

Newsletter 22 – Spring 2



Wistaston Academy
Primary and Nursery School
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This Week's Events

Date	School Events	International Events
Monday		Commonwealth Day
Tuesday	Y5B Swimming Lessons	
Wednesday	Parents' Evening 4:00pm-7:00pm	
Thursday	Parents' Evening 3:30pm-5:30pm Y2 Invite Only Cricket Skills South Cheshire College 12:45pm-2:45pm	World Kidney Day
Friday		
Advanced Notice:	Friday 27 th March Y4 Eid Celebration Friday 24 th April Class Photos	
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: Cole (RA), Kuzey (RB)

KS1: Hareem (1A) Thea-Mae (1B) Gracie-May (2A) Annie (2B)

KS2: Liliana (3A), Harley (3B), Ali (3A) Ivy-Rose Snow (4A), Jude (4B), Isia (5A), Robyn (5B), Sam (6A), Shaylea (6B)

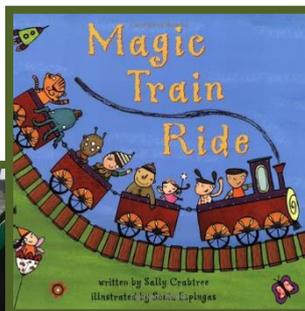
Hub 1

For World Book Day, Cameron brought in the story '5 little ghosts. He had a t-shirt on that had 5 ghosts velcroed to it and as we read the story and sang the song, Cameron removed each ghost in turn. At the end of the story, each ghost comes flying back and Cameron carefully returned each ghost to his top. What a great idea for a costume!



Hub 2

This week, we enjoyed making a jungle scene inspired by our class book, where the train travels through the jungle.



Hub 3

This week, we have explored the part of the story where Stick Man gets washed up on a beach. We have been thinking about the things that we can see, hear, touch, taste and smell at the seaside, and went on a sensory trail to help us do this.

Firstly, we opened the Magic Story Box to reveal lots of items associated with the beach before making sand castles, eating ice cream and pressing shells into Playdoh to look at their individual patterns.



Hub 4

The children are enjoying their maths learning this week. We have enjoyed puzzles and problem solving, matching pairs and card games and have been identifying halves and quarters.



Nursery 1

This week we have been enjoying sharing stories which we have in our 'Favourite Book Basket' in Nursery. We have shared them in group time and also in the environment. We enjoyed dressing up for World Book Day.



Nursery 2

This week we have shared our new Magic Story Box Story 'Poo in the Zoo' and explored the story more. We also have enjoyed reading stories that link to our main story and have chosen to read them during our Story Time sessions. We have also enjoyed dressing up as some of our favourite characters for World Book Day and telling our friends who we were dressed up as.



Reception

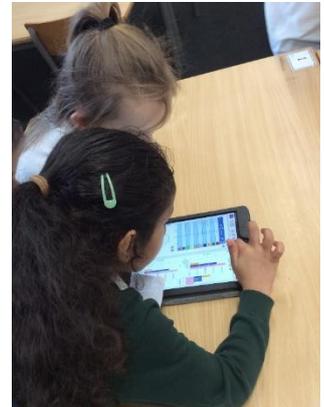
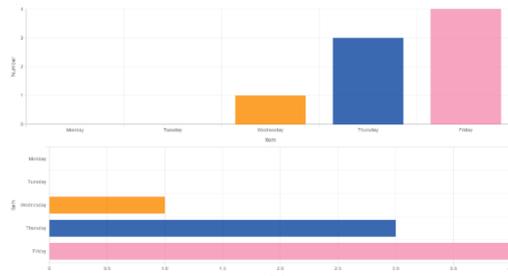
This week, the children went on a special barefoot walk to explore the different textures you might find at the docks. The children experienced wet and dry sand, cool water, and smooth pebbles. We used lots of descriptive language to talk about how each texture felt on our feet.

We also enjoyed a singing session with Mr Wilson, which incorporated themes and songs from familiar books to celebrate World Book Day.



Year 1

Last week we created a rain gauge. We collected data over 5 days to see how much rain had fallen. This week, we created a pictogram to record our results. Then, we used I-pads to create a range of charts to show our results.



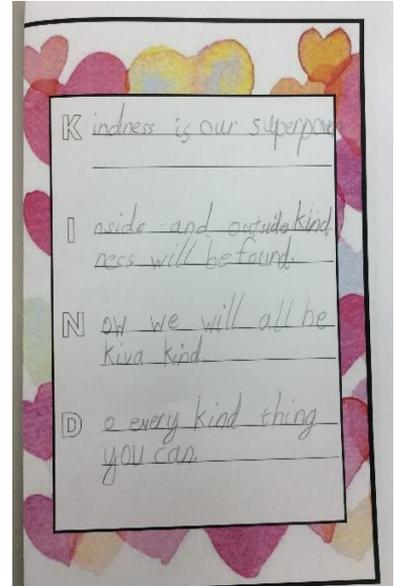
Year 2

To celebrate World Book Day, we looked at the book *A Jar of Happiness* by Ailsa Burrows. The children discussed how acts of kindness can make you and others feel happier. We then created our own class jar of kindness. After that, we were lucky enough to have a 'Singing Story' with Mr Wilson. We sang the stories of *Going on a Bear Hunt* and *Little Rabbit Foo Foo*. The children had great fun joining in with the words and actions.



