

Newsletter 36 – Summer 2



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This Week's Events

Date	School Events	International Events
Monday	Y3 MTC Parent Meeting 9-10am 6 th July Y5 Concert 1:30-2pm Reception Induction Meeting 4:30-5:30pm	National Air Traffic Control Day
Tuesday	Y4A Swimming Nursery Induction Meeting 4:30-5:30pm	
Wednesday	Y5&6 Tag Rugby Festival at Crewe Vagrants 3:30pm-5:30pm Hub 1&2 Parental Engagement Event 1:15-3pm Y3 MTC Parent Meeting 5-6pm	
Thursday	Y3&4 Football tournament at Nantwich Football Club 12:30pm-4pm Y6 Primary College Visit Y2 Inspire Event 12:45-3pm Reception New Starter Stay & Play 3:30-4:15pm	
Friday	Art & Pe Awards 2:20-3pm Hub 3&4 Parental Engagement Event 1:15-3pm	National Pick Blueberries Day
Advanced Notice:	Tuesday 14 th July Reception New Starter Stay and Play 3:30-4:15pm Wednesday 15 th July School Transition Day Thursday 16 th Y6 Leavers Prom 5-7pm Friday 17 th July Y6 Leavers assembly 2:30pm	
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: Olivia (RA), Nadia (RB)

KS1: Ava-Mae (1A) Pola (1B), Jayden (2A), Theodore (2B)

KS2: David (3A), Aaron (3B), Savannah, (4A), Alex M(4B), Witold (5A), Xander (5B), Alfie (6A), Gabi (6B)

Nursery 1 and Nursery 2

This week in Nursery, we have harvested our potatoes that we planted. First, we dug up the potatoes. Then, we washed the potatoes. Finally, we tried the potatoes at snack time!



Reception

This week in Maths, we have been learning about sharing. We explored how to share objects equally so that it is fair and learnt that if there is one left over, it cannot be shared equally. We also made equal groups using a range of objects and discovered that we can find out if a number is even or odd by sharing it into two groups. If the groups are equal, the number is even. If there is one left over, the number is odd.



