

Newsletter 8 – Autumn 2



Wistaston Academy
Primary and Nursery School
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This Week's Events

Date	School Events	International Events
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday	Y5&6 Football Competition 9:15am-12:30pm at Crewe Soccer Centre Y5&6 Dodgeball Festival at Shavington Academy 3:30pm-5:30pm	
Friday		
Advanced Notice:	Tuesday 16 th December 12.40pm – 3.00pm – Reception's Inspire Afternoon	
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

Hub: Phoenix (Hub 3), Thomas (Hub 3), Ezra (Hub 4)

KS1: Daniel (1A), Murphy (1B), Nila (2A), Helena (2B),

KS2: Jack (3A), Freya (3B), Julia (4A), Musfirah (4B), Alexia (5A), Kaja (5B), Alfie (6A), Bella (6B)

Hub 1

This week, we were lucky enough to have Mr Wilson come and visit us to sing some nursery rhymes with his guitar. We loved sharing some songs together and having a go at strumming the guitar ourselves too!



Hub 2

This week, we have done some painting inspired by the artist, Jackson Pollock, who is known for his drip painting technique.



Hub 3

Across the school, children have been participating in a range of activities to mark Number Confidence Week. In Hub 3 we have read the book 'How Many Legs?' and have used this to explore counting to 10 and adding single digits together to calculate a total.



Hub 4

The children worked with Mrs Walsh today to make poppies and a beautiful wreath for Remembrance Day on Tuesday. The children worked hard to create their poppy and really enjoyed using the different materials.



Nursery

This week, we were introduced to our new story 'Stick Man' by Julia Donaldson. We worked together to make maps of a park to help Stick Man find his way back to the family tree.



Reception

This week, the children enjoyed a singing session with Mr Wilson. They sang along to familiar songs and joined in with the actions.



Year 1

This week, Year 1 have been celebrating maths week. We helped Charlie Bucket move through the chocolate factory safely by solving addition and subtraction problems to unlock the next level.



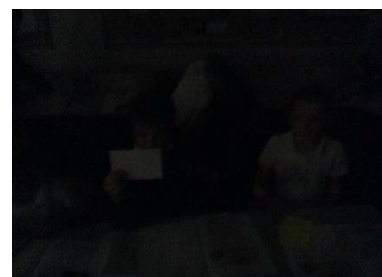
Year 2

This week in Reading, we have introduced our new fiction book; In Every House, On Every Street. After listening to the story, these children thought about which room was the best and why. To share their ideas, the children completed a chaired discussion.



Year 3

This week in Science Year 3 had lots of fun learning all about how changing the light affects what we can see. We tried to get the classroom as dark as possible which was lots of fun.



Year 4

This week, Year 4 have been transported to ancient Rome to learn all about what life would have been like and the influence that the Romans had on life in Britain. We used the drama technique, guided tour to learn more about the colosseum and how the Romans would have used it for entertainment – we couldn't believe some of the things they used to watch!



Year 5

This week, we have been diving into our new topic Harry Potter. We revealed new words and clues which related to our new topic and writing. We stepped into the magical world of Hogwarts and the sorting hat placed different students into the current houses, however, there was a problem when one child had traits and values for all of the houses and even some traits that didn't fit. The sorting hat left us with the problem of needing a new house. Professor Dumbledore met with us and asked us to create sculptors, which represent the four houses. Then, he commissioned us to design and create a new house for Hogwarts, which had values that the others didn't.



Year 6

In Science this week, we have been classifying and grouping living things. We began by thinking of our own ways to group animals. For example, animals that live on land, animals that can fly, animals that have less than four legs. We then learnt about the characteristics of mammals, reptiles, amphibians, fish, birds and insects and were able to successfully group animals under these headings.



PE News

PE Expectations

As the weather starts to get colder, we wish to remind you of the correct winter PE kit that children should be wearing in school.

Indoor PE kit: Green t-shirt, black shorts, black pumps



Outdoor PE kit: Green t-shirt, black jogging bottoms, hoodie or zip up and trainers. Children may wear a plain black or navy-blue waterproof jacket if they wish.



After School Clubs: Children can only take part in after school sports clubs if they have their PE kit. Children cannot borrow PE kit for after school clubs.

Competitions: If your child has a competition top or shorts at home, please send them back into school as soon as possible.

Art News

Black History Month

As a finale to our learning during Black History Month, Year 5 created a fabulous mural of Stormzy with Artist Victoria Turner. Families then had a chance to add to one part at the end of the day!





We also had a fabulous lindyhop workshop with dancer Diane Wye!



Reading News

We have a book fair in school next week. It will be based in the hall alongside the art exhibition that will take place on Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th November. Every book purchased from the fair, earns free books for our school. It will be a cashless payment system and most books will cost less than £5. Please come along to take a look at the lovely books on offer.



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

An animal charity, called Redwings Horse Sanctuary, has asked the government to make fireworks quieter to help protect animals and people. Loud fireworks can scare pets, wildlife, and some people who find sudden noises upsetting. Supporters of the campaign say we can still celebrate with low-noise fireworks or light shows that keep everyone safe and happy.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Do you celebrate Bonfire Night or an occasion with fireworks?
- Do you enjoy fireworks? Discuss with someone at home.
- The campaign suggests low-noise fireworks and drone shows as alternatives to traditional fireworks. For each, think about the pros and cons.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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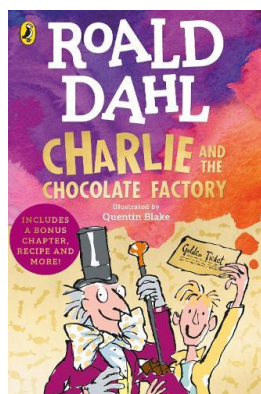


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Maths News

This week Years 1-6 have been undertaking a task from the one and only Charlie Bucket, the owner of Willy Wonka's Chocolate Factory.

During our assembly on Monday, we heard the story of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and then met Charlie Bucket as a grown up through our drama strategy of Teacher in Role. The children learnt that the factory was in trouble and needed some help from our school. Each class has been completing a maths related challenge to help Charlie Bucket, and they have done a wonderful job! Fingers crossed the factory is on the road to recovery and will once again become the number 1 confectionary business in the world!



Parents/carers – does this sound familiar?



The charity National Numeracy want to help.

They have a fantastic app to support adults with number confidence. Download the app or find the website and **boost your number confidence**.

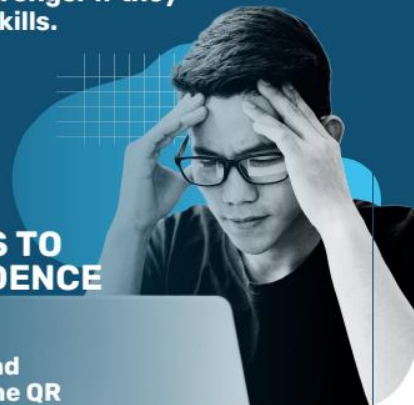
“I avoid switching energy providers because I don't trust myself to compare the numbers...”

If this sounds like you, you're not alone. 43% of people believe their finances would be stronger if they had better number skills.



WHEN IT COMES TO MONEY, CONFIDENCE COUNTS!

Get free resources and advice by scanning the QR code or searching 'Number Confidence Week'.



Try the **National Numeracy Challenge** today!



