

Newsletter 5 – Autumn 1



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This Week's Events

Date	School Events	International Events
Monday	Year One – Local Walk	
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
Advanced Notice:		
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:

KS1: Hugo (1A), Cody (1B), Ava (2A), Nancy (2B)

KS2: Pasha (3A), Olivia-Rose (3B), Mia Condrea (4A) Harley-Jack (4B), Lucas (5A), Carter (5B), Harry (6A), Layla (6B)

The Hubs

Under the expert guidance of Mr Proctor, the children in Hubs 3 and 4 have had the opportunity to work with Djemba drums this week. They had a wonderful time exploring beat and volume and some children were chosen to take over the session and conduct the whole class!



Nursery

This week, Nursery enjoyed a morning outside in our Forest School area. We spent the morning hunting for bugs, going on a bear hunt, creating stickmen from twigs and twine, making autumn pictures using natural resources and enjoying songs and stories in the fresh air.



Reception

This week in maths, the children have been comparing different amounts and using the vocabulary more, few, most and fewest.



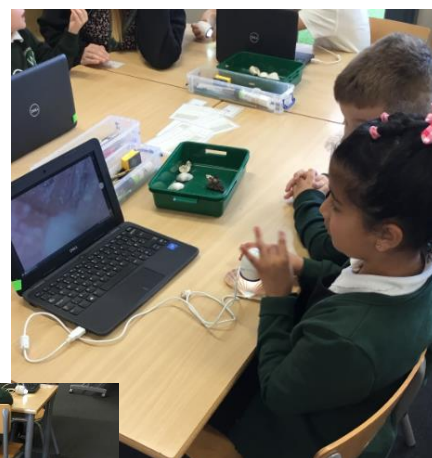
Year 1

This week, Year 1 have started learning about Harvest. We shared our own view on different things we are thankful for. Next, we discussed what we would pack for harvest in our basket. Finally, we wrote down our ideas.



Year 2

This week, Year 2 looked at shells under the electronic microscope. They were amazed at how much detail they could see and couldn't believe how different they looked.



Year 3

This week in RE, we learnt about the festival of Diwali and its importance for many Hindus. We worked in teams to create our own rangoli patterns.



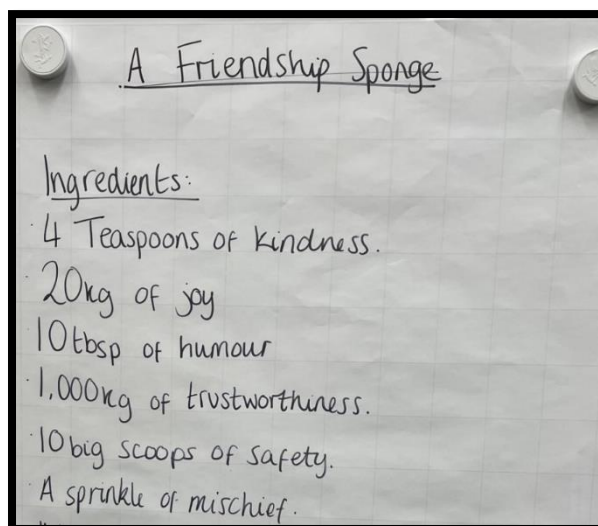
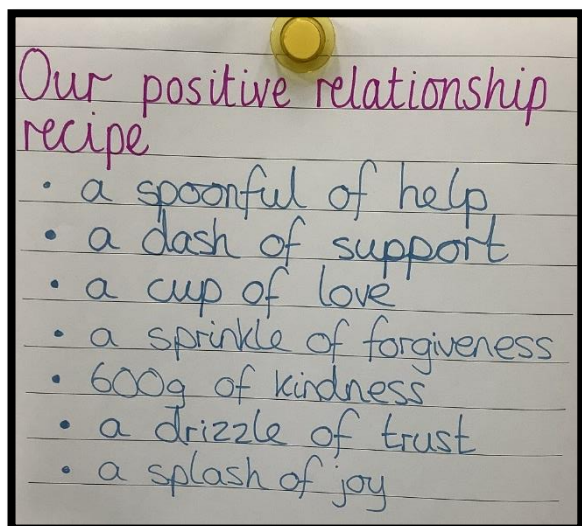
Year 4

This week, we were scientists and investigated how the loudness of a sound changes with the distance it is away from you. In pairs, we experimented with how far away you can get from your partner and still be heard. Overall, we found that the further you are away from the sound source, the quieter the sound.