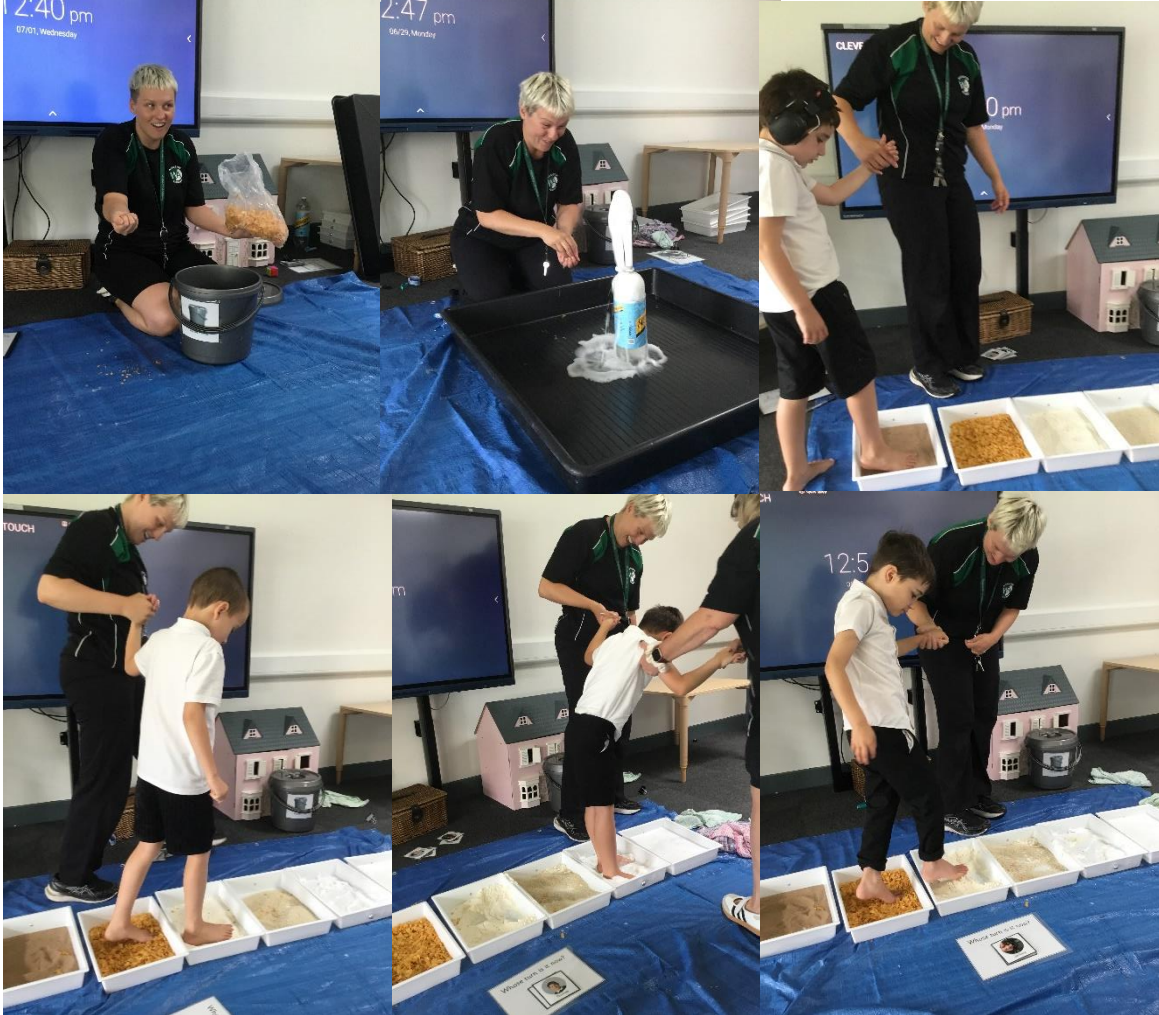
Hub 1

We've had Una, our SaLT visit us again this week and we LOVE our sensory stories! This week we've been exploring The Very Hungry Caterpillar, feeding him all the foods he eats throughout the week and getting tickled by the butterfly wings!



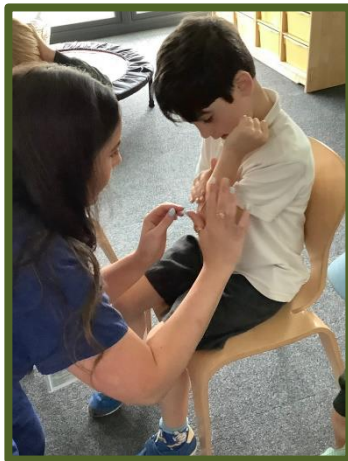
Hub 2

We have really enjoyed bucket time this week. Stage 1 focused on crunchy items in the bucket. Stage 2 involved a messy experiment using lemonade and mentos. Stage 3 involved the children taking turns to do a sensory walk through different textures: sand, cornflakes, rice, flour, shaving foam and water.



Hub 3

Just like Princess Pearl in the Zog story we've been reading, the children were visited today by a real doctor. Doctor Keeble works at Leighton hospital in the Accident and Emergency department. She brought along a stethoscope for the children to listen to their heartbeat, and some bandages and plasters that they could use to treat their 'pretend' cuts and bumps.



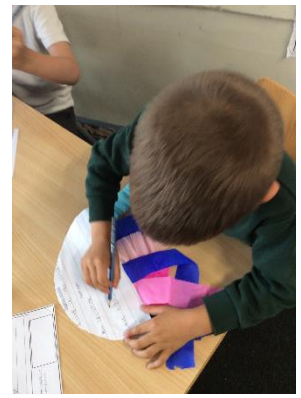
Hub 4

On Friday, we visited the Blue Planet Aquarium. The children really enjoyed exploring the venue and seeing all the different marine life. They especially liked watching the diver show before walking through the underwater tunnel. We had a wonderful day and created lots of great memories.



Year 1

This week we have continued to group animals by looking at their similarities and differences. We learnt new facts about a group of animals called invertebrates. Then, we looked at jellyfish in more detail before creating our own. We added our favourite jellyfish facts to our jellyfish.