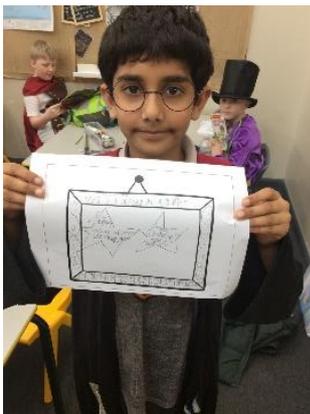
Year 3

Year 3 had a fantastic time on World Book Day creating kindness poems for people who are kind to them.



Year 4

For this year's World Book Day lesson, we read the book *Everybody's Welcome*. The book talks about an important message of kindness that everybody is welcome no matter who they are. We know that Wistaston Academy spreads the same message, that everybody is welcome at our school



Year 5

We have had lots of celebrations for World Book Day this week. On Wednesday, we dressed up as our favourite book characters and enjoyed singing songs from different story books.



Year 6

It has been a busy week in Year 6 this week. We took part in Ancient Greek Olympic Games, made circuits in science, took part in lots of drama activities and of course celebrated World Book Day.



PE News

Year 1 Girls Football Festival



On Thursday a group of girls from Year 1 took part in the Crewe - Girls Football Festival at Crewe FC Hub, King George V Playing Fields. The purpose of the festival was to introduce girls to football in a fun and safe environment. The afternoon really inspired our girls as they learnt new skills and experienced match play.

The girls grew in confidence, developed skills and most importantly, had fun. Well done to Nellie, Ava, Lailah, Maeve, Esme W-G, Lemaila, Nylah, Eadie, Sofia and Cecilia.

Art News

Exhibition: Parent Call Out!

We are aware that it's not just our children who are artists, but many of our parents too! If you are creative and would like to inspire our school community by exhibiting some of your own artwork in our up-coming Spring Exhibition, please speak to Mrs Walsh or email on lwalsh@wistastonacademytrsut.co.uk

Any size, theme and medium are valid.



Art Materials Needed

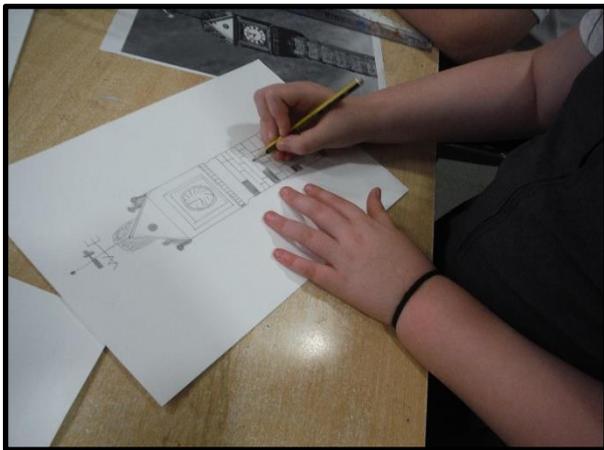
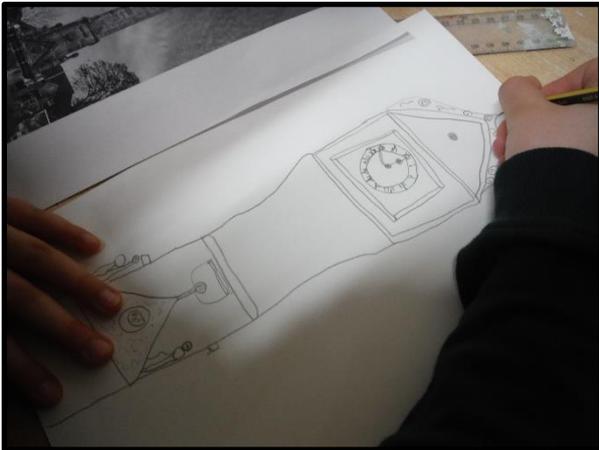
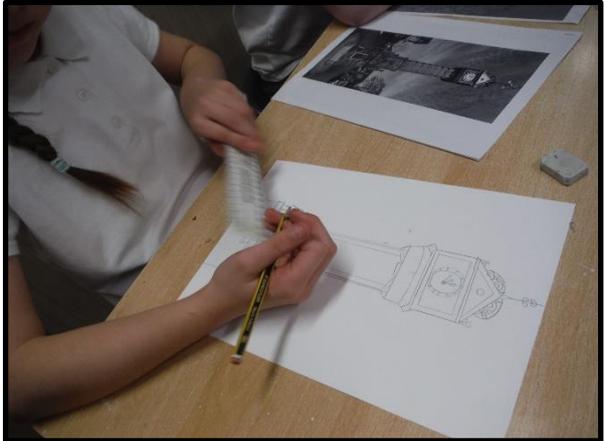
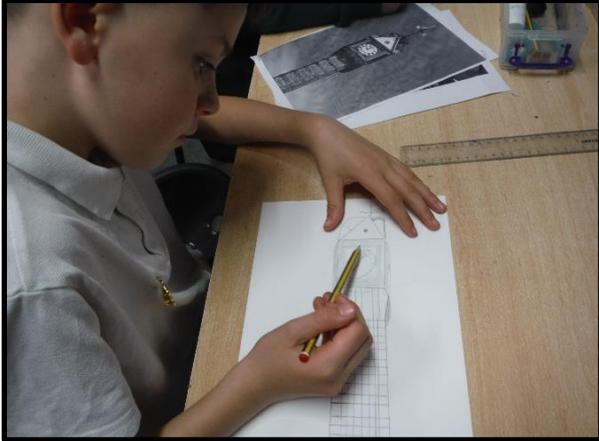
Can you help?

