect the buoyancy of a boat by adding weight to it; if there was too much weight added or if it was added unevenly, then the boat would sink.



Nursery

Following the news that the two thieves were planning to steal our fine prize cow, the children worked together to create a map and a plan to trap them. The children have loved the story 'What the ladybird heard' by Julia Donaldson and have enjoyed meeting the characters and helping them to solve the problem.



Reception

At the end of last week, we had a visit from Ali from the RSPCA as part of British Hedgehog Awareness week. We thought about the life cycle of a hedgehog and its habitat, made our own clay hedgehogs and were given a magazine each to take home.



Year 1

This week in DT year 1 we completed some research to find out about where different fruit comes from when it is not in season in the UK. After our research, we sampled different products to decide which fruits we would like to go into our fruit crumble. We then learnt to cut using the bridge method, fork support and claw grip. We assembled our ingredients and added the crumble on top ready for them to be cooked, tasted and evaluated.



Year 2

This term, the children have been learning about how our body works and understanding the different body parts. After exploring what happens to their heart and lungs by walking on the spot, star-jumping and jogging on the spot they were then able to explain why they breathed harder and why their hearts beat faster.



Year 3

This week, Year 3 have had lots of fun using Scratch to code an underwater scene.



Year 4

This week, Year 4 experimented with conductors and insulators. The lesson was full of surprises, such as a pipe cleaner and a water bottle conducting electricity successfully!



Year 5

We have been using our translating skills to understand what the French sentences mean in English. We were then able to match the sentences to the correct pictures.



Year 6



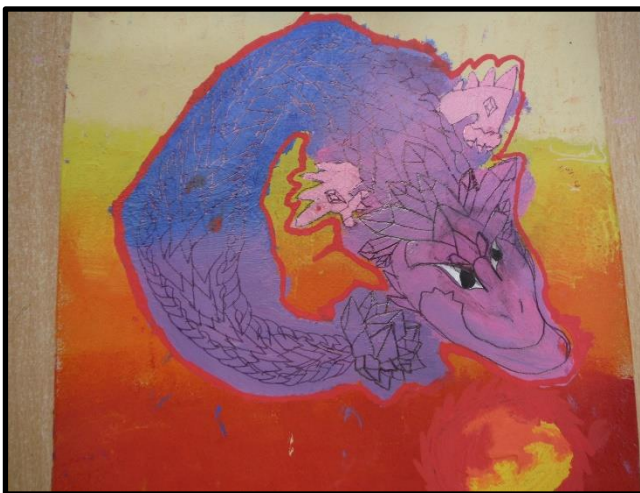
A huge well done to all of our Year 6 pupils for completing SATs week! We are incredibly proud of the determination, resilience, and positive attitude they have shown throughout. They tackled each test with maturity and gave it their best effort – and that's all anyone could ask for.

Art News

Focus on Year 5

Year 5 have been developing their skills with acrylic paint. We have been looking at Fauvist art, instigated by artists like Henri Matisse and Andre Derain, which uses bright, unnatural colours to express a feeling rather than literal reality. We have painted our drawings using thick acrylic paint, trying to think about highlights and shadows despite the unnaturally bright colours we have used. Our stimuli have ranged from our own pets, to trees, fences, architecture, boats and many other things.





Well done everyone!

Artwork by: Imogen, Lincoln, Harry, Olivia, Elijah, Elina, Abigail, James, Eddie, Alfie, Theo and Isabella.

Focus on Hub 2!

In Hub 2, we have been drawing beanstalks with black ink and printing leaves on our beanstalks, linking with our literacy lessons themed around Jack and the Beanstalk. We had a lot of fun with the paint!





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=qDMLBCju8&list=RDqDMLBCju8&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).

If you have any questions about Saturday, please email Mrs Walsh on lwalsh@wistastonacademytrust.co.uk

PE News

Next week is 'Walk to School Week', week commencing 19th May. We would love to see as many children as possible walking, cycling and travelling on their scooters to school. If you normally drive to school, what about parking a bit further away from school this week and walking part of the way? For

every day your child is active travelling to school this week and next week they will receive an achievement mark on Arbor, which you will be able to see on your school gateway.



Remember to leave your bikes and scooters by the bike shed at the front of the school!

School will not accept any responsibility for bikes which are left unlocked.

