

NEWSLETTER

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Active Kids Festival

15 of our Key Stage One children were able to participate in one of three Active Kids Festivals held at Lynnsport. These sessions are aimed at increasing participation of children in activities and sports to encourage healthy lifestyles.

Miss Sharman joined the children and said that every child had the best morning, showing determination to improve and teamwork!

Well done! All children across Key stage 1 will have this opportunity to represent the academy over the course of the year.



WNSP Hockey Festival



Congratulations to our Year 3 and 4 pupils who took part in the SSP Quicksticks Festival hosted at Pelicans HC last week. 30 School teams took part in either the Cup Competition or the non-scoring Fun Festival and a great day of Hockey was had by all.

The tournament is an opportunity for our players to improve their hockey skills, gameplay and their knowledge of the rules. developed throughout their PE lessons this term. Well done everyone, your sportsmanship and achievement today is commendable!



Key Dates
for your
diary

**EYFS Firefighter
Visit 17.10.24**

**FOSA Halloween
Disco 17.10.24**

**Parents Consultations
21.10.24 & 23.10.24**

**Reading
Workshop Q&A
23.10.24**

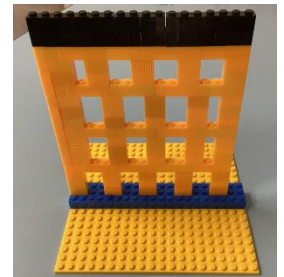
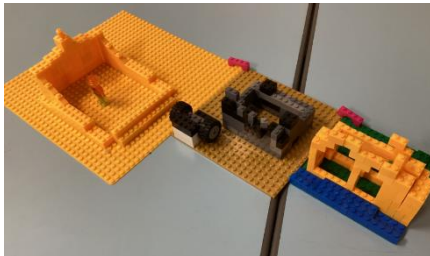
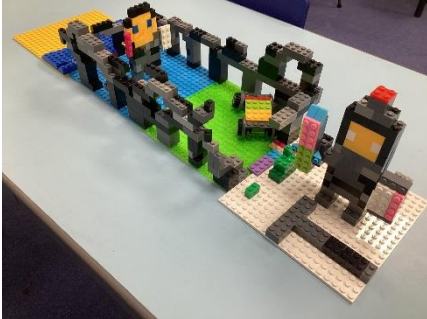


Kids with Bricks

[Our Kids with Bricks Club](#) was full of excitement this week! The current theme is Romans. Children have a huge amount of fun while developing strategy, resilience and confidence skills. Winning entry photos are uploaded to the Kids with Bricks website, voted by Ms Roberts, the club leader and all of the children in the club. A special well done to Poppy, Leo and Henri whose group build was a Gladiators and Colosseum! Previous week winners were of Roman Arches and look amazing! Congratulations

[Parent and Family Voting!](#)

Reminder: All schools are displayed on Kids with Bricks voting page for everyone to vote on! Parents, Children and staff can go onto their website and vote for our school's build, which must be done before Monday morning each week! **Please vote!**



National Poetry Day

This year's theme is 'Your Voice Counts'. At Upwell Academy, we place great importance on celebrating all things literary.

On Thursday 3 October it was National Poetry Day, an annual mass celebration to encourage all to enjoy, discover and share poetry. This year, the theme was "Your Voice Counts" and this was interpreted through verse in a wide and wonderful number of ways.



The underlying message for our students was to think deeper about the concept of the importance of everyone having 'a voice' and what it means to different people.

All classes presented poems to the whole school. It was a wonderful celebration and thank you to Mrs Fisher for organising it for us!



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Out of School Success!

Let's celebrate your achievements out of school! Upload to your portfolio and you could see them here next week.



Learning Highlights of the Week

Reception: Cygnet Class

We have had another wonderful week! Our most exciting event of this week was the opening of our fantastic new outdoor space. The children have taken part in a range of learning opportunities using their new construction equipment, water play as well as teaching each other phonics in our new outdoor teaching area. It has been great to see the range of sharing, turn-taking and independence growing in reception this week. The children have also taken part in racing Paddington with Dino in maths using our new skill of 'subitising'. We have also explored the traditional tale 'The Gingerbread Man' in Drawing Club.

Year 1: Waterlily Class

We have had a fantastic week, where they have been working on using effective adjectives. We have had some brilliant conversations about how we can make sentences more exciting especially when describing our very own monster. The children have really explored their imagination and have produced some beautiful pieces of work. Next week I'm really looking forward to exploring the Gruffalo further with the children, incorporating our new learning of adjectives.



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Year 2: Otter Class

We have learnt about 'the True story of The Three Little Pigs' this week, writing a letter from the point of view of the wolf. He only wanted some sugar to make Granny's cake! We have finished our Science topic on 'The Human Body' completing our revision maps. Next week, we are creating our own sculptures in art.

