

# Newsletter 16 – Spring 1



Wistaston Academy  
Primary and Nursery School  
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## This Week's Events

Date	School Events	International Events
Monday		
Tuesday	Year 3&4 Gymnastics Competition at LS Gym 10am-12pm	
Wednesday		
Thursday	Year 5&6 Dodgeball Festival at Shavington Academy 3:30pm-5:15pm	
Friday		
<b>Advanced Notice:</b>		
<b>Polite Notice:</b>	<b>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.</b>	

## We are Brilliant Winners

**Hub:** Oliver (4)

**EYFS:** Avery (RA), Igor (RB)

**KS1:** Cecilia (1A), Skylah-Rose (1B) Frank (2B) Lucy (2A)

**KS2:** Khalid (3A), Freddie (3B), Cole (4A), Alex M (4B), Jayden (5A), Angelo (5B), Abigail (6A), Isla (6B)

## Hub 1

We've been exploring different foods this week and have had fun learning about foods that are a variety of colours. On Thursday, we made our own pitta pizzas, adding lots of toppings that we chose ourselves. We had the option of adding: cheese, ham, chicken, pepper, mushroom, sweetcorn or tomato puree. We then ate them for snack in the afternoon.



## Hub 2

This week, as part of our science learning, we have looked at the season 'Spring'. We looked at books related to the season, watched a video showing animals in spring and began to categorise pictures as 'Spring' and 'Not Spring'.



