



Wistaston Weekly

Week 27

Friday 19th April 2024

Did you know that in April 1874 a group of artists based in Paris, met for the first time and decided to put on an exhibition of their work? That group, formed of Monet, Renoir, Degas, Morisot, Pissarro, Sisley and Cezanne took over a studio, displayed their paintings and Impressionism was born! To celebrate our 150 year anniversary every year group has adopted the style of one of these Impressionist painters and created their own masterpiece which will be exhibited in our exhibition on Thursday 25th April. We are so excited to see all the art work framed and displayed and hope you will be able to join us at any point between 3:30 and 6pm in the KS1 hall. A letter regarding details on how to purchase your child's painting has been sent out and I look forward to seeing you at the exhibition on Thursday. Let the 150 year celebrations begin!

Kind regards

Mrs Elsley
Principal

Useful Dates for Diary

Further details are shared nearer to the time.

Any new dates added to this will be highlighted in green.

Important dates can also be found on the School Calendar at: <https://www.wcla.co.uk/108/school-calendar>

Week Beginning 22nd April	Monday 22nd	Leavers & Class Group Photos (Academy Photography)
	Tuesday 23 rd	150 th Anniversary Photograph – POSTPONED DUE TO WEATHER (New date TBC)
	Thursday 25 th	150 th Anniversary Art Exhibition (after school)
Week Beginning 29th April	Wednesday 1 st May	Year 5 Trip to The National Space Centre
	Thursday 2 nd	EYFS Stay & Play Session (2:15-3:15pm)
	Friday 3 rd May	INSET Day
Week Beginning 6th May	Monday 6 th	Bank Holiday – School will be closed for the day
	Thursday 9 th	Year 1 Trip to Legoland Discovery Centre Manchester
Week Beginning 13th May	Mon 13 th – Fri 17 th	Mental Health Awareness Week
	Mon 13 th – Fri 17 th	No After School/Lunchtime Clubs This Week (Swan Stars Open as Normal)
	Mon 13 th – Thurs 16 th	KS2 SATs – Year 6
	Tuesday 14 th	Smart Uniform Click and Collect (3-3:30pm)
	Thursday 16 th	Census Day
Week Beginning 20th May	Tuesday 21 st	Year 1 Parent Assembly (14:30)
	Wednesday 22 nd	Year 5/6 Timperley Shield Rescheduled Date
	Thursday 23 rd	Year 5 Mission Impossible Teambuilding Day
	Friday 24 th	Open Morning for REC/KS1 – Maths (8:40-9:30)
	Friday 24 th	EYFS Dinosaur Workshop (Cygnets am/Reception pm)
Week Beginning 27th May	Mon 27 th – Fri 31 st	Half Term
Week Beginning 3rd June	Monday 3 rd	INSET Day

	Tuesday 4 th	School reopens as normal
	Tues 4 th – Fri 7 th	Whole School Writing Project - Oceans
Week Beginning 10th June	Monday 10 th	Helping Children Deal with Loss Course for Parents
	Tuesday 11 th	EYFS Parent Assembly (14:30)
	Friday 14 th	Open Morning KS2 – Maths (8:40-9:30)

Week Commencing 22nd April will be WEEK 2 for lunches

Friday Special Menu for 26th April 2024 (Gluten free and Dairy free available)

YELLOW	Pepperoni Pizza with Wedges and Baked Beans
PINK	Margarita Pizza with Wedges and Baked Beans
BLUE	Jacket Potato served with Cheese, Beans or Tuna
GREEN	Ham Sandwich
Dessert	Marble Muffin

What's New!

RSE Parent Information Evening

Thank you to the parents who attended our RSHE Parent Information Evening this week. As discussed the parent questions asked during and after the session are here with the school responses.

Can I ask why some of the content or a recording of the meeting can not be shared publicly to parents?	This is due to copyright , Jigsaw does not permit the presentation to be recorded or re-published anywhere online, it is for in-school use only. We are however able to sent out the parent leaflet which was emailed to the whole school following the meeting.
Will we be made aware when the topics will be covered so we can discuss/support at home?	Teachers will incorporate this into their weekly learning poster so you are aware what is being discussed that week
Is puberty for girls and boys split?	No,the changes to our bodies is discussed for boys and girls
How does the curriculum support safety online, particularly regarding pornography?	Jigsaw has recognised the changing world in which we live and has included more lessons which support online safety and what to do when faced with images/videos that are not appropriate. This is an ongoing theme that runs through the whole curriculum and as with all of Jigsaw's topics , is dealt with in an age appropriate way. Online safety is also taught within the whole school and we know the importance of keeping our children safe in the real and virtual world.
Will there be any lessons/info on pronouns and gender at primary school level?	No, there are no direct teaching on this topic. Jigsaw talks about children and people as being of equal value, without labels, and considers the qualities most important in human beings

If you do have further questions or would like more information , please do talk to Mrs Elsley.

Open Morning for Parents – Maths

Following our successful open mornings for Reading we are holding another open morning this term regarding Maths. It has been great to hear how useful you have found these sessions but we recognise the difficulty of attending if you have more than one child within the school. To help alleviate this we will host the Open morning in May for Rec – Year 2 and Years 3-6 will have their open morning in June.

