

Newsletter 12 – Autumn 2



Wistaston Academy
Primary and Nursery School
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This Week's Events

Date	School Events	International Events
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday	Crewe Choir Collective 11:00am-1:00pm Nursery Cinema Visit 09:15am-10:40am	
Thursday	Christmas Disco	
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

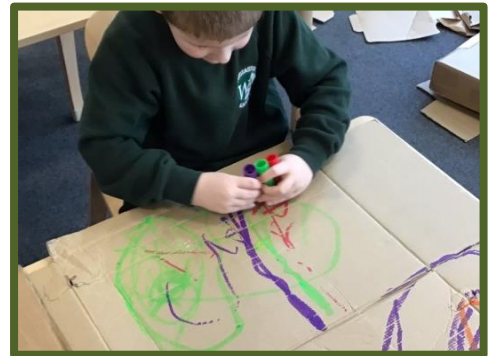
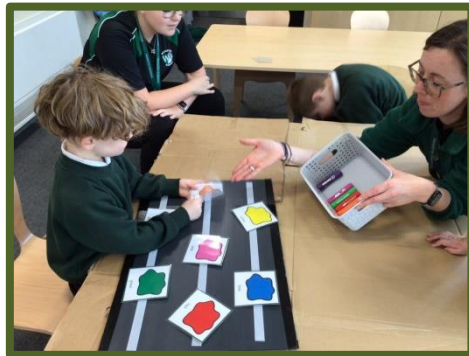
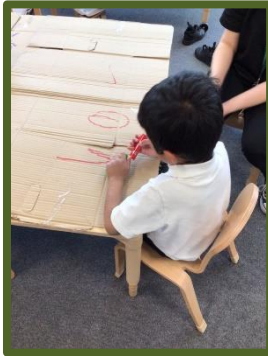
EYFS: Marty (RA), Lenny (RB)

KS1: Igor (1A), Ronan (1B), Jayden (2A), Corey (2B)

KS2: Penny (3A), Austin (3B), Logan (4A), Oliver (4B), Clara (5A), Evalyn (5B), Aanya (6A), Jenson (6B)

Hub 1

We've been working hard on our mark making this term and have recently been exploring using chunky paint pens. We requested for the colour we wanted and then made lines and swirls on the cardboard. We experimented with mixing the colours, using multiple pens at once and using different strokes to make marks.



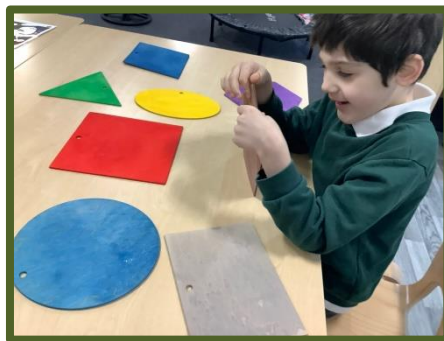
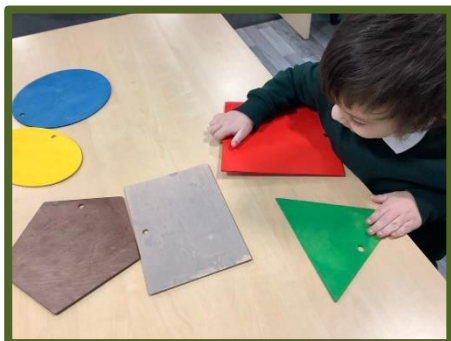
Hub 2

In addition to our literacy book, 'School is more than a building', hub 2 have been enjoying looking at some different books this week.



Hub 3

During our Maths lessons this week, the children have been exploring 2D shapes and their properties. Some children were able to select the correct shape, some children could name each shape and some children were able to identify the shape by thinking about how many sides and corners it had.



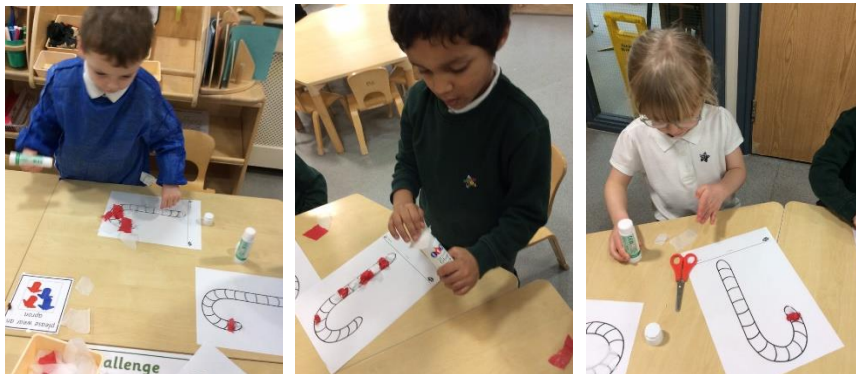
Hub 4

We have been learning about animals and their habitats/homes in both Literacy and Science this week. The children have enjoyed making different shelters using a range of materials and resources both in and outside of the classroom.



Nursery

This week in Nursery, we have been looking at the different seasons. First, we looked at the different seasons in our story Stick Man. Then, we made a list of things to keep Stick Man warm. Then, we discussed Christmas and the celebrations. Finally, we made candy cane patterns as they were part of the Christmas celebrations we discussed.



