

Newsletter 33 – Summer 2



Wistaston Academy
Primary and Nursery School
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This Week's Events

| Date | School Events | International Events |
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| 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 Monday 16 th and Wednesday 18 th June-Town Sports | |
| 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: Koby (RA), Olivia (RB)

KS1: Helena (1B), Micky (2A), Clara (2B)

KS2: Alex M (3B)

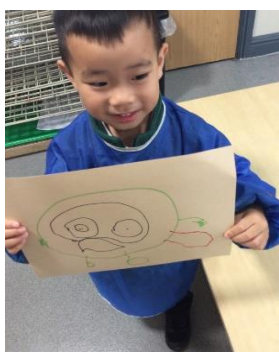
The Hubs

At the end of last half-term, the children in Hub 3 carried out an experiment to discover what the best conditions are for growing seeds. They observed what had happened to their seeds over time and were able to identify that seeds and plants need water, light and soil to grown well.



Nursery

This week in nursery the children have been introduced to the story 'Supertato' by Sue Hendra. When arriving at Nursery on Monday the children had discovered that something had escaped from the freezer... it was the evil pea! The children worked together to create images of the missing pea and then used a variety of resources to collect the runaway peas from around the nursery.



Reception

On Monday, we released our 4 butterflies. It was very exciting to watch them fly off and they were eager to start exploring. The children have been very caring when they were caterpillars and have thoroughly enjoyed watching them transform.



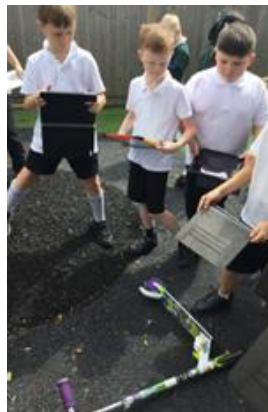
Year 1

This week to introduce our new topic, 'Amazing Animals' we had a very exciting visit from Zoo-Lab. They brought in lots of animals for the children to learn about, touch and even hold! We found out that animals belong to different groups such as reptiles and mammals. We learnt lots of facts about each animal, for example, frogs use their eyes to swallow and snakes smell with their tongue.



Year 2

Over the holidays some strange things had happened in Reception's outdoor area so Year 2 went to investigate. We captured the evidence with photographs and then thought about what could have happened. The last clue was the most disgusting sandwich we had ever seen!



Year 3

This week we read out new book 'Jumaji' in Literacy. We had lots of fun playing the game and then even made our own version of the board.



Year 4

This week, we recapped our knowledge of telling the time. First, we used our mini clocks to put the hour and minute hand in the correct positions for different times.

Then, we all became a human clock! In our small groups we each took turns to represent different times on an analogue clock.



Year 5

Year 5 classes had an amazing and educational visit to Safety Central in Lymm, where they learnt valuable lessons about staying safe in different real-life situations. The day was packed with engaging activities that helped pupils understand the importance of safety in everyday life. Here are some of the key things they learnt: rail safety, fire safety, dangers in the kitchen, water safety, electrical safety (pylons and sub-stations), road sense, online choices, healthy diet and healthy lifestyle choices and the consequences of anti-social behaviour.



Year 6

In this week's history lesson, we looked at primary sources of evidence to think critically about the rights of the Windrush generation. As a result, we posed some thought-provoking questions and were able to take part in a lengthy discussion about equality.



STEM Club



Over four weeks, children from Years 3, 4 and 5 took part in an after-school club where they got to learn and explore a range of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) skills.

The children had to successfully complete six different projects to achieve their Crest Superstars Award. In addition to their certificates, each child has earned a limited-edition badge which is not available to buy in the UK!