After half term, Mrs Walsh is looking for help to gather branches for an installation in the exhibition. Donations of branches you may find will be gratefully received! Also, any tickets (train tickets, bus tickets, travel tickets, event tickets) would be very useful. Thank you in advance!



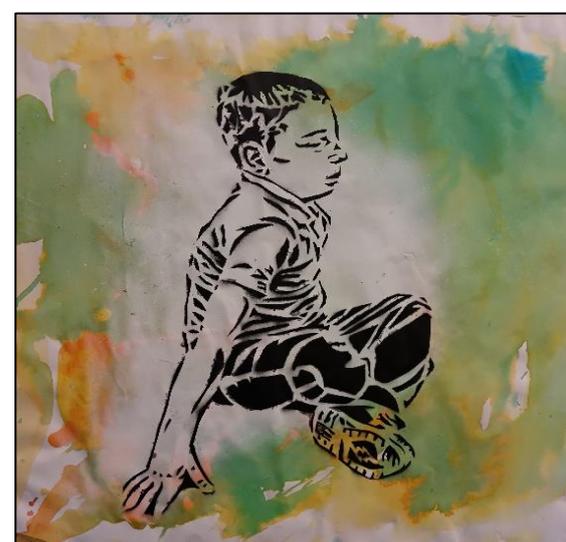
Focus on Year 4

Year 4 have been using their observational skills to begin drawing Queen's Park clock towers, linking with their history topic. These are looking amazing! We are looking forward to adding shading next week.



Focus on Hub 4

In Hub 4 we have been busy working on illustrations for Fiona Sherwood's 3rd yoga book! We had already painted beautiful backgrounds and this week we spray painted images of ourselves through stencils. We can't wait to exhibit these next week!





We have achieved Artsmark Platinum for the second time!

It has been wonderful to receive our official certificate from the Arts Council for our new Award!



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

Brynteg School in Wales has said that from September, skirts will no longer be part of the school uniform. Instead, all children will wear trousers or shorts. The school says this will make the uniform more practical and fairer for everyone, but some parents and pupils have different opinions about the change. This announcement has added to discussions about school rules, fairness, and whether uniforms should be the same for all children.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Talk to someone older at home about your and their experiences of school uniform. Have they changed over time?
- Share your thoughts on the changes Brynteg School is making. Do you feel they are positive changes?
- If you could create your own uniform, what would it look like?

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 Years 2-6, 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.

In school we award top 3 certificates and prizes to those children who are accessing Numbots and TTRS. We also recognise children who pass the different levels in Numbots and who gain new Rock Status' in TTRS!

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





Every Day At School Counts



More days in school =
more friends, more learning

90% attendance =
19 days missed

80% attendance =
38 days missed

27% of primary pupils
miss 10+ days of school

6 days absence = **drop in**
reading and maths

CHILDRENS FREE

CRAFTS

THIS SPRING BREAK!



SAVE THE DATE

**Tuesday 7th & Wednesday 8th - Owl Masks @ Grosvenor
Museum, Chester**

**Wednesday 8th & Thursday 9th - Easter baskets @ Lion Salt
Works, Northwich**

**Thursday 9th & Friday 10th - Miniature hobby horse @ Weaver
Hall Museum & Workhouse, Northwich**

**Tuesday 14th & Wednesday 15th - Story Cubes @ Grosvenor
Museum, Chester**

**Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th - Rainbows @ Lion Salt
Works, Northwich**

**Thursday 16th & Friday 17th - Spring wreaths @ Weaver Hall
Museum & Workhouse, Northwich**



Explore Nature, Art, Science
and Technology across
West Cheshire Museums at
Museum Explorers club!
Come and make some
exciting discoveries with
us this Spring!

Victorian Toys: 8th April
Aboriginal Art: 15th April
11am-12pm & 12pm-1pm



Weaver Hall
Museum & Workhouse

Outstanding Owls: 9th April
Art Discover Day: 16th April
11am-12pm & 12pm-1pm



Grosvenor
Museum

Eggy Experiments: 10th April
Investigating Seasons: 17th April
11am-12pm & 12pm-1pm



Lion Salt
Works

Booking necessary, £5 per session. To book, pop in to see us or call:

Weaver Hall Museum: 01606 271646

Lion Salt Works: 01606 275066

Grosvenor Museum: 01244 972197