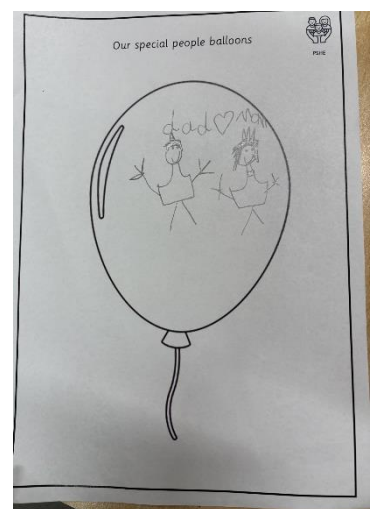
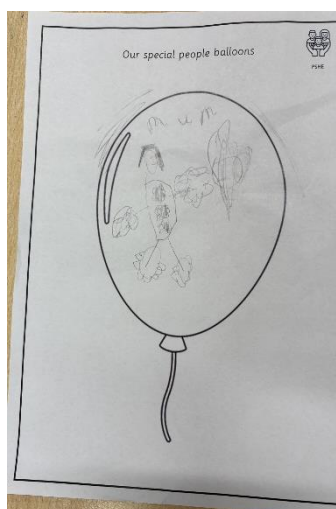
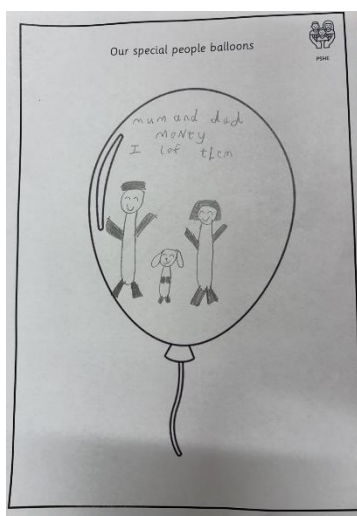
Reception

This week, the children experienced a fun sensory space adventure. We put on our space suits, space boots and space helmets and got our space tickets ready! The children sang the song 'Rocket in Space' and counted down from 10-0 ready to take off. We talked about what we could see in space such as the different planets and twinkly stars. We enjoyed exploring the sensory equipment in space.



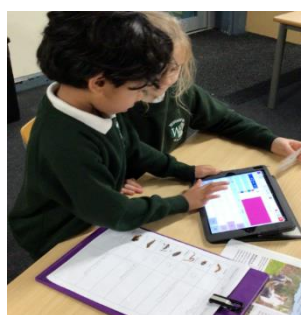
Year 1

This week in PSHE, we were discussing how families come in many different forms and that our families can be made of people that are special to us. We then drew our special people balloons.



Year 2

This week in Topic, we went on a microhabitat hunt around school. We worked in partners to create a tally chart and recorded all the different minibeast that we found and the microhabitat that they were living in. We then used Purple Mash on the iPads to record our data.



Year 3

This week in science, we had lots of fun experimenting with how shadows are made. We looked at a mixture of objects and discussed why some made clearer shadows than others.



Year 4

The Baptist church visited our class to deliver a workshop all about Christingles, explaining their meaning and the symbols used in each part. After learning about the tradition, we had the chance to make our own candles to represent Jesus as Light of the World.



Year 5

In PSHE, we had a visit from Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service. They came to talk to us about road safety. We learn the different ways pedestrians could cross the road including toucan, pelican, zebra and puffin crossings. We thought about how we can cross safely using the phrase stop, look, listen and think. We also discussed car safety and when we are going on a journey, we should always use seatbelts, which fit snug and sit on a booster seat if the belt doesn't fit correctly. We also spoke about how accidents can happen when drivers can become distracted. We know it is important to be sensible in the car so that drivers are focused. We finished the session off by talking about bike safety and the importance of wearing a helmet and visible clothing.



Year 6

We have been busy baking in Year 6 this week! In History, we have been learning about rationing as part of our WW2 topic and in our lesson this week we recreated a war-time classic: The National Loaf. We even made a mixed berry jam to go alongside our bread. The children thoroughly enjoyed baking and eating the bread and have even asked for copies of the recipe to take home!



PE News

KS2 SEN Gymnastics Festival



Congratulations to our wonderful KS2 gymnastics team who performed an outstanding routine at LS Gymnastics this week. They performed to the Aladdin song 'never had a friend like me' and won medals and a trophy.

Well done Hendrix, Elsa, Ollie-Mark and Jacob and Ashden!

Competition kit

If your child has represented school in a sports event please ensure you return their competition top and or shorts to a member of the PE team.

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.



How important is it to feel a sense of togetherness?



In the news this week

On Friday, the Princess of Wales will host her annual carol service, which will bring people together to celebrate kindness, connection, and community. The event aims to show how love can link people of all ages, backgrounds, and beliefs, especially at times when the world can feel divided. It encourages everyone to think about the power of togetherness and the importance of supporting one another with compassion and joy.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Talk to someone at home – are they interested in this concert? Do you or they believe it will achieve its aim in bringing people together?
- Are there any services, concerts, or events that you will be attending during the festive period?
- Talk about what 'togetherness' means to you and your people at home.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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

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

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





Community
Share Hub

Winter Baby Bank Event

Saturday 13th December | 10am-2pm

Join us for our special Winter Baby Bank Event!
We'll have our usual range of baby items, plus a festive selection
including:

- ★ Christmas outfits and children's fancy dress
- 🧥 Kids' winter coats to keep little ones cosy
- 🧶 Beautiful knitted baby blankets and cardigans

Everything is free to take- donations are always appreciated.
No booking needed- Just pop in!

📍 HER Hub, Crewe

For more info, contact hub@her-place.co.uk
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