



**Eastern Multi-Academy Trust**  
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# NEWSLETTER

Issue 1: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023

## Key Dates:

- Friday 15th September - Roald Dahl Day: wear something YELLOW (Roald Dahl's favourite colour)
- After-school sports clubs commence next week. Sign-up details to follow shortly.

## Welcome Back

To all pupils, parents and wider community members of Upwell, I do hope you have had a pleasurable summer and a chance, especially children, to recharge your batteries ready for the half term ahead.

There will be many exciting opportunities of which I look forward to bringing to you each week with the start of our newsletter which you can access via our [website](#). It's been wonderful to see all of the children return and *enjoy* the many new developments at the Academy. We've been busy this summer holidays improving the learning environments for our pupils, visitors and staff. A special thank you to everyone that has helped us to achieve so much! Let's see just some of them below...



## Redevelopment of Our Academy Library

Two rooms designated to what is arguably the most important thing you'll ever teach or encourage your child to do – read!

Staff have weeded, cataloged and reorganised hundreds of books! Classes will have the opportunity to visit in their lunch breaks as well as during learning time.



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We have new and inviting intervention spaces and resources which will be *enjoyed* by all and in true TEAM ACE style, we've also *transformed* our staffroom, planning and preparation space and a room designed to support our teachers' professional development.

## PLT News

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## Physical Education

**New this Term:** We have enlisted the coaching skills of Premier Education, to deliver some of our PE lessons, lunchtime clubs and after-school clubs too!

All children will need to come to school in their PE kits on the following days this half term:

**Monday:** Year R

**Tuesday:** Year 6 Swimming, Year 4



**Thursday:** Year 2 & Year 3

**Friday:** Year 1 & Year 5

## RAAC

To reassure you all, we do not have reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete in the buildings at our Academy. If you wish to know more, the DfE has released a list of school's affected and you can find this online through a number of sites including the BBC.

## Learning Highlights of the Week

### Reception: Enchanted Forest Class

We have learnt two sounds already 'm' - Maisie mountain, mountain and 'a' - around the apple and down the leaf.

### Year 1: Crunchem Hall Class

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back this week. We have thoroughly enjoyed learning the poem Don't by Michael Rosen and exploring rhyming words.

### Year 2: Neverland Class

We had our first PE lesson with our new Premier Sports coach, he was really impressed with Year 2's *motivation* and skills. In class we used a variety of maths resources to represent numbers to 20 and the children showed fantastic understanding of different representations. An ACE start!

### Year 3: Narnia Class

We have had a fantastic start to year 3! We have been learning about calligrams and shape poems. We particularly enjoyed designing our own calligrams for a range of zoo animals! We have also started our science topic on rocks and enjoyed getting to investigate the different properties of a range of rocks!

### Year 4: Wonderland Class

We have all come back ready to learn and we are looking forward to Year 4. We enjoyed learning about the Power of 'Yet' and how we can be more independent. We made our own games for wet play and then shared them with other children, with no help from Miss Radford. This was fun but hard because we had to solve problems ourselves.

### Year 5: Shire Class

It has been lovely to get to know you all more over this first week together, and I am looking forward to the rest of the year with such a great class! We have had a good start to the week, especially in our Geography lesson where we looked at the world and the job of cartographers, who make maps. They draw imaginary lines and divide the world into sections in order to locate places accurately.

### Year 6: Hogwarts Class

It has been lovely to watch the children *transform* into Year 6's, they have risen to the challenge admirably! An excellent effort this week in maths to read and write 7-digit numbers in both digits and words. They have also written poetry that is pure magic!!



## Attendance Everyday Matters

Winning Class for week ending 8.9.23

Narnia Class - Year 3 98.44%

Whole School: 95.77%



### Dojo Points Award

Awarded to

Reception: Logan, Peter & Mason

Year 1: Idella & Bradley

Year 2: Piers

Year 3: Anthony

Year 4: Harley-James

Year 5: Aubree

Year 6: Evie & Isla



Awarded to

Reception: Billy-Jack

Year 1: Albert

Year 2: Penny

Year 3: Amber

Year 4: Isabella

Year 5: Lexus

Year 6: Sophie



Awarded to

Reception: Isla-Rose

Year 1: Alfie

Year 2: Eady, Jackson, Piers, Ryan & Phoebe

Year 3: Sofia

Year 4: Jessica

Year 5: Isaac

Year 6: Scarlet



### Principal's Award

Awarded to

Year 1: Rupert



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