

Newsletter 34 – Summer 2



Wistaston Academy
Primary and Nursery School
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This Week's Events

Date	School Events	International Events
Monday	Town Sports at The Cumberland Arena 5-8pm	
Tuesday		
Wednesday	Town Sports at The Barony 5-8pm	
Thursday		
Friday		
Advanced Notice:	Tuesday 24 th June 12.40pm – 3.00pm – Reception's Inspire Afternoon Wednesday 2 nd July 10:45am-11:20am – Nursery Sports Day	
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: Amber (RA), Gnanvika (RB)

KS1: Elena (2A), Penelope (2B)

KS2: Kiera(3A), Musfiah (3B)

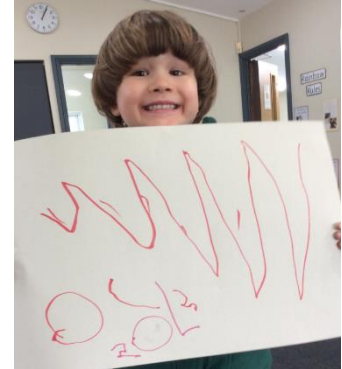
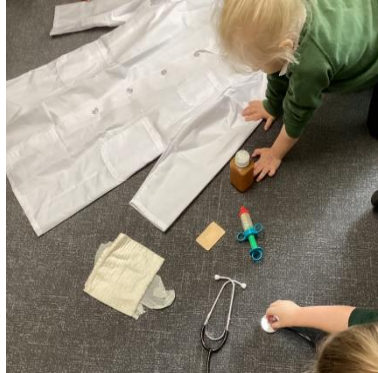
The Hubs

After listening to the story of the Gingerbread Man this week, the children in Hub 3 have cut out and made a model of him. They explored different types of fastenings - Sellotape, staples, split pins - looking at the advantages and disadvantages of each. The children then decided which fastening they would like to complete their own model and some of them were able to explain their choice.



Nursery

At the start of the week a mystery bag arrived to nursery. Inside there were lots of clues about a new character in our story. We used the clues to predict who the character could be. Throughout the week we have been learning new rhymes, identifying minibeasts and drawing pictures of worms.



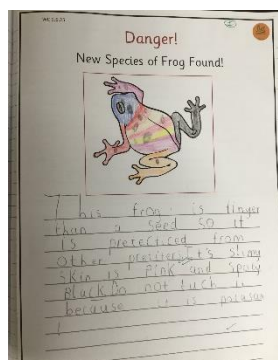
Reception

This week in our magic story box session, we have continued to think about Little Red Riding Hood. We met a new character from the story, the big, bad wolf who meets Little Red Riding Hood whilst walking alone in the forest. We have been discussing stranger danger and who Little Red could trust on her journey through the forest. We have enjoyed exploring the new activities and challenges in the provision linked to Little Red.



Year 1

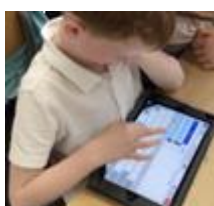
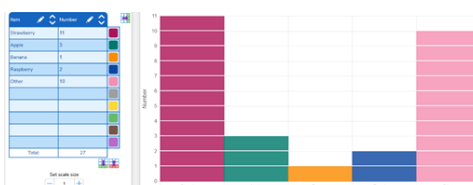
As part of our topic, 'Amazing Animals', year 1 have been learning about amphibians, specifically poisonous frogs. We looked at a range of real poisonous frogs, before creating a warning poster about a new species of frog we created. Then we described our frog using different adjectives.



Year 2

This week, we learnt about the importance of good nutrition for keeping our body and mind healthy. We learnt that we needed to eat a variety of different types of food to ensure that we had good nutrition. We then decided to find out what the favourite fruit was for the children our classes. We then used Purple Mash to show this data on a bar chart and analysed what it showed.

Name of fruit	Tally	Total
Strawberry		11
Apple		3
Banana		1
Raspberry		2
Other		10



Year 3

Today, we went on a fantastic trip to Chester Zoo. We took part in a workshop which taught us more about the nutrition of some of the different animals at the zoo.



Year 4

This week, we explored the effect of air resistance. The children walked and ran around the playground, using paper to feel the air resistance. Then, in pairs, they investigated how they could accelerate/decelerate the fall of a cupcake case. We discussed how, if this was an official investigation, we would need to ensure it was a fair test. The children identified which variables we would need to keep the same and which we would change. As a group, they were able to make a correlation between the speed of the cupcake case's fall and its surface area.



