



**Eastern Multi-Academy Trust**  
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# NEWSLETTER

Issue 2: Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023

## Key Dates:

- 21<sup>st</sup> September – Aspens' Special Food Festival 'Colourful Lunch'
- 27<sup>th</sup> September - After-School Interventions start

## Roald Dahl Day 2023

Happy Birthday Roald Dahl!

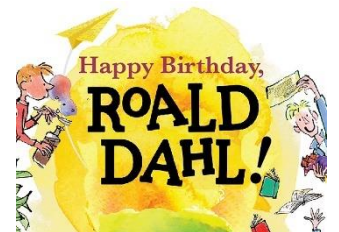
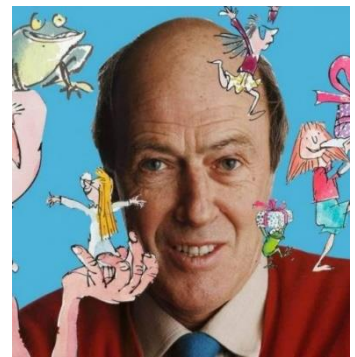
Today we have celebrated Roald Dahl's 107<sup>th</sup> birthday! While staff dressed up as just some of his most famous characters, children came to school in the famous author's favourite colour – yellow!

We enjoyed an hilarious game show of 'guess the character', shared facts, extracts and fond memories linked to his books and the man himself in a special celebratory assembly.

In classrooms, children have been writing poetry, describing characters, developing their drama skills and much more. Our Reception children have been using their own writing hut to inspire their early creative writing skills.

Thank you Roald Dahl, for what you gave us adults, and what you continue to give our young people today: a burning desire to read & write!

**On behalf of the children, Thank You, Parents – for being BFSG (Big Friendly Supportive Giants!)**







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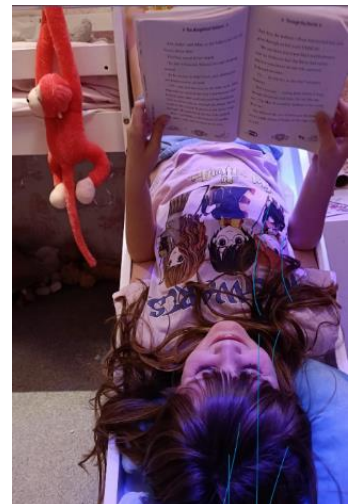
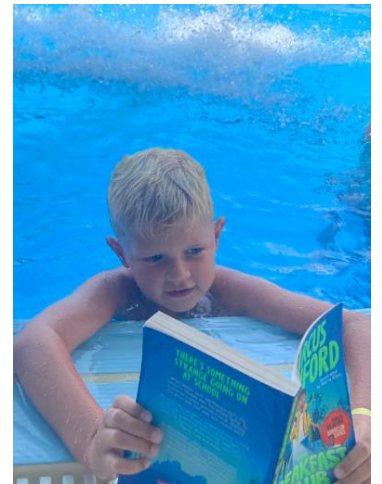
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### Summer Extreme Reading 2023

Each year we run a Summer Extreme Reading Challenge. During a special assembly this week, winners of the challenge were presented with special book prizes. Well done to everyone that took part.

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## Our Year 4 Junior Librarians

During the Summer break, our Year 4 children were invited to apply for the NEW role of Junior Librarian. Mrs Fisher, our English Lead & Reading Champion, and Mrs Roberts, our Academy Librarian held interviews last week and were extremely impressed with the children's enthusiasm and love for books! This week our Junior Librarians have completed their induction to the role: touring our new library and beginning to understand their responsibilities which will include: sorting through book returns, redistributing books on the shelves, selecting front facing books to appeal to children of all ages and advising pupils on book choices. Today they were presented with their badges in assembly.

Our Junior Librarians will also be taking part in book events and celebrations, including raising the profile of Our Academy Library.

All children have access to the library throughout the week, during lesson time. Our library is also open on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday lunchtime for all children to pop in, change their books and *enjoy* the vast selection of fiction and nonfiction books we have on offer!



## Premier Sports Clubs

This week welcomed the start of our lunch-time and after-school sports clubs. Netball Club for Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 and Gymnastics for Year 1, 2, 3 & 4. Children can come to school in PE kit if they wish or bring their kit to change into at the end of the day.



## Year 6 Swimming



We know all children should have the opportunity to learn how to swim and be taught how to stay safe in and around water. Year 6 had their first session this week and will swim once a week this term. A reminder to remember your swim hat, as children are unable to swim without one.



Coming soon... we are currently finalising details for our New after-school Football Club, initially open to Years 1, 2, 5 & 6. Children will be invited to join soon. Reception Class Dance Club will start later this half-term and afterschool interventions will also start on 27<sup>th</sup> September. Children will be invited to sign up next week. Keep an eye out on Dojo messenger for further details.

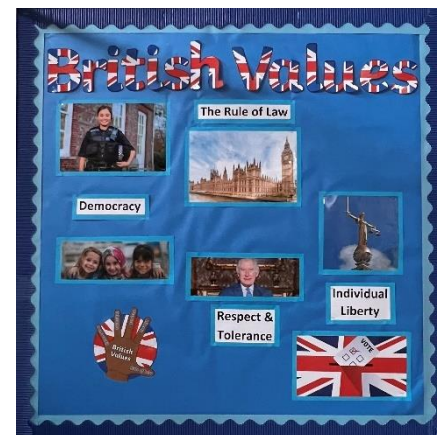
## PLT News



The Heads and Deputies of our Pupil Leadership Team have already taken to their role like ducks to water!



