



NEWSLETTER

Issue 4: Friday 29th September 2023

Key Dates:

- Thursday 5th October – Aspens Special Lunch Menu – not to be missed!
- Thursday 5th October – National Poetry Day



We celebrated this year's Harvest with a Special Harvest Festival Assembly on Thursday led by Raine Thorrold, our Academy Committee member and Children's & Families Authorised Lay Minister for Upwell & Outwell. Every year group from Reception to Year 6 attended, with children having carefully rehearsed a story, reading or poem to perform to a large audience of Reception Class parents, staff and their peers. We had the most delightful performance of 'I'm a Dingly Dangly Scare Crow' from all of our Reception Class children.

Harvest Festivals are an annual tradition that in the UK, date back to Pagan times, and are rooted in thanks given for a successful or bountiful harvest. It is a time for reflection and thanksgiving for the ample food we are fortunate enough to grow or buy, and enjoy. At Upwell this year we have used our Harvest Festival as an opportunity to collect and donate food to the local Food Bank, in support of the fantastic work that they do to provide much needed meals to those in need.

We are unbelievably grateful to you all for donating to the cause and Wisbech Food Bank have passed their thanks to FOSA, our children and you all and said that this will go a long way to support local people in crisis.

Thank you!

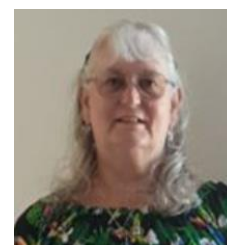
HARVEST FESTIVAL





Staff Spotlight: Academy Committee member, Raine Thorrold

Raine is a retired Primary School Teacher, with more than 35 years working with children, ranging from nursery through to Year 6. Raine lives in Upwell and is the coordinator for St. Peter's Messy Church. Raine also leads regular assemblies at the Academy where in recent weeks she's engaged our children in storytelling. I am sure you will join us in thanking her for leading our Harvest Festival Celebration Assembly this week which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.



Click Here 

Where

St Peter's Parish Church
Small Lode Upwell Wisbech
PE14 9BL

When the Messy Church meets

Messy Church is now meeting regularly on alternate months, the 3rd Sunday, September & November. It offers offer tea/coffee or squash and biscuits/cake with a friendly informal atmosphere. All children to be accompanied by an adult.

Contact

Raine Thorrold: 01945 774322 or mobile: 07912314082



We presented our Harvest donations to Mr Luck, from Wisbech Foodbank, during our Awards Assembly on Friday afternoon. He said he was speechless!



Parking Safely on the School Run

Norfolk County Council Road Safety Team has been working alongside Norfolk Road Safety Partners to support schools. They have developed an initiative to support us in creating a safer school environment during the school run, as well as promoting active travel. The project has been developed with full support from Norfolk Constabulary and Norfolk Fire and Rescue Service.

Over the next few weeks, Our Pupil Leadership Team will work with all children to find ways of improving the school run. This will involve creating posters for safer parking and a video to encourage walking, cycling, scooting to school. We need your support:

Please don't:

- Block the road - emergency vehicles and other traffic may need access
- Park on yellow lines, zig-zags or block the school entrance
- Park on the pavement, across dropped kerbs or residents' driveways
- Park where you will cause inconvenience to other road users
- Leave your vehicle with the engine still running
- Stop in the middle of the road to drop your child off, even for a few seconds

Thank you for your support in keeping your children safe.



