

Newsletter 6 – Autumn 1



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This Week's Events

Date	School Events	International Events
Monday		
Tuesday	Y5&6 Gymnastics Competition at LS Gymnastics 10am-12pm	
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

KS1: Aboubakar (1A) Frankie-John (1B), Prashamsa (2A), Reggie (2B)

KS2: Sophie (3A), Eline (3B), James (4A), Evelina (4B), Elodie (5A), Carter (5B), Harry (6A), Gabriela (6B)

Nursery

Nursery have had a fun-filled week exploring all things autumn! We have made rock pumpkins, been on an autumn walk around the school grounds and have printed beautiful autumnal pictures using the apples that we collected when we went on our adventure.



Reception

Reception are enjoying their PE sessions with Miss Brown on a Monday. They are getting quicker and more independent at getting changed and have been playing lots of different PE games to develop their gross motor movements.



Year 1

As part of our learning about maps, we have been on a local walk. Year 1 planned a route and thought about if they needed to turn left or right to follow the route on the walk. They looked out for different types of houses such as bungalows and semi – detached houses. We also read road signs and found out what different symbols meant from our maps like the church and shop.



Year 2

In Literacy this week, Today, we listened to this line from the story; '*The Great Storm raged around their house*'. We collected ideas through watching videos of storms, moving to the beat of the music and drawing patterns that the storm music painted in our head. We then used these to build adjectives to describe the storm and shared them in teams.



Year 3

This week in Science, Year 3 have had lots of fun exploring fossils!



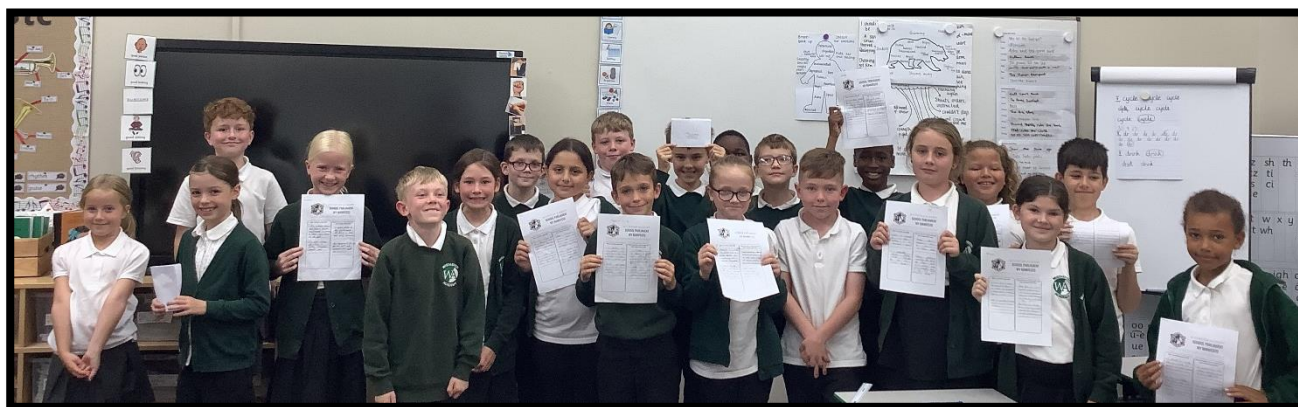
Year 4

This week Year 4 have been busy crafting their own Seawigs, inspired by the book Oliver and the Seawigs. The excitement continues as they begin writing persuasive speeches to decide who will be crowned the winner at the Night of the Seawigs!



Year 5

The children who wanted to run for school parliament have shared the reasons they would make a good member of parliament and some of the changes they would make. All of year 5 will have the opportunity to vote in the coming weeks.



Year 6

During this week's geography lesson, we used a variety of talk tactics to share our new knowledge about commerce, off-shoring and automation. As you can see we were passionate and respectful. We particularly enjoyed the opinion line where we were able to build on and challenge one another.



The Hubs



Children from Hub 3 and 4 enjoyed visiting South Cheshire College on Wednesday to take part in Games for All. The children enjoyed participating in a range of sporting activities from rugby to ice-free curling.