Year 5

This half term in PSHE, Year 5 have been exploring positive relationships and the characteristics that they value in their friends. In our classes, we created recipes for our perfect friend!



Year 6

In this week's geography lesson, we listened to Miss Taylor, who was in role as a business owner, talking to us about the options of where would be best to set up her new business, which included manufacturing and commerce, in Britain or in China. To help her decide, we probed her with questions about tax, profit, work conditions and access to resources. Afterwards, we spent time discussing our options using opinion line.



PE News

Year 6 Hockey Competition

On Monday our Year 6 Hockey team competed in the Crewe and Nantwich Hockey competition at Crewe Vagrants. The children showed off all the skills they have learnt in their PE lessons and worked brilliantly as a team. We played 7 games and gave it our all. Well done to Shaylea, Ollie E, Jenson and Elina.

Year 1&2 Football Festival

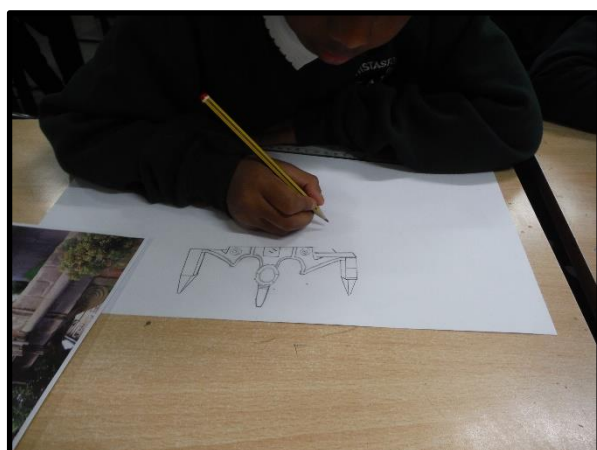
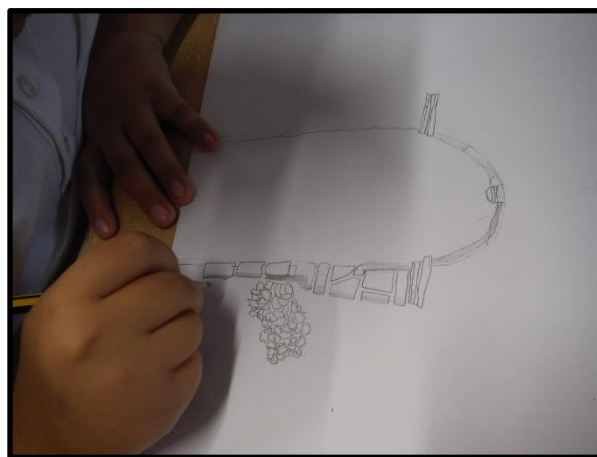
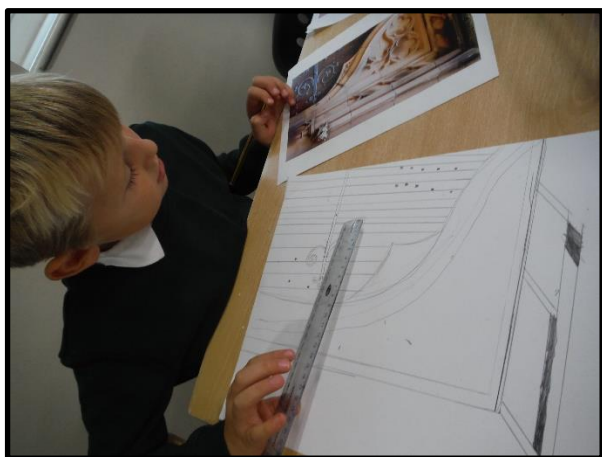
On Thursday we took a group of girls and boys from Y1&2 to Nantwich Town FC to play in a football festival against other Crewe and Nantwich schools. They were amazing to watch, played really well together and celebrated each other's successes. Congratulations to all involved!



Art News

Focus on Year 4

Year 4 have been working extremely hard on their observational drawings of buildings. We have been taking inspiration from artist Ian Murphy and have been really looking to see the proportions of our buildings and will later concentrate on where to add darker shadows and highlights. Our drawings look incredible so far! We can't wait to display our finished work in our whole school exhibition on November 11th and 12th!



Art Competition!

Calling every student!

We are invited by the Rotary Club to design a
poster on the subject of **LITTER.**

We want to creatively discourage people to drop litter, because it is damaging to
environment and spoils our own world.

Your entries must be either **A4** or **A3** size and can be created using **any art medium:**
paint, pencils, pens, collage, printing, textiles.

There are separate categories for **KS1**, **KS2** and also **SEND**.

The winner of each category will win a **£10 prize!**

Children need to **complete this at home** and bring it to either Mrs Walsh in the Art
Room or Mrs Hall in Hub 3.

Don't forget! Your entry **MUST** be of a **high standard** if you'd like to win. No scruffy
posters will be selected. Use your art media carefully and think about a catchy slogan.
It needs to be **EYE-CATCHING** and **BOLD**. Think about your **SPACING** when using letters
and your use of paint or pencils.

LET'S SHOW WHAT WE CAN DO!

We need your help!



For our art in Year 3, we need empty glass jars. If you have any in your
recycling that are washed out, they would be gratefully received by
Mrs Walsh.

Thank you!

Black History Month and Harvest

Marcus Rashford: An Example



As part of **Black History Month**, we are celebrating trailblazers in the Black Community who are "Standing Firm in Power and Pride". It seems an ideal time to highlight the incredible difference Marcus Rashford has made, not only to English football, but in the area of free school meals. His heart to see every child with enough to eat (which is driven by his own experience growing up) is inspirational!

We want to follow his lead and as such we are inviting you all to **give as generously as you can** to our **Harvest Festival**, the proceeds of which will be given to our local Foodbank Charity, "Chance: Changing Lives". Please see details below:



From now until Friday 17th October, we are collecting non-perishable food as part of our Harvest celebration. Please bring these into your classroom.

Our Assembly Celebration will be on Monday 20th October—so please bring in as much as you can by then!

We are collecting foods to help support



They have asked for: beans / sausages, juice/ cordial, cereal, meals in a tin, gravy granules, sugar, tea, coffee, sweetcorn, tomato sauce, brown sauce, porridge oats, hot dogs, jam, marmalade, corned beef and oil.

Thank you for your support!



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Black History Month

There are many exciting things going on for Black History Month, as we are always keen to celebrate our cultural diversity in school! We are absolutely delighted to announce a special festival event on our last day of school this half term. If you can come to school a little early on that day before you pick up your children, we would love you to share our lindy hop performance led by dancer Diane Wye, join in some collaborative art focusing on Stormzy (who is a trailblazer we are looking at in our Black History Month studies) with artist Victoria Turner, hear our children sing with Mr Wilson and to buy some celebratory snacks from the PTA! Please see details below:

The poster features a large, close-up background image of a Black man's face. In the bottom left corner, there is a smaller inset photo of a woman with brown hair (Diane Wye) in a blue shirt. In the bottom right corner, there is another inset photo of a woman with dark hair in a yellow shirt (Victoria Turner).


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WISTASTON ACADEMY
PRESENTS

Black History Month
SPECIAL EVENT

COME AND WATCH OUR LINDY HOP
PERFORMANCE, JOIN IN SOME
COLLABORATIVE ART, HEAR OUR CHILDREN
SING AND BUY DELICIOUS SNACKS FROM THE
PTA!

WEDNESDAY | GATES OPEN
22ND OCTOBER | AT 2:50PM

FEATURED ARTISTS
**DIANE WYE AND VICTORIA
TURNER**

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

Running charity, parkrun, has announced a new project called parkrun primary, which is bringing junior running events closer to primary schools. The aim is to give children more chances to run or walk and volunteer on weekends in a fun, free, and inclusive way. Organisers say it's not just about fitness, but also about helping children build friendships, confidence, and life skills in their local community.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Are there any parkruns near where you live? Have you or anyone in your family taken part in one? If not, would you like to?
- What are some of the clubs or initiatives in your area that bring your local community together?
- Alongside sport, what are some ways we can spend time with others?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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Maths News

All children from Reception through to KS2 have access to an app called **Numbots**. This fantastic app supports children with their number fluency, allowing them to use efficient mental calculation strategies to add/subtract, so they don't rely on using their fingers!

If your child is in KS2 they will also have access to an app called **Times Table Rocks Stars (TTRS)**, which supports knowledge of times tables and therefore builds confidence in multiplication and division.

Evidence tells us that logging on for **just a few minutes each day** will make a massive difference to their number fluency/times tables skills.

Check out the dedicated website for parents to answer any questions on TTRS:

<https://trockstars.com/parents/> , and the factsheet of FAQ's for Numbots:

<https://static.numbots.com/data/pdf/NumBotslaunchparentguide.pdf> and

https://strapi.trockstars.com/uploads/numbots_parent_guide_554ecf5cb5.pdf