Academy Photography – Class & Leaver Photographs

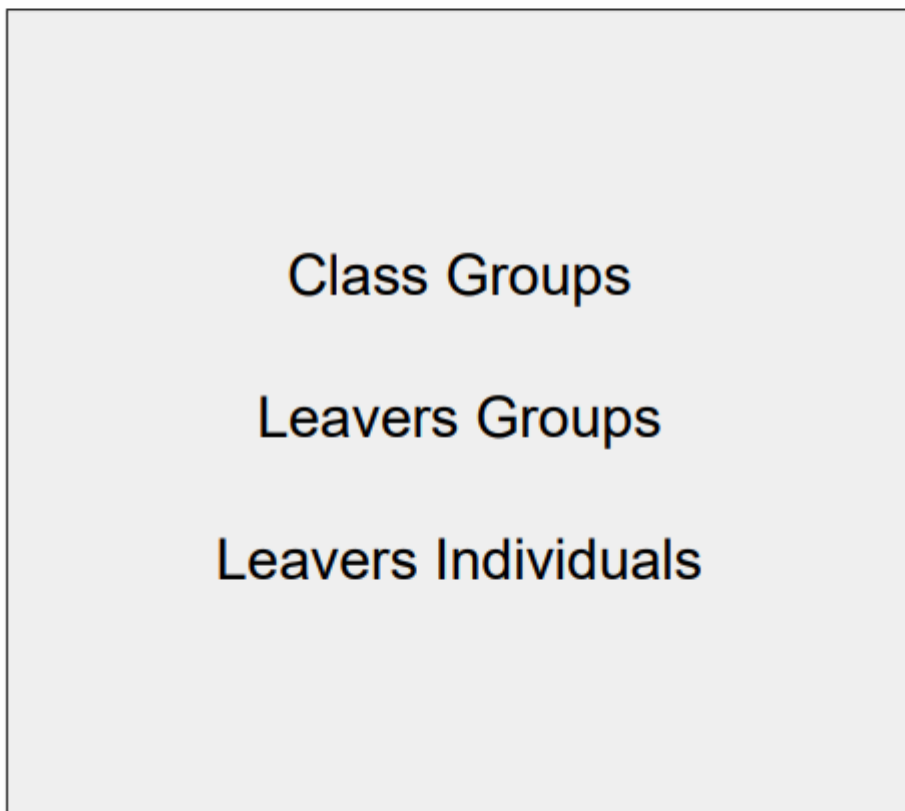
On Monday 22nd April, Academy Photography will be attending school during the normal school day to take class photographs for the whole school and individual leaver photographs for Year 6. We ask that all children attend school in their full uniform for the photographs. If PE kit is required on Monday, we ask that this is brought into school in a named bag.

Parents are asked to ensure that photo consents on Arbor are up-to-date in advance. If you have any queries or do not want your child included in class photographs for any reason, please contact the school office before 9am on Monday.



School photos will be conducted on
Monday 22nd April 2024

At this session we will be photographing
Whole School & Y6



Please ensure full uniform is worn and children are neat and tidy.

Parents will receive free proofs of every image
and the option to make a purchase.

150 Year Photograph

Due to the recent inclement weather, it has been decided that the 150 Year Photograph will be postponed until the weather improves. We will confirm a new date ASAP.

After School Clubs Week Commencing 22nd April

Summer after school clubs start next week (week commencing 22nd April). These will run 12th July unless otherwise stated. All after school clubs will end at 4.15pm and children should be collected from the Junior Playground. **Please note that no after school clubs will run w/c 13th May due to SATs.**

Clubs run by staff members are free and only those booked directly through Sports Coaching Group or Cheshire Cricket Board are charged for.

Where places are limited, we operate on a 'first come, first served' basis. All clubs run by school staff are now live on Arbor. Additional clubs may now be booked where there is availability.

Timperley Shield – Year 5 & 6 Football

The event will now take place on Wednesday 22nd May. Invitations have been sent out to the relevant children for whom consent should be confirmed via *Clubs* on Arbor by Friday 17th May.

Attendance & Fines for Unauthorised Absence

We are working closely with our Education Welfare Office to improve our attendance and prevent children's attendance from falling below 95%. Children with attendance below 90% are classed as persistent absentees. We are contacting parents by letter if we are worried that a child's attendance is becoming close to 90%. Please be assured that this is just a process and that we are here to support families as much as we can to improve attendance.

If you wish to find out more, you may refer to the following:

- School's Attendance Policy: www.wcla.co.uk/99/attendance
- Cheshire East School Attendance: www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school-attendance/attendance-and-children-out-of-education.aspx
- Department for Education: <https://www.gov.uk/school-attendance-absence/overview>

If you intend to take your child out of school during term time, please complete a Leave of Absence Form and return this to the office. You should be aware that if your child is taken out of school and the reasons are not classed as exceptional, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised. The school must then inform the Local Authority and a Penalty Notice may be issued if your child is absent for 5 days or more. Please note that letters confirming receipt of your Leave of Absence Request will only be issued if the Principal has been unable to authorise absences of 5 days or more.

We have to advise you that the Penalty Notice states that there is a Penalty to be paid of £60 per parent/carer per child to be paid within 21 days. If not paid within 21 days then the Penalty rises to £120 per parent/carer per child, up to the twenty eighth day. If full payment is not received by the twenty eighth day, then the Local Authority will prepare paperwork for a Prosecution in the Magistrates Court.

The law requires all children between the ages of 5 and 16 to be in full time education. Under Section 7 of the Education Act 1996 it is the duty of the parent/carer of a child of compulsory school age to ensure that they attend school regularly.

Please contact Mrs Watson if you have any queries about attendance.

Payment Due Dates

Year 5 National Space Centre – Overdue

Year 5 Mission Impossible Teambuilding Day – Overdue

KS2 Snack Summer 1 – Now due

Year 6 Edinburgh Residential – 2nd non-refundable deposit due by 26/04/24

Year 6 Edinburgh Residential – Final balance due by 17/05/24

EYFS Dinosaur Workshop – Payment due by 17/05/24

Year 4 Maya Workshop – Payment due by 03/06/24

Year 5 Primary College – Payment due by 17/06/24