This week PLT led tours of our Academy for visitors and spoke about their experience during a whole school assembly. They also contributed to our assembly discussion about democracy, helping our younger pupils to understand the importance of Pupil Voice.



## Aspens Lunches

Our lunches are provided by Aspens. Our amazing Kitchen Team, led by our Kitchen Manager, Mrs Goodrum, prepare the most wonderful hot and cold lunches for our children.

All Primary aged children from EYFS up to the end of Year 2 are entitled to free school meals. There will be many opportunities this year where children and parents will be able to try them but we encourage you to explore the menu on the [Select Website](#).

On **21<sup>st</sup> September** there will be a Special Celebration Menu. Please can everyone, including everyone that has already ordered on Select, please explore the menu for the day and ensure they have selected a choice from the new menu for that day. It sounds delicious! Our EYFS Children have loved lunchtime this week!



## Wrap-Around Care

We currently run a very successful Breakfast Club from 7:50am. This is led by Miss Rawding and our Breakfast Club Manager, Mrs Dewdney, who offer a nurturing environment and a selection of hot and cold nutritious food choices which provide a great start to your children's school day.

Soon, we plan to open up our After-School Care provision which will run from 15:15-16:15 every day. Further information to follow.

Both clubs are limited to 25 spaces.



### Weather

With the weather being so interchangeable at the moment, please send your children in with a coat, just incase the heavens open, like they did this week!

## Learning Highlights of the Week

### Reception: Enchanted Forest Class

We have settled so well and really enjoyed our very first PE lesson, we definitely have some moves! Roald Dahl Day today was a blast and EYFS attended their first whole-school assembly.

### Year 1: Crunchem Hall Class

This week we explored the primary colours in Art and used those colours to create our own Mondrian inspired piece.

### Year 2: Neverland Class

We've *enjoyed* reading different versions of the traditional tale, Jack and the Beanstalk. We've sequenced the story and created our own text-maps. Today, we found our own magic beans in the Academy Sensory Garden and we can't to see how high they grow!

### Year 3: Narnia Class

This week, we have been learning about the Stone Age and how best to survive during this time. We had to think about where we would set up our own camp if we were living during the Stone Age, thinking about what we could find and use in the area to survive, taking into consideration the tools we would need too! We also had our very first French lesson this week and Miss Riches was super impressed by our enthusiasm and fabulous French accents!

### Year 4: Wonderland Class

We've enjoyed talking about the effect of words and images in our English – these include mummy dust, howls of wolves and poisoned entrails! We have also been creating our own to use in our performance poems.

### Year 5: Shire Class

We've had an ACE week! We demonstrated excellent artistic skills earlier in the week, drawing still life images. The children have shown their strong understanding of different genres and we've specifically been looking at non-chronological reports in English. Well done Year 5!

### Year 6: Hogwarts Class

We have had fun this week creating weird and wonderful ideas and imagery and playing with words and their meanings to create some fantastic poetry about 'A Strange Day!'





## Attendance Everyday Matters

Winning Class for week ending 15.9.23

Enchanted Forest Class - Year R **95.33%**

Whole School: **94.34%**

### Reporting Absences

Please phone the Academy office if your child is off for any reason and continue to inform us of any longer-term, planned absences, such as holidays.

We have a statutory duty of care to ensure that children are safe, which is why if you haven't phoned us, we always make contact that day. If we are unable to reach you, staff will follow up any absences, which could include a home visit. This is simply to ensure that your child (and you) are safe and well.

I am in no doubt that many holidays taken with your children will be educational in many senses of the word. Unfortunately, I am not able to authorise any term-time holidays in line with our school policy and Government guidance. If you do plan on taking holiday during term time, please request an "Application for Leave of Absence During Term Time" form from the office.



**Awarded to**  
**Reception: Thomas**  
**Year 1: John-Lee**  
**Year 2: Arthur**  
**Year 3: Leo E**  
**Year 4: Freddie**  
**Year 5: Summer**  
**Year 6: Race**



**Awarded to**

**Reception: Sonny**  
**Year 1: Lily-Mae**  
**Year 2: Ryan**  
**Year 3: Marnie & Scarlet**  
**Year 4: Jessica & Achilles**  
**Year 5: Amelia**  
**Year 6: Hermione**



**Awarded to**  
**Reception: Theo**  
**Year 1: Lilly**  
**Year 2: Jack**  
**Year 3: Chloe**  
**Year 4: Harriet**  
**Year 5: Olive**  
**Year 6: Juliet**





This will be added to each week and can also be found on the [Academy Calendar](#) page of our website.

Autumn Term 2023	
14 <sup>th</sup> September	After-school Netball & Gymnastics Clubs start this week
21 <sup>st</sup> September	Aspens Food Festival Special: 'Colourful Lunch'
27 <sup>th</sup> September	Harvest Festival Celebration
4 <sup>th</sup> October	Tag Rugby Taster Session Year 5 and Girls
5 <sup>th</sup> October	National Poetry Day
23 <sup>rd</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Half-Term
30 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 5 Junior Duke of Edinburgh Award Launch
11 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Service
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Term Ends. Christmas Holiday 21 <sup>st</sup> December – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan