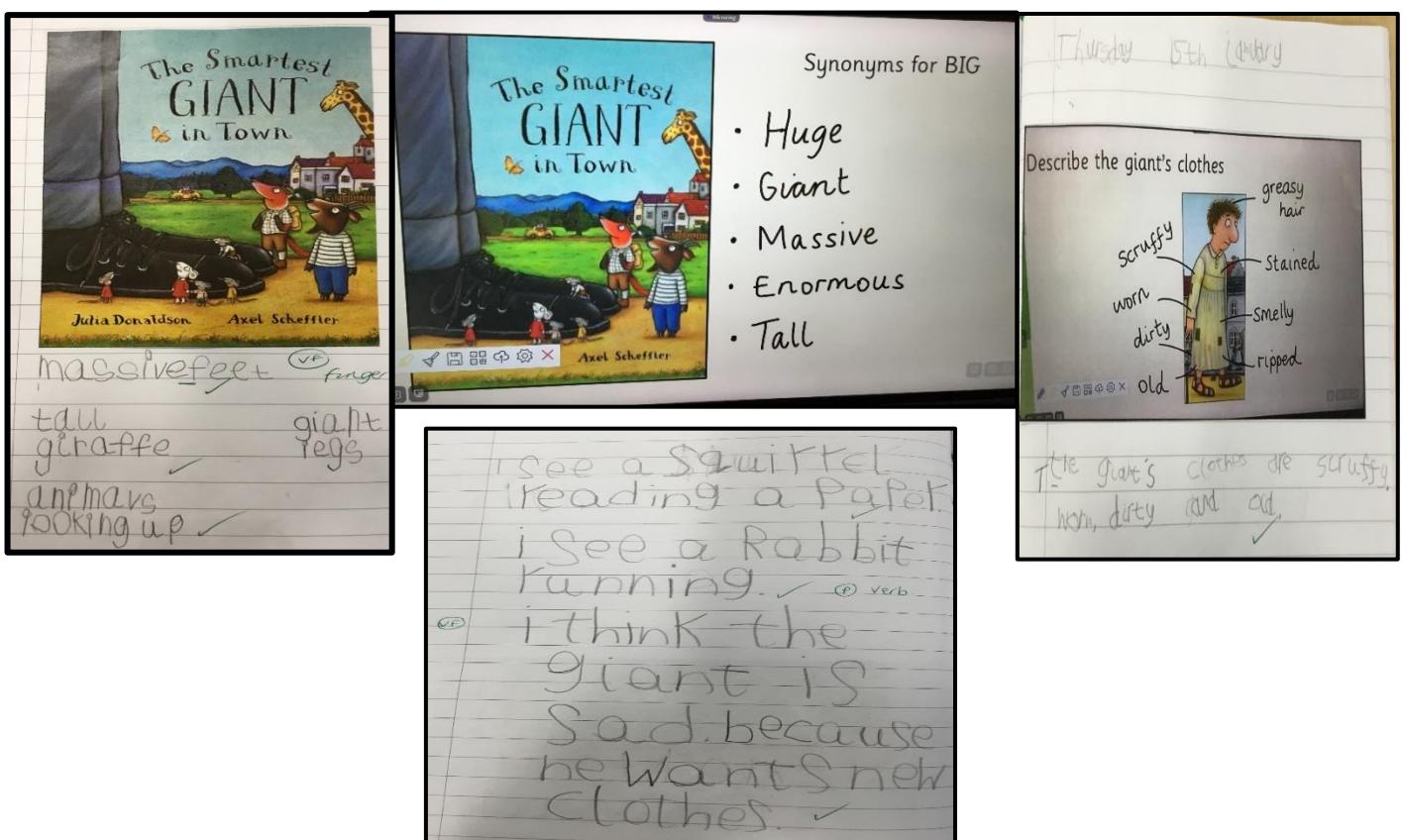
### Hub 3

In this week's Magic Story Box, the children found an edible gingerbread house just like the one that Hansel and Gretel discovered in the forest. They also found the ingredients to make their own gingerbread. After following the recipe carefully, they rolled out the dough to create gingerbread men which they then wrote instructions for in their literacy lesson.



### Hub 4

This week, we have started to explore the story, 'The Smartest Giant in Town'. The children are enjoying using adjectives to describe the giant and his clothing and have shared their ideas as a class. We also looked at synonyms for big and many of the children could offer some wonderful adjectives to describe the size, such as massive, enormous, giant and huge. Well done team!



## Nursery

This week we continued going into the Magic Story World of 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers. First, we helped the boy make missing posters for the penguin as he is lost. Next, we made our own lost and found office. Then, we have been helping our friends in Nursery by working in the lost and found office writing down what is missing and searching for it in the office.



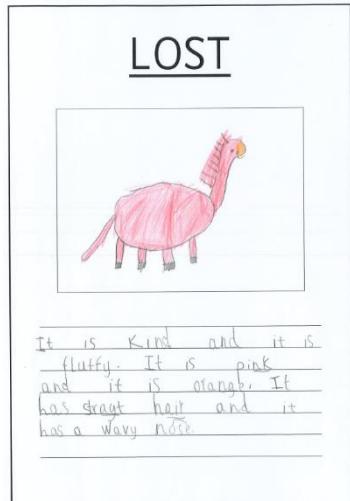
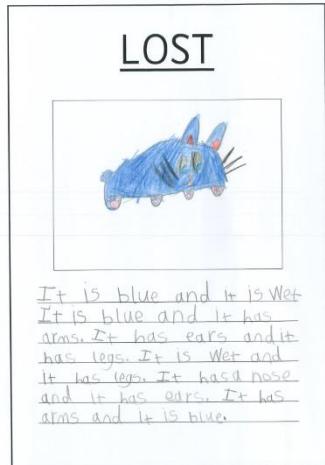
## Reception

After noticing bird and wildlife footprints in the snow last week, the children showed curiosity and excitement about the animals that had visited our outdoor area. They decided to help care for the birds by making feeders using slices of fruit. The children carefully threaded string through the fruit, showing good hand-eye coordination and concentration. They worked together to hang the feeders outside, demonstrating kindness, teamwork, and an understanding of how to support living things in their environment.



## Year 1

This week we have been reading the story 'Toys in Space' as a clue to our new topic this half term. We explored toys from the story. During the week the toys in our classroom disappeared. We created 'Lost' posters to find them again!



## Year 2

This week, we had lots of fun taking part in a Chinese dance workshop creating a traditional dragon dance. We found out information about how Chinese people celebrate Chinese New Year and that this year is the year of the horse. We used parasols and a dragon to perform our dance.