What if?...

- You scrunch up the cupcake case?
- You flatten it?
- You stack more than one together?
- You cut slits in it?

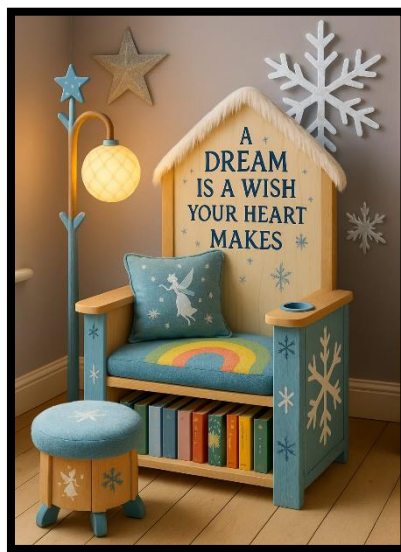
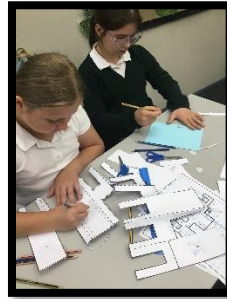
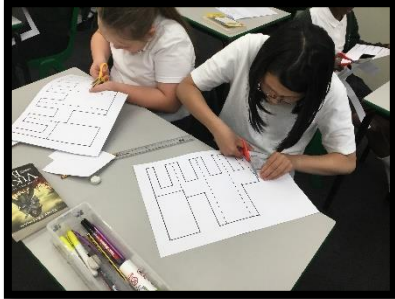
Thinking like a scientist:

- If this was an investigation, what would you need to keep the same?



Year 5

This week the children have worked incredibly hard in their assessments. We are so proud of them. We have also had DT week, where we have been designing and creating prototypes for a reading chair. We have collated our designs to create our final design which will be made by a carpenter.



Year 6



In this week's RE lesson, we learned about the rituals involved in Hajj. Here, you can see us miming some of the key moments. We came to the understanding that Hajj is a great privilege and requires a great deal of dedication for Muslim people. Afterwards, we created an opinion line to discuss the statement 'Hajj is the most significant pillar in the Islam faith'. There was a variety of opinions and we did a great job of respectfully sharing and acknowledging them.



After a designing and building the school's Greenpower car over the Easter holidays, the race team finally got to put their driving skills to the test last Friday. They travelled the Curborough Sprint Track in Lichfield where they competed against other schools from the region in a total of 13 races. Thanks to some faultless performances, the team came second overall in the slalom event and were awarded our first trophy.

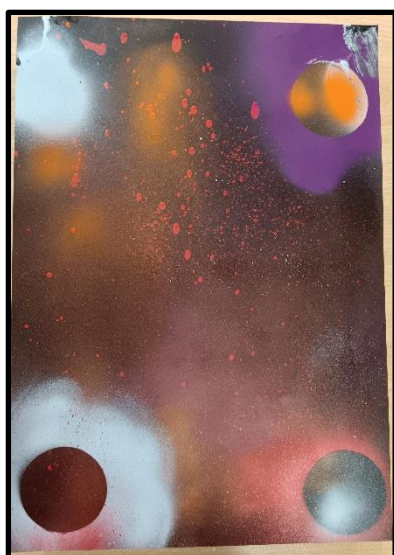
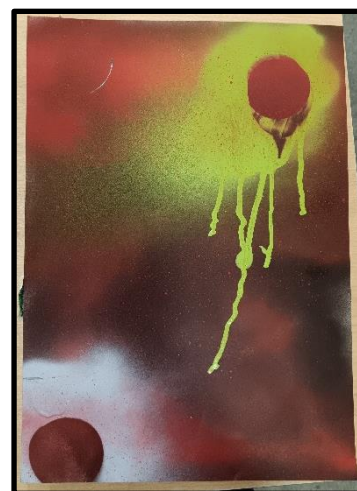
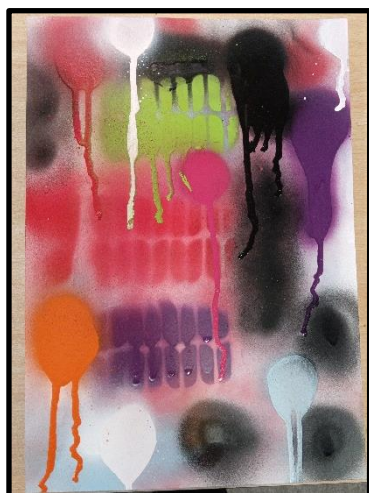
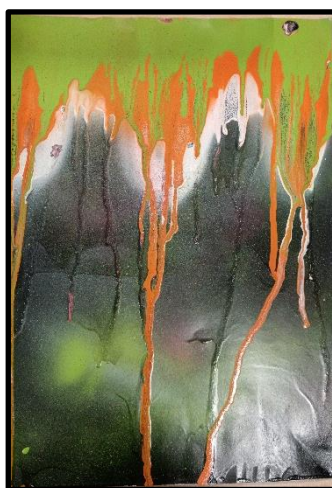
Congratulations Team Wistaston!