Sports Day 2025

Our annual sports day event is taking place next Friday. The Reception, Hub 3 and KS1 event will be starting at 9.30am and the KS2 event will be starting at 1.30pm. As in previous years we will have a parent and carer spectator area available; you are more than welcome to come along to support your children.

As the UEFA European Women's Championship is taking place this year in Switzerland, we thought it would be nice for the children to be in teams which represent some of the countries taking part. These countries have been selected by our Sports Ambassadors. Children have been divided into the following teams to encourage a small element of competition. The team names are **Switzerland (red)**, **Wales (green)**, **Belgium (yellow)** **Italy (blue)**. Children should come to school in Sports Day Kit (black shorts, teams coloured t-shirt).



Switzerland



Italy



Wales



Belgium

In the case of hot, sunny weather your child must wear a sun hat and sun cream. Please also ensure that your child has a bottle of water to take out with them onto the field. If sports day has to be postponed because of bad weather we will inform you asap.

Nursery sports day will take place on the morning of Wednesday 2nd July.

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

Three teenagers from Indore, India – Dhruv Chaudhary, Mithran Ladhania, and Mridul Jain – have created a salt-powered fridge. Their goal is to support hospitals in rural areas around the world that lack access to electricity. Their invention, called the Thermavault, was submitted to The Earth Prize, a global competition which aims to inspire young people to solve world-wide problems.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share your thoughts on the new fridge invention. Who do you believe will benefit most from it?
- > Make a list of everyday items at home. Which make your life easier?
- > Can you think of an item you use that could be improved? How?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss



Maths News

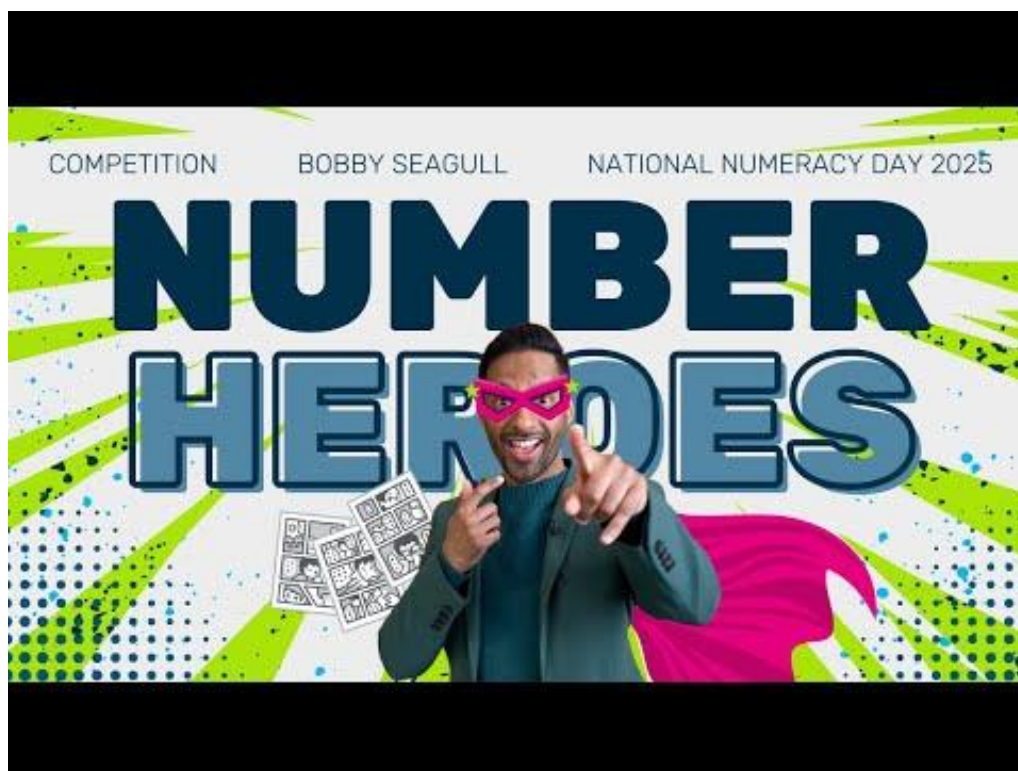
Fancy winning a **£50 gift voucher**!? Take part in the **Number Heroes competition**.

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/imcKqcn4Gyw>



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://trockstars.com/parents/>