

## EYFS Outdoor Area Grand Opening!

Mr Shanks, the CEO of the Eastern Multi Academy Trust joined us this week. He was thrilled to be invited by our Pupil Leadership to formally open our brand new EYFS outdoor area. The children prepared speeches and presented them confidently while our Reception Class pupils thoroughly enjoyed their new space and equipment! Thank you to everyone that has been involved in seeing the project to fruition.



## Energy Sparks ECO Visit



We were lucky to have James from Energy Sparks visit us on Thursday. He led a whole school assembly where he shared information about climate change and the importance of saving energy. James then led a workshop with our new Eco Warriors. We learned about the Energy Sparks website, viewed our school's data and explored different activities for us to complete. Finally, we used a thermal camera on a walk around the school to identify appliances that were using energy, some without us realising! We are now very excited to implement some new ideas around school.



## What is a Digital Leader?

Following applications and interviews our **New Digital Leaders** team has been appointed.

### What is a 'Digital Leader'?

A Digital Leader is a pupil who is part of a Digital Leaders Team within a school, whose role it is to support the use and to further the development of ICT in school. Pupils are then given training and support to develop specific areas of ICT expertise. Once a pupil gains an area of expertise, staff may then request the use of the Digital Leader for a variety of different roles.



Typically, roles that may be performed by a Digital Leader could be:

- Test and review new ICT resources, which could be websites, software or hardware.
- Share their skills and expertise with other pupils, classes and teachers.
- Set up ICT equipment in classrooms for teachers.
- Attend and lead Computing Clubs.
- Support teachers in using ICT in the classroom.
- Blog or Tweet as the School Journalist or Photographer.
- Staff Trainers.
- Create how-to video help guides.

The team met with Mr Harper our computing lead this week and we are very excited to start our journey. During their first meeting first meeting, they discussed roles and responsibilities and looked at how to create and use QR codes.

## Thank you, Curson Farms!

A huge thank you to Curson Farms for donating a Halloween pumpkin for every child again this year! and to FOSA for organising the delivery and distribution!



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## EYFS Firefighter Visit

Exploring fire safety through role play is an excellent way for children to experience potential scenarios and be mentally prepared for them. Through this, children can gain a better understanding of the role of firefighters. They can even introduce group role play whereby some children are fire fighters rescuing others. This will introduce fire safety processes such as exiting a building safely in a fun and playful way.

With the support of the local fire services our EYFS children had an exciting experience today where they were encouraged to learn and consolidate information about fire safety in a fun way.

Thank you to King's Lynn Fire Service!



## Learning Highlights of the Week

### Reception: Cygnet Class

What a great week in Cygnet class, we have begun our new topic on 'People who help us' where we had an exciting visit from the Firefighters. The children learnt all about fire safety and were able to go onto the Fire truck and even use the huge hose! We also had a veterinary surgery in our outdoor area and the children loved being vets and caring for all the animals. Next week, we will be exploring the role of a post office and even writing/posting our own letters.



### Year 1: Waterlily Class

This week the children have been extending their descriptive sentences in English by incorporating the conjunction 'and'. We have had lots of fantastic discussions about why conjunctions are important and how they make our writing flow. We have also explored the religion of Hinduism and how Hindus pray. We have discussed different aspects of Hindu worship and the significance of prayer and rituals. We even linked our science knowledge of our senses to broaden our understanding of Hindu prayer. Next week I am very excited to share that we will be exploring measurements in maths which will include some very fun practical lessons!

### Year 2: Otter Class

Year 2 have worked extremely hard on their addition and subtraction this week. We have been adding and subtracting two-digit numbers crossing over tens. In English, we have written our own fabulous traditional tales with a twist. Next week, we have a special DT lesson, I wonder what we are making. Hint, it is edible!

### Year 3: Swan Class

Year 3 have been working very hard this week while we have been doing our assessments. I have been impressed with the children's attitude towards learning this week, with lots of children even excited to do their assessments. We have also been creating some final pieces as we finish our studies in Geography, History and Science. I was so impressed to see some beautiful fact files all about the stone age in our History this week.