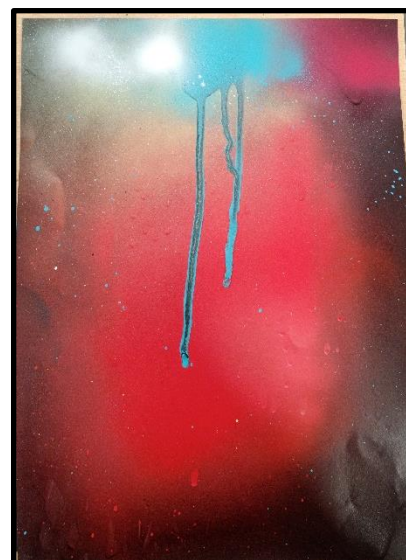
Art News

Focus on Year 6

Year 6 had a lot of fun this week spray-painting backgrounds for our mixed-media piece that will express our hopes and dreams for the future, as well as maybe our fears and anxieties. We are using our art as a catharsis for our feelings as Year 6 think about leaving Wistaston Academy and prepare to step into a new phase of life at Secondary School. Our background looks amazing already – as do the accidental marks we left behind!



Even the mess we left
behind looked pretty
good! 😊



A Day to Create!

Next Friday (20th June) we have a fantastic day to look forward to! Every year group will have an amazing artist/musician to work with, leading sessions based around the theme of

DIVERSITY!

We are excited to welcome:

- Graham Proctor, leading African drumming, song and dance
- Miss Sophie, leading performing arts
- Bart Gee, sharing his experiences of “Breaking Limits” and his music
- Fiona Sherwood, leading yoga sessions that meet us where we’re at
- Resonant Horizons leading digital music STEAM sessions
- King G leading bhangra drumming workshops

PARENTS ARE INVITED TO JOIN WITH US AT **3PM** IN THE KS2 PLAYGROUND FOR A SPECTACULAR FINALE WITH KING G AND KS2!



Refreshments
will be sold by
our PTA!

Art Bytes National Competition

Yesterday was a proud day for Year 5, as finalists Bobby Bailey, Harper Stubbs and Harper Li went to Liverpool's Victoria gallery and Museum to receive their certificates for their wonderful artwork. We were inspired looking at the artwork of professional artists in the gallery, as well as by viewing the winning artwork from every school in our region. The virtual Artbytes Gallery will be open soon for us to see Bobby's work and all the first place winners from around the country. We are so proud of our children's creativity!



PE News

Year 4 Football Festival

On Tuesday our Y4 football team took part in the Crewe and Nantwich football festival at Crewe Soccer Centre. The tournament was an aspire tournament so focus was on the children experiencing being in a competitive environment with other children from different schools. The children really enjoyed the experience and showed great skills and teamwork. Well done team!

Town Sports

Town Sports is taking place next week on Monday 16th and Wednesday 18th June. Children selected to represent the school have been given consent forms for parents and carers to complete. Please return these to school asap.

Cumberland Arena car park allocation-Delamere/Chester Street

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.

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What do animals need to be happy and healthy in zoos?

In the news this week

Zoos, aquariums and safari parks in Great Britain will soon have to follow new rules to help them take better care of animals. These rules say that animals must have bigger and better spaces to live in. The changes will help many different animals, including elephants, stingrays, snowy owls and octopuses. Elephants, in particular, will be given much more room to move around and explore.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Have you ever visited a zoo? Talk to someone at home about their experience.
- > If you could design the perfect zoo, what would you include to keep the animals happy and healthy?
- > Do you think zoos help people care more about animals and nature? Why?

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://ttrackstars.com/parents/>