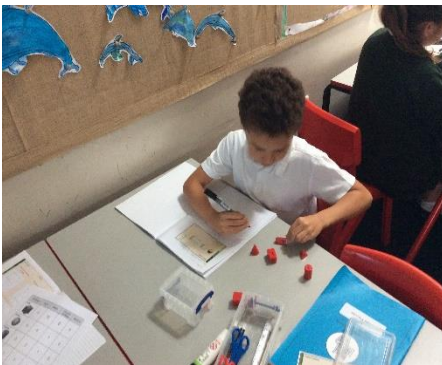
Year 2

This week in RE, we were lucky enough to visit All Saints church in Crewe. The priest showed us different artefacts in the church and then acted out an infant baptism. We found out about the important people and objects in the church.



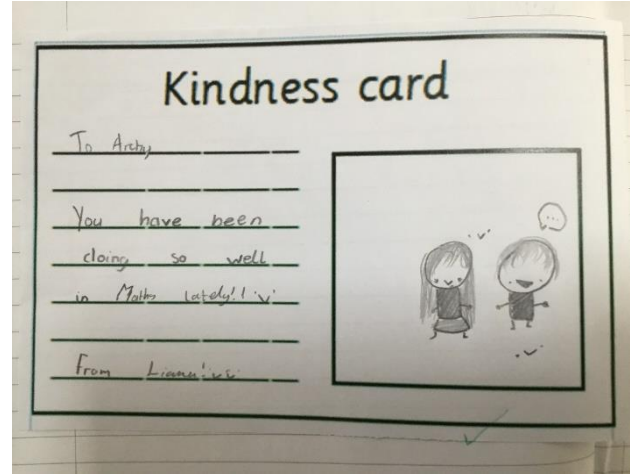
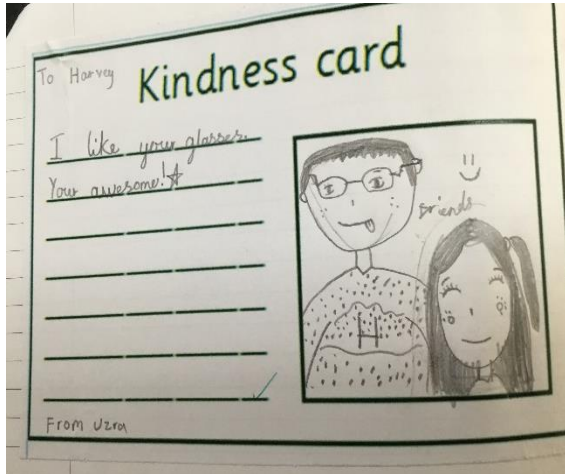
Year 3

In maths this week, the children have had lots of fun exploring 3D shape.



