

# Newsletter 37 – Summer 2



Wistaston Academy  
Primary and Nursery School  
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## This Week's Events

Date	School Events	International Events
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
<b>Advanced Notice:</b>		
<b>Polite Notice:</b>	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

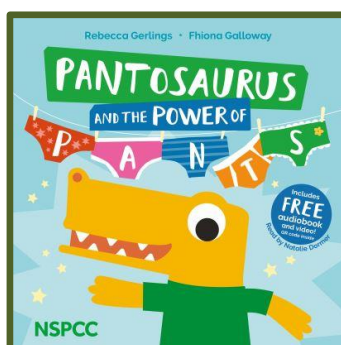
**EYFS:** Hugo V (RA), Esme (RB)

**KS1:** Elisabella (1A) Nancy (1B) Rhys (2A) Eddie (2A) Tayanna (2B)

**KS2:** Julia(3A) Freddie (3B) Harrison (4A) Ted (4B) Theadora (5A) Lincoln (5B) Aurora (6A) Ali (6B)

## The Hubs

The children have been thinking about how to keep themselves safe this half term, and this week we explored this further through the Pantosaurus and the Power of Pants book. This book was published by the NSPCC as a way of sparking conversations about consent, good and bad secrets and knowing who you can speak to if you need help. With this in mind, the children have created their own 'Pants of Power' featuring lots of their favourite things.



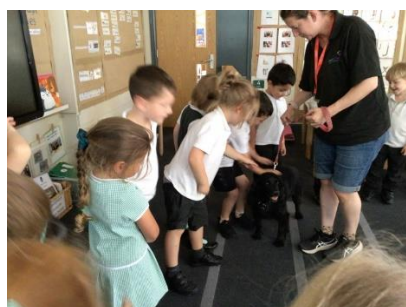
### Nursery

This week the Nursery children had their end of year sports day. The children were all fantastic and showed great determination and resilience. We are all so proud of how well they did!



### Reception

This week, we had a special visitor in reception, Lottie the dog. Lottie was very friendly and showed us lots of tricks! We also asked questions to find out more about Lottie. We really enjoyed Lottie visiting!



## Year 1

This week in topic we created our own summer tree inspired by Claude Monet who was born in 1840. We started by painting the tree trunks and branches by using soft strokes, before we got our own paint palettes and added our leaves by carefully mixing colours to create different shades.



## Year 2

This week in Year 2, we have had great fun making bread as part of our DT topic. First, we sampled a range of bread products and rated the bread. We used this information to help us to think about how we want our bread to be. We then made our dough as a team. Once the dough had proved, we made it into individual portions and choose our toppings. After they were cooked, we tasted our bread to see if it had achieved the design criteria.





### Year 3

This week, year 3 read the book Me...Jane which is about the life of Jane Goodall. They used different drama techniques to think more about her life and are now writing their own stories about her!



### Year 4

This Week, the children created and tested an outfit designed to slow a runner down with increased air resistance. The wind was quite high and many of them encountered structural difficulties with their constructions, but they were all very resilient and did their best to adapt in the moment.



## Year 5

Last week we went to Liverpool on the train and explored the World Museum and Walker Art Gallery. We stopped at the library and explored the different books that they had. The children we are able to see exhibitions including the space floor, aquarium, Egyptians, world culture and the bug house. We read the information board to find out new and interesting facts! It was a fantastic day!





## Art News



Our Djembefola drumming group competed at the Love Music Trust Ensemble Finals on Friday at Congleton Town Hall!

The children performed excellently and made us extremely proud, from verbal introductions to drumming, dancing and singing. We were delighted with the determination and attitude in such a formal setting, which could have been off-putting. The winners were Pear Tree's Brass Ensemble, but we are proud to have been selected for the finals and look forward to more opportunities next year.



## PE News

### Year 4 Cricket Competition

On Monday children from Y4 took part in a diamond cricket festival at South Cheshire College. It was a non-scoring festival with the aim being on improving cricket skills through taking part. The children have been working hard in PE lessons to improve skills and learn rules. They were fantastic, well done to all!

### Year 5&6 Pickleball Competition



On Wednesday children from Y5&6 competed in their first pickleball competition at Shavington Primary School. The children loved taking part in this new up and coming sport and were very successful, winning most 4 of their games and missing out on the semi finals by 1 point.

### Declan meets the Lionesses



Declan won a competition to go to St. George's Park last week. He walked out with the finalists of the FA disability football team and was live on TNT sports. He participated in disability football skills and was even lucky enough to meet the Lionesses!

## 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.



**Are driverless taxis a good idea?**

## In the news this week

Taxi company, Uber, wants to test cars in London that can drive by themselves, without a person at the wheel. The UK government has changed the rules to let this happen sooner. Many believe the service could bring new jobs, but others are worried about human drivers losing work. The cars have performed well in tests, though checks are still needed to make sure they are safe. Some people have already tried riding in these cars to see how well they work.

### Things to talk about at home ...

- Share your experience of public transport and whether you've used a taxi. Talk to someone at home about their experiences.
- How do you feel about using a driverless taxi? Would you use one? Why?
- Can you make a list of the pros and cons of driverless taxis?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

[www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss](http://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/>



# SUMMER HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS AT NANTWICH MUSEUM

## THE WONDERS OF COLOUR

Arts, crafts & fun science for all the family  
Drop in between 10am-3pm

Wed 6th & Thur 7th August - Colours of the Rainbow

Wed 13th & Thur 14th August - Dyeing

Wed 20th & Thur 21st August - Mixing Colours

Wed 27th & Thur 28th August - Fun with Colour

Nantwich Museum, Pillory Street, Nantwich,  
Cheshire, CW5 5BQ

[www.nantwichmuseum.org.uk](http://www.nantwichmuseum.org.uk)

Suggested £2 donation per child





# THE WONDERS OF COLOUR



## Live weaving & spinning demonstrations in Nantwich Town Square

Thursday 7 August, 10am-3pm



## Exciting live talks with chemistry demonstrations

### Chemistry to Dye For

Monday 11 August, 6.30pm-8 pm

Discover the history, chemistry and technology that brought colour to our world.



### The Palette on your Plate

Tuesday 12 August, 6.30pm-8pm

Learn about natural and artificial food colourants past and present, their presence in foods from to fruit to fish, cabbages to carrots, and more!

Suitable for adults & older children  
Advance booking required online or at reception  
£6, members £5, children free



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