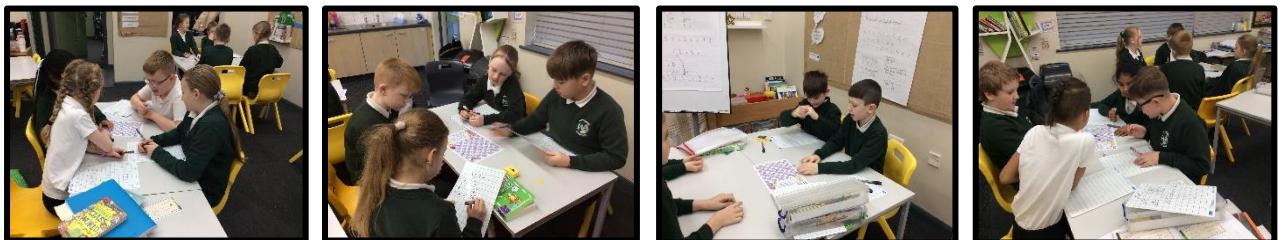
### Year 3

Year 3 had a fantastic time learning about prehistoric settlers at Beeston Castle.



### Year 4

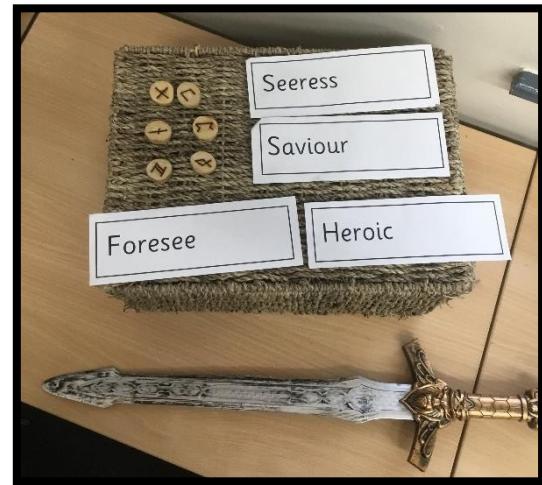
This week Year 4 have been exploring multiplication and division through a range of activities. To round off the week, they put their skills to the test by playing Snakes and Ladders, solving maths questions as they went. The children thoroughly enjoyed applying their maths skills in such an interactive way.



## Year 5

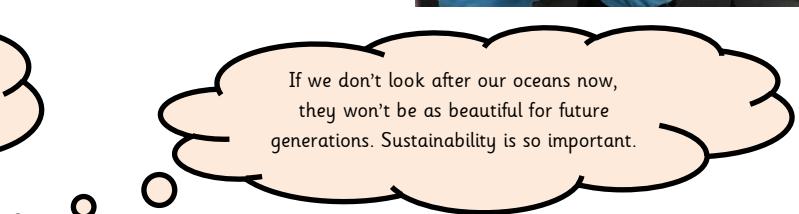
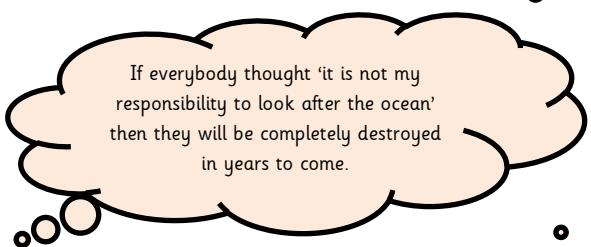
In Literacy, a seeress visited us and told us what she could foresee using the ancient Viking runes. We discussed how a brave, mighty and powerful hero was going to come from afar and help defeat the beast.

We then looked at pictures of the hero Beowulf and 'read the pictures'. We created words and phrases to describe what we could see and what this hero might feel. Finally, we created a role on the wall where the children described the hero's personality and physical attributes.



## Year 6

In Geography, one of our key concepts is 'responsibility'. Therefore, in today's Geography lesson, we discussed the following controversial statement: Our oceans are polluted. It's not my responsibility to protect them – I'm just a child. The children spoke passionately about this statement, offering their views in a circle discussion.



## PE News

### Cheshire Cricket coaching



This half term Year 6 and Year 3 are enjoying practicing and improving their cricket skills in PE lessons. Harry, from Cheshire Cricket is currently working with both year groups in their PE lessons on Thursdays. The children have been focusing on throwing and catching with partners and in small games. The children are looking forward to showing their skills in the summer cricket competitions.

## Art News

As a KiVa school, kindness is always top of our agenda, but we are really celebrating it between now and Valentine's Day!



We are holding a Kindness Revolution this half term, to encourage our school community to "commit acts of KiVa kindness" in school and at home, so we can really change the world for ourselves, our friends and our families! Children who teachers catch in an act of kindness will go on our kindness wall to encourage others to follow their example. We want to celebrate children's kindness and so we'll be generous with dojos, raffle tickets stickers and postcards home! If parents catch children being kind at home too and happen to photograph it, feel free to send the picture by email to [admin@wistonacademytrust.co.uk](mailto:admin@wistonacademytrust.co.uk) or

[lwalsh@wistonacademytrust.co.uk](mailto:lwalsh@wistonacademytrust.co.uk) and we will print it and add it to our kindness wall 😊

This will all culminate with a special "Day to Create" on **WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>!!**

We will celebrate kindness through:

- Painting with artist Victoria Turner
- Drumming with Mr Proctor
- Family yoga sessions based on the love chakra with Fiona Sherwood from Musicbox Mediations
- Art lessons with Mrs Walsh
- Learning through drama with class teachers
- Singing in assembly with Mr Wilson
- And a visit from Arts Council England, who want to capture the creative joy that runs through our school!

What a half term is ahead of us!



Let's remember:

No act of  
KINDNESS  
→NO MATTER←  
how small  
→→→ ←←← IS EVER ←←←  
WASTED

## 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.

# TAKE HOME

12th - 18th January



**Can famous people help others make good choices?**

## In the news this week

Famous online creators have come together at the 1 Billion Followers Summit in Dubai to talk about how their influence affects people around the world. Influencers at the event use their fame to share kindness, as part of the '1 Billion Acts of Kindness' campaign. One of the most well-known creators, MrBeast, has encouraged millions of people to take part, using his videos and social media to inspire positive actions.

### Things to talk about at home ...

- Talk to someone at home about the summit and the campaign. Do you think lots of people will choose to take part? Why?
- Share who influences you. Talk about how some of the people we admire or look up to are well-known or famous, and others may be family or friends.
- Ask someone at home about who influenced them when they were younger. What impact did they have?

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](https://strapi.trockstars.com/uploads/numbots_parent_guide_554ecf5cb5.pdf)



# Join Us For An Open Minds Chat

**Open minds is for people who have lived experiences of Mental Health Services in Cheshire East, either directly yourself or as a carer for someone else**

**If you want to shape how services are run then this is an invite for you**

The group will have a close connection to mental health services in Cheshire East, giving you the chance to share your experiences of services and influence how you would like to see them run. You will have the opportunity to input into service improvement, feedback into consultations and find out more about mental health services across Cheshire East

**We believe that everyone deserves good mental health, if you do too, then please join us**

  
**11<sup>th</sup> Feburary**  
**13:00 - 14:30**  
or  
**18:30 - 20:00**

**Online**   
To sign up, email:  
[communities@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:communities@cheshireeast.gov.uk)

For more information: [communities@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:communities@cheshireeast.gov.uk)



# WOMEN'S ROADSHOW

5TH FEBRUARY  
9AM-1PM

Eagle Bridge Health  
Centre, Crewe, CW1 3AW

## What to expect

Free health checks  
Menopause advice/support  
Breast/bowel/cervical screening advice  
Free samples/products  
Sexual health advice  
Support for ethnic minorities and LGBTQIA+  
Domestic violence support  
Pelvic health advice  
Fitness support  
and much, much more!

## Who's attending

- ✓ Cheshire East Public Health
- ✓ Her Place, RASASC, Alpha Omega
- ✓ Active Cheshire, One You, England Netball
- ✓ NHS screening services
- ✓ Deafness Support Network, Dementia Communities
- ✓ Axess Sexual Health
- ✓ Social Prescribing  
and many more great organisations!



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