PUMPKIN

DECORATING CONTEST

**PUMPKINS TO BE COLLECTED FROM
FOSA ON THE 13TH OCTOBER IN THE
PLAYGROUND**



PRIZES TO BE WON PER CLASS

**PUMPKINS TO BE CARVED OR PAINTED AND A PICTURE
UPLOADED TO DOJO BY THE
31ST OCTOBER**

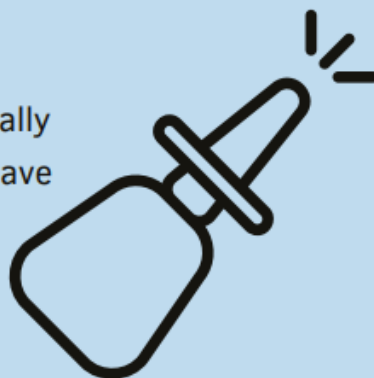
December 8th: Flu immunisation for pupils in school years Reception - Year 6

The flu vaccine is being offered at the Academy again this autumn/winter. To give consent for your child to have the flu vaccine, [please click here](#)

Even if you do not wish for your child to have the vaccine, please complete the online form so that we can record your wishes.

THE NASAL FLU VACCINE

- ✓ Protects your child from the flu.
- ✓ Protects your family and friends from the flu (especially those who are elderly, young babies, or those who have serious health conditions).
- ✓ Is painless, quick and effective.
- ✓ Is free



Thursday 5th October

Food Festival Lunch – Not to be missed!

Log onto the [SELECT website](#) to book your child's lunch. Everyone will need to do this regardless of whether you have already booked a lunch for that day as the Menu changes to our SPECIAL themed lunch which your children will undoubtedly love!

**place your order
today!**

A promotional poster for a 'Food Festival Lunch' on Thursday 5th October. The poster has a light blue background with a stylized landscape at the bottom. At the top left is a colorful starburst graphic with the text 'FOOD FESTIVAL by Aspens'. To the right, it says 'Tell us your FAVOURITE MEAL'. The date 'Thursday 5th October' is prominently displayed. The menu items are listed in the center: 'Beef Burger Or Super Veggie Burger', 'Oven Baked Wedges & Sweetcorn', and 'Chocolate Brownie'. At the bottom left is a circular menu wheel with various food categories: Curry, Pizza, Burgers, Chinese, Indian, Pasta, and Vegetarian.

FOOD FESTIVAL
by Aspens

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FAVOURITE MEAL

Thursday 5th October

Beef Burger
Or
Super Veggie Burger

Oven Baked Wedges
&
Sweetcorn

Chocolate Brownie

Curry
Pizza
Burgers
Chinese
Indian
Pasta
Vegetarian



HELP US RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR SCHOOL

Donate your unwanted items to
help us raise money for
Upwell Academy!



PLEASE BAG SEPERATELY INTO THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES

- Clothes, shoes, bags, belts and accessories
- Toys, games and dolls
- CD's, DVD's and books



COLLECTION DATE - WEDNESDAY 1ST NOVEMBER



Drop off at Upwell academy by 9am

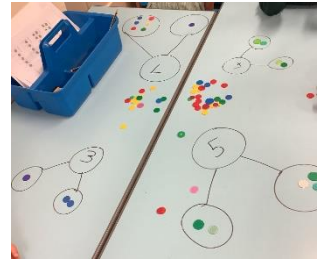
Learning Highlights of the Week

Reception: Enchanted Forest Class

Another busy week in Enchanted Forest class. Learnt 2 new sounds in phonics (we now know 9 sounds in total) looked at Miro's artwork in art and recreated our own, counting and recognising the number 3, enjoyed circle games in PE and had a fantastic time learning the song and actions for Dingle Dangle Scarecrow for the Harvest Festival Assembly

Year 1: Crunchem Hall Class

Year 1 have been exploring partitioning numbers within 10 using part-whole models. We know a whole number can be split into parts, and that parts can be combined to make a whole number!



Year 2: Neverland Class

In History, we've discovered that the Romans were hugely successful invaders who conquered and ruled a huge area of Europe and North Africa. We've been fascinated to learn that General Julius Caesar invaded in 55 and 54 BCE but the invasion was unsuccessful. Almost 100 years later, in 43 CE, the Romans invaded successfully. The invasion was led by Emperor Claudius.