### Year 4: Dragonfly Class

Year 4 have been working hard in Maths this week, exploring rounding 4-digit numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. In English we have been looking at instruction texts and the importance of key features such as time adverbials and imperative verbs. We look forward to writing our own instructions next week!

### Year 5: Willow Class

Year 5 have been working really hard doing their assessments this week – I am so proud of the way that they have approached the tests and the effort that they have put in. We are really looking forward to completing a DT project over the coming days – there have already been some amazing designs.

### Year 6: Kingfisher Class

Year 6 have been working hard on their non-chronological reports, focusing on how we can be more efficient energy users. We have spent time thinking about renewable energy sources, green cities and looking at inventions for the future. This tied in nicely with our visitor from 'Energy Sparks'.



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

  
**FOR YOUR DIARY**

Autumn Term 2024	
21 <sup>st</sup> October	Parents Evening & Aspens Taster Menu
23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Parents Evening & Aspens Taster Menu
20 <sup>th</sup> October	Downham Football Cluster Event
24 <sup>th</sup> October	Poppy Art collected for St. Peter's Church display
25 <sup>th</sup> October	Teacher Inset
25 <sup>th</sup> Oct - 3rd Nov	Half-Term
4 <sup>th</sup> November	Children return to school
4 <sup>th</sup> November	Final Submission date for annual Library Bookmark Art Contest
4 <sup>th</sup> November	PLT Poppy Appeal - Poppies available to buy
November	EYFS Firefighter Visit TBC
7 <sup>th</sup> November	2024-25 EYFS Intake Meeting
9 <sup>th</sup> November	Saturday Morning Library Hour 9-10am
11 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Assembly
12 <sup>th</sup> November	Kids with Bricks Club starts – runs for 6 weeks



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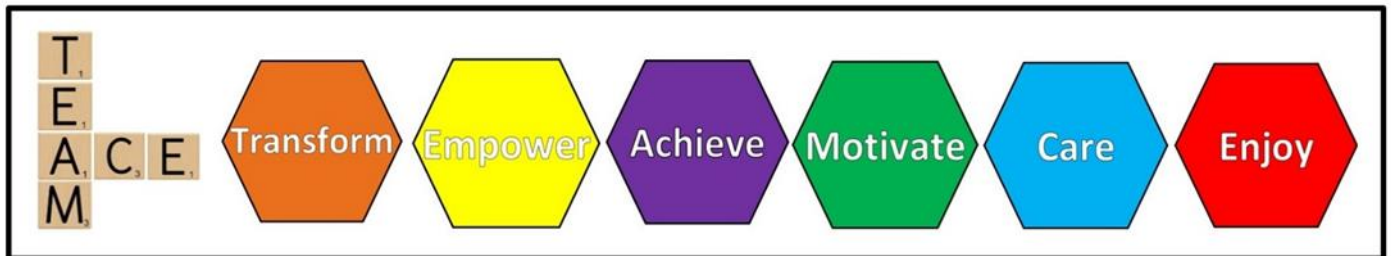
13 <sup>th</sup> November	Whole School Individual & Sibling Photographs
16 <sup>th</sup> November	King's Lynn Football Club Mixed Cup Event
17 <sup>th</sup> November	King's Lynn Football Club Girl's Cup Event
17 <sup>th</sup> November	Peterborough Football Club Special Assembly
15 <sup>th</sup> November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



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



23 <sup>rd</sup> June	School Sports Partnership Quadkids Athletics
30 <sup>th</sup> June – 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 6 Residential Claythorpe Court
1 <sup>st</sup> July	Downham Cluster Area Sports
7 <sup>th</sup> - 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Sport Week
9 <sup>th</sup> July	Whole School Sports Day (weather permitting)
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Mini Tennis event Lynnsport
15 <sup>th</sup> July	Reserve Sports Day
10 <sup>th</sup> July	FOSA End of Year Disco
14 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition Week - Move up Assembly 14 <sup>th</sup> July 9am
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Aspens 'The Big Picnic' Special Lunch
17 <sup>th</sup> July	New Class Teacher Parent Workshop 3:20-3:50pm
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 2pm
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Pupil Leadership Team Speeches and Polling Station
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Term ends



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