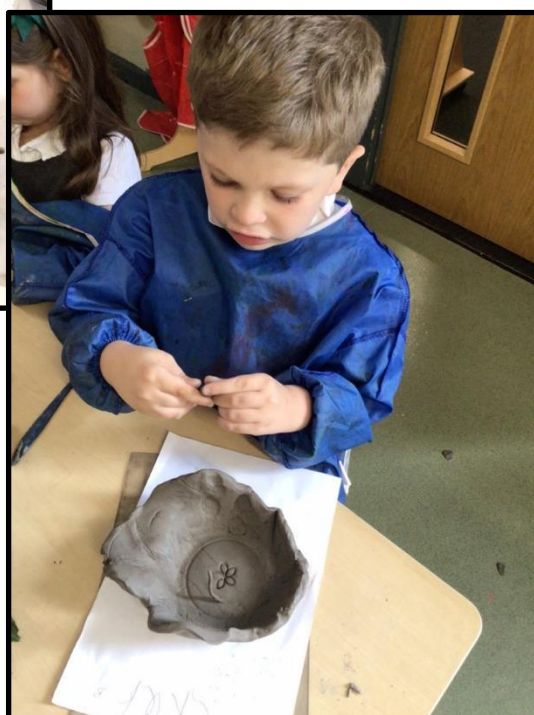
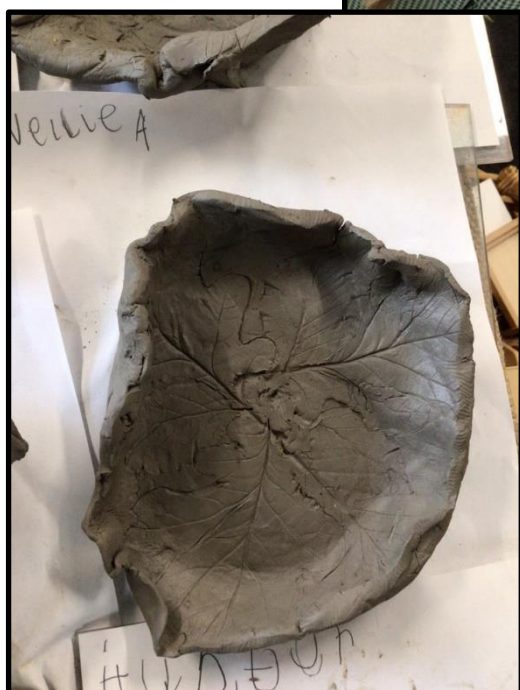
Congratulations to the STEM Club Team!



Art News

Focus on Reception

In Reception, we have started some 3D work based on nature. We created bowl moulds that we imprinted with leaves by rolling them into the clay. We then shaped our bowl to look like a more natural shape. Some of us decided to add caterpillars, chrysalises and other insects. When they have dried, we can paint them!





PE News



Y5&6 football

On Thursday our Y5&6 football team competed in The Timperley Shield football final. Our results were as follows:

Wistaston Academy 0-2 The Dingle

Wistaston Academy 0-0 The Brierley

Wistaston Academy 0-1 Highfields Primary

Wistaston Academy 0-0 Shavington Primary

Wistaston Academy 1-0 Leighton Academy

Well done team!

Town Sports

Town Sports is taking place on Monday 16th and Wednesday 18th June. Children selected to represent the school will be given a consent form for parents and carers to complete. Please return these to school asap.

Y4B swimming



All children from 4B will be going swimming after Easter as part of the compulsory national PE curriculum. The sessions will begin on the afternoon of **Tuesday 10th June** and will finish on **Tuesday 15th July 2025**.

The children will be travelling, by mini bus, to the Crewe Lifestyle Centre, accompanied by members of the Year 4 team. Your child will need to bring in their **swimming costume/shorts and a towel**. If your child forgets their kit, we will contact you during the morning to try to arrange for their kit to be dropped off.

Children are not allowed to wear any jewellery in the pool, so all must be removed before they enter. Please ensure that all earrings are removed before children come to school, if the children cannot remove the earrings themselves. In addition, long hair must be tied up.

If your child has a medical condition which prevents them from swimming, they will require a signed doctor's note; otherwise they will be expected to swim. If your child has a one-off medical condition on one of their swimming sessions, then please speak directly to their class teacher, or send in a signed note. We will not accept the children's reasons for why they are missing swimming, without confirmation from an adult.



In the news this week

The UK has a new astronaut currently training with NASA for six months. Dr Rosemary Coogan, who has a degree in astronomy, is expected to take part in a space mission within the next five years. It is possible that Dr Coogan could become the first British person to walk on the Moon, and there has also been discussions about future missions to Mars!

Things to talk about at home ...

- Share your thoughts on the news that Dr Coogan could be the first Briton to walk on the Moon. Is it something you think you would like to do? Why?
- Share with someone at home a time when you were the first to do something. Talk about how you felt before and after. Has someone at home ever been the first to do something?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss



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/>