Year 3: Narnia Class

Year 3 have been busy learning about fossils and how they are made. We practised sequencing the steps and creating diagrams to help us remember the different stages. In geography, we were superstars at locating places and landmarks on maps using grid references!

Year 4: Wonderland Class

We've enjoyed learning about the Romans, how Rome started and why Julius Caesar is famous. We thought he was rather arrogant to want his face on a coin and to name a month after himself. We have also been demonstrating our resilience in maths to round numbers to the nearest 10 and 100.

Year 5: Shire Class

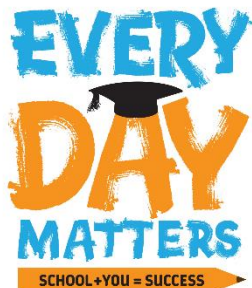
Year 5 have had a positive week, where we spent some time learning about leadership and the different qualities a leader has. The class shared some amazing responses about what qualities they believed a leader had and when they may have shown these qualities either at home or in school.

Year 6: Hogwarts Class

Year 6 have been thoroughly enjoying reading, comparing, performing and writing scenes from Romeo and Juliet.



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



Attendance Everyday Matters

Winning Class for week ending 29.9.23

Class: Year 5 – Shire Class 97.67%

Whole School: 94.37%



Dojo Points Award

Awarded to

Reception: Sonny

Year 1: Kai

Year 2: Hudson

Year 3: Eleanor

Year 4: Isabella

Year 5: Hera

Year 6: Sophie



Awarded to

Reception: Oscar

Year 1: Maya

Year 2: Olivia

Year 3: Jake

Year 4: Sofia

Year 5: Louis

Year 6: Bea



Awarded to

Reception: Jaiden-Rhys

Year 1: Teddy

Year 2: Gracie

Year 3: Logan E

Year 4: Achillies

Year 5: Jacob

Year 6: Evie



Principal's Award

Awarded to

Year 4: Scarlet



PLT AWARD

Awarded to

Year 6: Eva



Awarded by PLT &

Date: 29.9.23

Eastern Multi-Academy Trust

Principal: Michelle Apple - Transform

[Signature]

Miss Ellington, Interim Principal





JOIN US FOR A

Halloween Disco

THURSDAY

19
OCT.

KS1 - 3.30-4.45 PM

KS2 - 5-6.15 PM

GAMES, PRIZES AND FUN

MORE INFO TO FOLLOW



We want to keep you fully informed of up-coming events. 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 2023	
4 th October	Tag Rugby Taster Session Year 5 and 6 Girls
5th October	*Aspens Special Burger Lunch Menu*
5 th October	National Poetry Day
9 th October	Fire Fighters Visit Reception Class
10 th October	Edith Blunt Coronation Plaque unveiling PLT to attend
10 th October	2024-25 EYFS Intake Meeting
10 th October	Downham Cross Country Event
16 th October	Parents Evening & Aspens Taster Menu
18 th October	Parents Evening & Aspens Taster Menu
19 th October	FOSA Halloween Disco
20 th October	Downham Football Cluster Event
23 rd – 29 th Oct	Half-Term
30 th October	Year 5 Junior Duke of Edinburgh Award Launch
2nd November	Aspens Special Lunch Menu 'Whizz Bang Sparkle'
7 th November	2024-25 EYFS Intake Meeting
7 th November	Whole School Individual & Sibling Photographs
10 th November	Remembrance Service
16 th November	King's Lynn Football Club Mixed Cup Event
17 th November	King's Lynn Football Club Girl's Cup Event
20 th November	Y6 Height & Weight
22 nd November	Cross Country Finals
27 th November	School Sport's Partnership Tag Rugby Event
30 th November	2024-25 EYFS Intake Meeting
8 th December	Whole School Flu Immunisations
13 th December	Panto Day – King's Lynn Corn Exchange
14th December	Aspens Special Christmas Lunch Menu
20 th December	Term Ends. Christmas Holiday 21 st December – 3 rd Jan