

Newsletter 7 – Autumn 1



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This Week's Events

Date	School Events	International Events
Monday	Y5&6 Basketball Competition at Malbank 3:30pm-5:30pm	
Tuesday		
Wednesday	Y3&4 Girls Football Festival at Nantwich Town FC 12:30pm-4pm	
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

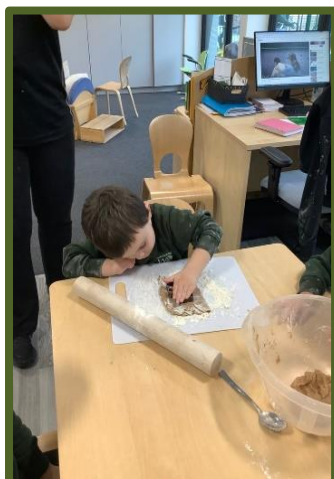
EYFS:

KS1: Koby (1A), Amelia (1B), Nicholas (2A) Theodore (2B)

KS2: Celil (3A), Antoni (3B), Ellie (4A), Vivaan (4B), lochlan (5A), Cassius (5B), Maryam (6A), Shambhavi (6B)

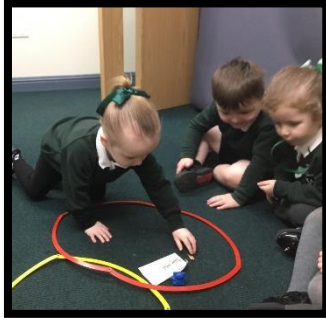
The Hubs

The children in Hub 3 have made chocolate biscuits in the shape of teddy bears this week. They helped to carefully measure out the ingredients before mixing the dough, rolling it and making teddy shapes using the cutter. The children then watched the biscuits as they were cooking in the oven.



Nursery

This week, the Nursery children have learnt the song, 'When Goldilocks went to the house of the bears. We have enjoyed learning the song and have used this to help us with our understanding of 'big', 'small' and tiny. We sorted the objects that the bears had on their walk in the forest by size for Daddy, Mummy and Baby Bear.



Reception

This week in maths, we have been continuing and creating our own patterns. The children have enjoyed making an edible repeating pattern using a selection of fruit. They were able to describe the pattern before eating their snack.



Year 1

This week we had two visitors - Becky and Jim from All-Saints Church. We continued our learning about Harvest. They explained some Christians thank God for the food they have and enjoy sharing what they have with others. Becky and Jim shared the story "The feeding of the 5,000". Then we discussed what we might like to share with other people.



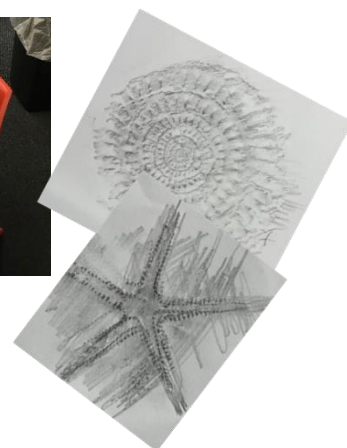
Year 2

This week, Year 2 learnt about the seaside tradition of holiday camps and found out about the opening of the first Butlins in 1936. They then got a chance to go! They learnt that at Butlins you are given leaflets with different activities. They received a real leaflet from the 1970s which had lots of different activities inside. They had lots of fun playing table tennis, going to the discotheque and completing a Butlins quiz!



Year 3

This week in science we have reflected on our learning about rocks and fossils. We also completed one of our passport activities - fossil rubbings, which was lots of fun!



Year 4

In Design and Technology, Year 4 children created their own musical instruments, linking closely to our science unit on sound. As they designed and built instruments using everyday materials, they explored how sound is made through vibrations and how pitch and volume can be changed. This project helped them apply their scientific knowledge in a creative way, deepening their understanding of how different sounds are produced and heard.



Year 5

We went to Liverpool on the train and explored the World Museum and Walker Art Gallery. The children we are able to see exhibitions including the space floor, aquarium, Egyptians, world culture and the bug house. We read the information boards to find out new and interesting facts! We even experienced a planetarium, where we discovered facts about the Space Race and the incredible missions to the moon. Our children had a fantastic day!



Year 6

This week, Year 6 took part in an interactive, online session with Cheshire Archives. It was held by Chloe who brought history to life, giving the children the opportunity to explore the life of a local man, named Sydney Upton, using the Census from 1901-1921. The children became historians for the afternoon and said themselves that they felt really excited for their first History unit about World War Two. The children were extremely polite and enthusiastic. We are very proud of them. We wonder if the children will be able to explain why Sydney received two white feathers during World War One?