Year 3: Swan Class

We have had a great week, and I have seen some great work from all the children. The children have begun their narrative writing following a short video called The Man on The Moon. The children have also been doing some great hockey in PE where I have seen them master some very good skills over the weeks.

Year 4: Dragonfly Class

A great week this week in Wonderland Class. We have shown great enthusiasm and dedication to our English unit 'Playscripts' from the James and the Giant Peach story. The children have certainly got into character! We have also explored 'Sound' in science, where the children were able to discover how fast sound travels, this will be continued next week with their own experiment.

Year 5: Willow Class

Year 5 have created some amazing layer shaded relief maps as part of our Spatial Sense topic in Geography – as well as acting out the fall of Baghdad to the Mongols in History! We have also been creating our very own gothic villains in English – and producing some awesome drawings of Ishmael, the Ghost of a Mouse.

Year 6: Kingfisher Class

Continuing with our revision this week, I have been impressed with how well the class have retrieved their prior learning, not only from Year 6 but over the whole of Key Stage 2. In particular, their understanding of fractions and calculating with mixed numbers has been a particular highlight.



Our 'Date for your Diary' will be added to each week and can also be found on the [Academy Calendar](#) page of our website.



Autumn Term 2024	
2 nd & 3 rd September	Staff Inset
4 th September	Term Starts – children return
9 th September	Year 4 Bikeability
14 th September	Saturday Morning Library Hour 9-10am
13 th September	Roald Dahl Writing Day – Dress in yellow or yellow accessory
17 th September	Kids with Bricks Club Starts – Runs for 6 weeks
18 th September	After school Curriculum Boosters start
19 th September	Aspens 'Mighty Morning Brunch' Special Lunch
23 rd September	KS1 Active Kids Festival
27 th September	Harvest Festival Service Upwell Methodist Church 1:30pm Parents Invited
28 th September	Family Fun afternoon in Methodist Church gardens 2-5pm
1 st October	Whole School Flu Immunisations
October	Black History Month (14 th -18 th Oct)
3 rd October	Year 3&4 Quick Sticks Hockey
3rd October	Aspens 'Favourite Food Day' Special Lunch
4 th October	Tag Rugby Taster Session Year 5 and 6 Girls
4 th October	National Poetry Day
17 th October	FOSA Halloween Disco & Non-uniform Day
18 th October	Curson Farm Pumpkin Donations & FOSA decorating competition
21 st October	Parents Evening & Aspens Taster Menu
23 rd October	Parents Evening & Aspens Taster Menu
20 th October	Downham Football Cluster Event
24 th October	Poppy Art collected for St. Peter's Church display
25 th October	Teacher Inset
25th Oct - 3rd Nov	Half-Term
4 th November	Children return to school
4 th November	Final Submission date for annual Library Bookmark Art Contest
4 th November	PLT Poppy Appeal - Poppies available to buy
November	EYFS Firefighter Visit TBC
7 th November	2024-25 EYFS Intake Meeting
9 th November	Saturday Morning Library Hour 9-10am
11 th November	Remembrance Assembly
12 th November	Kids with Bricks Club starts – runs for 6 weeks
13 th November	Whole School Individual & Sibling Photographs
16 th November	King's Lynn Football Club Mixed Cup Event
17 th November	King's Lynn Football Club Girl's Cup Event
17 th November	Peterborough Football Club Special Assembly