PE News

Y5&6 Tag Rugby Festival



On Wednesday our Y5&6 tag rugby team took part in the Crewe and Nantwich tag rugby festival at Crewe Vagrants. This was a none scoring festival with emphasis being on enjoyment and team work. The team were amazing! They played with great enthusiasm, skill and a positive attitude. Well done to all involved.

Y3&4 Football Festival

On Thursday our Y3&4 football team took part in a football festival at Nantwich Town Football Club. They played so well, winning 2 games, drawing 1 and losing only 2. Well done Rhys, Caitlyn, Khalid, Reggie-James and Harvey!

Sports Ambassadors

Thank you for all Sports Ambassador application, we are just waiting on a few more to be handed in. We will announce the 2025/26 Sports Ambassadors next week.

Art News

Focus on Year 2

In Year 2, we have been drawing underwater scenes onto our silk textiles, using gold or silver oil pens to act as a resist against the watery in that we used to paint our shells and fish. Our pictures look incredible already and we can't wait to show them to parents at our whole-school exhibition on 11th and 12th November! We loved the light-reflective quality of the silk that really seemed to look like a glimmering underwater scene.



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).

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!

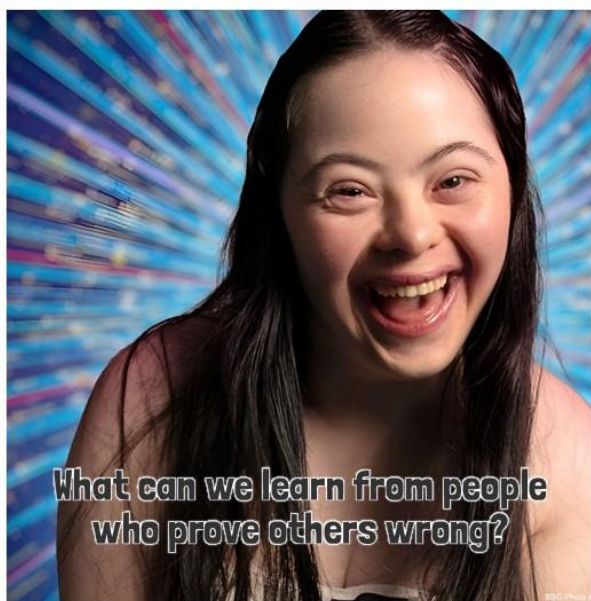
WEDNESDAY | GATES OPEN
22ND OCTOBER | AT 2:50PM

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

Ellie Goldstein, a 23-year-old model from Ilford, has been announced as a contestant on Strictly Come Dancing. She is the first person with Down's syndrome to take part in a full series of the show, having already made history as the first model with Down's syndrome to appear on the cover of British Vogue. Ellie says she's excited for the challenge and hopes to show that people can do amazing things, even when others don't expect them to.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Have you ever seen Strictly Come Dancing on TV? Do you enjoy watching programmes that show competitions? Ask others at home whether they do.
- Why do you think Ellie decided to take part? Is it something you would like to take part in?
- Can you remember a time when you were told you couldn't do something? E.g., finish a puzzle or reach the top of a climbing frame. Share how you felt, and what happened.

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



PTA

The Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) wants to hear from you! Whether you have ideas for school events, feedback or join the PTA, we'd love your input.

You can find the PTA Box located in the school office near the main reception desk. Simply drop in your notes, questions or suggestions anytime during school hours.

Your voice helps us make our school community even better – thank you for being involved.

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space



Thursday 20 November

10:30am - 2:30pm

Wishing Well, Jubilee House,
St Pauls Street, Crewe,
CW1 2QA

For Carers Rights Day we are hosting a marketplace to bring together services from across Cheshire East, to enable all-aged carers to access advice and information. We want to make the event beneficial and a positive environment with a focus on this year's Carers Rights Day theme, 'Know Your Rights'.

The event will include:

- A marketplace of stalls from a variety of services and organisations across both children and adult provisions
- A visit from the Mayor
- Interactive talk/displays
- Carers want vs carers rights interaction area
- Human rights quiz
- Young carers rights tree
- Lunch and refreshments

This event will allow both carers and professionals to come together and support carers of Cheshire East to celebrate and support Carers Rights Day.