PE News

Year 5 Gymnastics Competition



Congratulations to our Year 5 Gymnastics team who finished in 3rd place overall in the Crewe and Nantwich School Gymnastics competition on Tuesday. Kaja also won the individual award for best present. Well done Evalyn, Angelo, Freya, Xander and Kaja!

6B Swimming



All Year 6B children will be going swimming after half term as part of the compulsory national PE curriculum. The sessions will begin on the afternoon of **Tuesday 4th November** and will finish on **Tuesday 9th December 2025**.

The children will be travelling, by mini bus, to the Crewe Lifestyle Centre, accompanied by members of the Year 6 team. Your child will need to bring in their swimming costume/shorts and a towel.

Sports Ambassadors

Thank you to all the KS2 children who applied to be a Sports Ambassador for their year group. We were blown away by the amount of applications submitted and found it very difficult to select just two children per year group. If your child wasn't selected this year we would encourage them to try against next year.

Congratulations to our new Sports Ambassadors:



Zofia 3A



Ellis 3A



Kia 4B



Harvey 4B



Evalyn 5B



Caleb 5A



Mia-Ann 6A

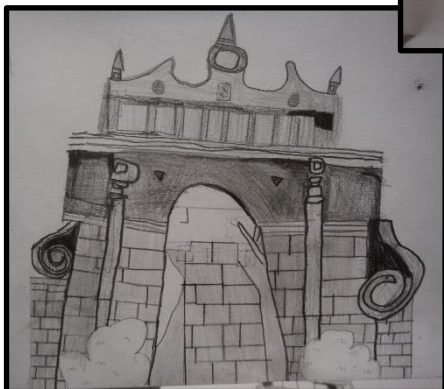
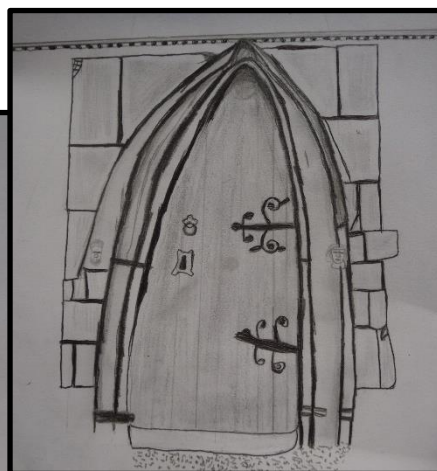
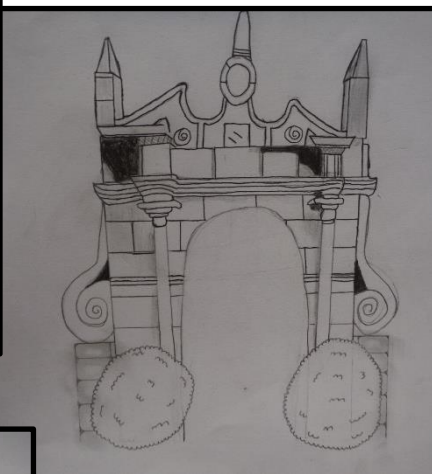


Ollie 6B

Art News

Focus on Year 4

Year 4 have been working incredibly hard to add to our shading on our Ian Murphy-inspired drawings of historical buildings. We have tried to use our concentrated observational skills to see where the highlights and shadows are that show the 3D form of our buildings. It has not been an easy task – but as you can see, our results are fantastic!



Art work by: Charlie,
Keira, Mia, Ahmed,
Oliver, Vivaan, Jenson
and Alex B.



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!



We are collecting empty plastic bottles for a whole-school
Remembrance Day themed art project. Any empty bottles would be
gratefully received by Mrs Walsh – especially larger ones, such as
empty cola or water bottles.

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 an inset photo of a woman with brown hair (Diane Wye) in a blue shirt. In the bottom right corner, there is an 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

This year marks the 80th anniversary of the United Nations (UN), an international organisation founded after the Second World War in 1945, to help countries work together and prevent future conflicts. Today, 193 nations are members, and the UN works on issues like peacekeeping, human rights, health, and climate change. Leaders and communities around the world are reflecting on how important working together is in solving global problems.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Why do you think countries made the decision to work together?
- What problems today do you believe countries need to solve together? Ask others at home what they think.
- Come up with different ways we can be 'peacekeepers' in our own families, schools, or communities.

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



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25th October - 2nd November



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