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15 th November	Children in Need FOSA Bake Sale
20 th November	Y6 Height & Weight
21 st November	Aspens 'Sparkle Spectacular Bonfire Bangers' Special Lunch
22 nd November	Cross Country Finals
25 th November	Year 5 & 6 Develop Tag Rugby
27 th November	Whole school flu immunisations
28 th -31 st November	Book Fair Visit 3:30-4:30pm
29 th November	Year 2 Romans Day (further details to follow)
29 th November	Christingle Service Methodist Church? St Peters?
30 th November	2024-25 EYFS Intake Meeting
30 th November	Year 3 Egyptians Day
9 th December	EYFS & KS1 Nativity 1:30pm Parents Invited
10 th December	EYFS & KS1 Nativity 1:30pm Parents Invited
11 th December	Whole school Panto Day – Cinderella: King's Lynn Corn Exchange
12 th December	Save the Children: Christmas Jumper Day & Whole school Christmas Lunch
17 th December	KS2 Carol Concert 2pm
19 th December	Aspens Festive Fun Special Lunch
20 th December	Term Ends. Christmas Holiday 21 st December – 7 th Jan
Spring Term 2024	
6 th January	Staff Inset
7 th January	Children return to school
8 th January	King's Lynn Police Visit
11 th January	Saturday Morning Library Hour 9-10am
13 th January	Key Stage1 Dance Workshops start
16 th January	EYFS Reading Bears Naming Ceremony (parents invited 9am)
16 th January	Zoo Lab Visit EYFS, Y1 & Year 5
12 th January	Maths Subject Showcase (parents invited 9-10am)
15 th January	Cluster Football Competition
16 th January	Aspens 'Lunar New Year' Special Lunch
19 th January	Reading subject Showcase (parents invited 9-10am)
20 th January	KS1 Active Kids event
23 rd January	National Handwriting Day
29 th January	PSC Meeting for Year 1 parents plus crafty cuppa (2pm)
30 th January-5 th Feb	National Story Telling Week
30 th January	Story Writing Day
5 th February	Year 3 Pizza Making – Pizza Express
7 th February	Mathematics Subject Showcase 8:45-9:45am (Parents Invited) Number Day – Mathematics Professions
11 th February	Safer Internet Day
13 th February	Year 3 Crafty Cuppa Parents invited 2pm
15 th – 23 rd February	Half-Term
24 th February	Children return to school
1 st March	Saturday Morning Library Hour 9-10am



3 rd –8 th March	National Careers Week Year 5 & 6
10 th March	Y3/4 Bee Netball Festival
24 th – 27 th February	Year 5 Bikeability
14 th – 22 nd March	British Science Week – STEM Week
6 th March	World Book Day: Dress as your favourite book character & Best Dressed Competition! +Author Visit (tbc) & Aspens Special Lunch
10 th March	Tempest Whole Class Photos
14 th March	Reception class Vision & Hearing Tests
21 st March	Comic Relief
24 th March	Parents' Evening & Aspens Taster Menu
25 th March	Parents' Evening & Aspens Taster Menu
21 st March	Planetarium Visit YR, Y2, Y5
21 st March	FOSA Easter Disco
25 th March	Year 2 Dance Festival – Corn Exchange King's Lynn
27 th March	Year 5 Young Sports Leaders Interviews
27 th March	FOSA Easter Disco
27 th March	Easter Assembly
28 th March	EYFS Farm Trip
4 th April	Downham Cluster Football Tournament
4 th April	Term Ends – Easter Holiday 5 th March –22 nd April
Summer Term	
21 st April	Staff Inset
22 nd April	Children return to school
22 nd April	Earth Day – Energy Sparks Assembly
26 th April	Saturday Morning Library Hour 9-10am
30 th April	Y6 Crucial Crew visit
2 nd May	Harry Potter Writing Day
12 th May	Key Stage 2, Yr 6 SATS Week
TBC	Year 4 Oliver Cromwell House Trip
15 th May	Aspens Out of this World Special Lunch
22 nd May	Year 6 Parents Meeting – Residential 3:30 – 4:15pm
19 th May	Potential RNLI Assembly to KS2
25 th – 2 nd June	Half-Term
3 rd June	Children return to school
TBC	Year 3 Houghton Hall
5 th June	Mini Tennis Lynnsport
9 th June	Year 1 Phonics & Times Tables check
14 th June	Saturday Morning Library Hour 9-10am
19 th June	Aspens 'Dive into the Deep Blue' Special Lunch
23 rd June	School Sports Partnership Quadkids Athletics
30 th June – 2 nd July	Year 6 Residential Claythorpe Court
1 st July	Downham Cluster Area Sports
7 th - 11 th July	Sport Week



9 th July	Whole School Sports Day (weather permitting)
10 th July	Mini Tennis event Lynnsport
15 th July	Reserve Sports Day
10 th July	FOSA End of Year Disco
14 th July	Transition Week - Move up Assembly 14 th July 9am
17 th July	Aspens 'The Big Picnic' Special Lunch
17 th July	New Class Teacher Parent Workshop 3:20-3:50pm
21 st July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 2pm
22 nd July	Pupil Leadership Team Speeches and Polling Station
22 nd July	Term ends



PUMPKIN DECORATION
Competition

Collect your pumpkin on 18th October from school!

Decorate, carve or paint your pumpkin and upload your picture onto dojo by the 22nd October to enter the competition!
MAY THE BEST PUMPKIN WIN!



FOSA PRESENTS

CHRISTMAS FAYRE!

JOIN US FOR A JOLLY GOOD TIME!

FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER
3:15PM START!

PARTY HIGHLIGHTS:

Chocolate tombola, Stalls,
Games, Raffle & FestiveFun!

**RAFFLE PRIZES
WELCOMED!**

**HO-HO-HOPE TO SEE
YOU THERE!**

LOTS OF LOVE,
FOSA XX

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