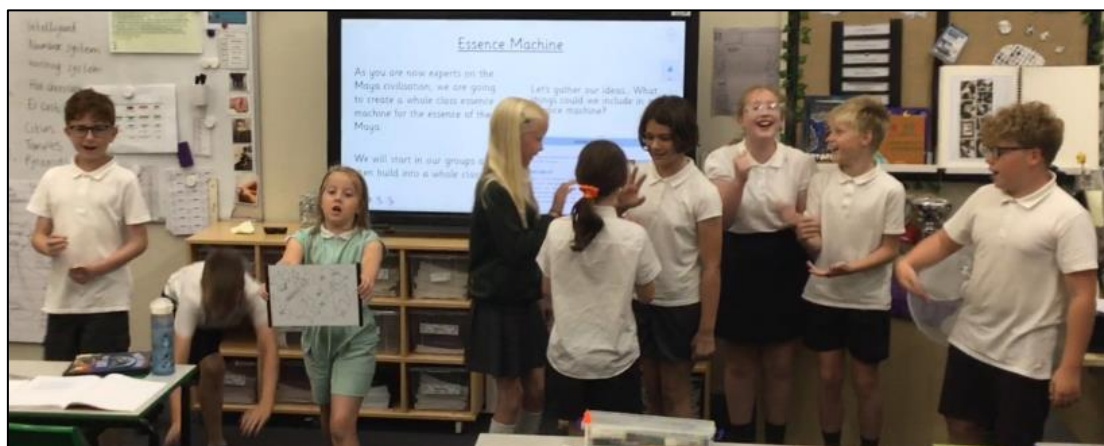
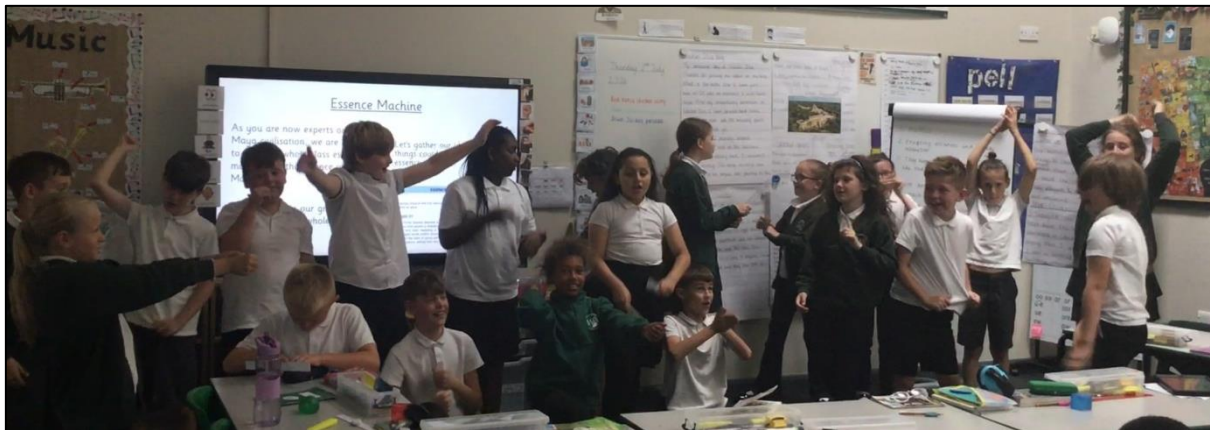
Year 4

This week, we looked at kindness across Islam in R: E. We created a kindness card for each person to spread kindness within our classroom!



Year 5

In history this week, we explored the theories about the decline of the Maya Civilisation. We consolidated our learning through drama in the form of an essence machine and a day in life.



Year 6

Year 6 ended a brilliant residential with a campfire. They sang their hearts out and roasted marshmallows.



PE News

Next week is 'Walk to School Week', week commencing 6th July. We would love to see as many children as possible walking, cycling and travelling on their scooters to school. If you normally drive to school, what about parking a bit further away from school this week and walking part of the way? For



every day your child is active travelling to school this week and next week they will receive an achievement mark on Arbor, which you will be able to see on your school gateway.

Remember to leave your bikes and scooters by the bike shed at the front of the school!

School will not accept any responsibility for bikes which are left unlocked.

Competition kit

If your child has represented the school in a sporting event this year, please ensure that their competition top and/or shorts are returned to a member of the PE team as soon as possible. Thank you for your support.

Art News

Focus on Year 6!

At the end of this half term, we are combining our watercolour and pattern-making skills to create meditative pieces that incorporate zentangle patterns contrasted with colourful ink patterns. We had fun letting the colours blend and run, before adding monochrome zentangle patterns in between the random spaces that appeared.





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

Scientists are monitoring a climate trend called El Niño, which begins in the Pacific Ocean and can affect weather in different parts of the world. It can bring heavy rain and flooding to some countries, while others may experience very hot, dry weather. Experts are helping communities understand what might happen in their area so they can be ready, if needed.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > What is your favourite type of weather and why?
- > Have you or anyone at home ever had to change your plans because of the weather?
- > What would you pack if you didn't know whether it would be rainy or sunny?
- > Why might some people need to prepare more carefully for certain types of weather?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss



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



Comic Con

Nantwich

A close-up image of the character Stitch from Disney's Lilo & Stitch. He is shown from the chest up, holding a coconut with a carved face in his mouth. He has a wide, toothy grin. The background is a bright blue sky with white clouds and a glimpse of the ocean at the bottom.

**FREE
ENTRY!**

Sat. 4th July

10am - 4pm

Nantwich Civic Hall, CW5 5DG

"Meet & Greet's" - Photo Op's - Cosplay Comp's - Stalls - Retro Gaming



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