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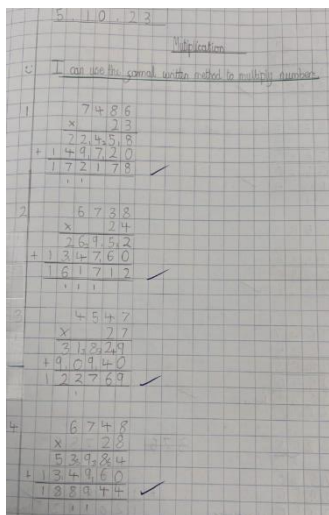
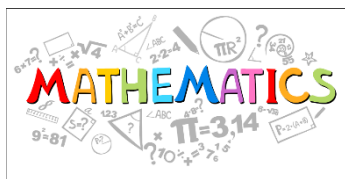


NEWSLETTER

Issue 5: Friday 6th October 2023

Key Dates:

- Monday 9th October – Firefighter Visit: Reception Class
- Tuesday 10th October - Edith Blunt Orchards Coronation Tree Planting PLT to attend. Everyone welcome 10:30am
- Thursday 12th October – Reception Parent's Phonics Workshop 9-9:30 & 6:30-7pm



Subject Spotlight

Mathematics

At Upwell we are a *Teaching for Mastery in Maths* school, we use a combination of the National Centre for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics (NCETM) and White Rose Maths materials, alongside the 2014 Primary National Curriculum and 2020 DfE ready to progress criteria, to carefully sequence our curriculum.

This year we have planned a number of exciting Mathematics themed days and events including Our Maths Subject Showcase, an opportunity for parents to come into school to observe Maths in action across all year groups, our Professionals Day – this was extremely popular with the children last year, where they have the opportunity to be bakers, scientists, Olympians etc and explore the maths involved in a variety of careers and of course National Maths Day. Please see our Website Calendar and Dates for your Diaries below.

Knowing times tables facts is crucially important to your child's progression in their mathematics education.

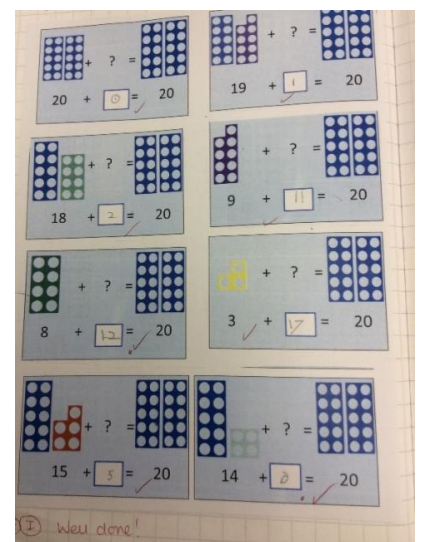
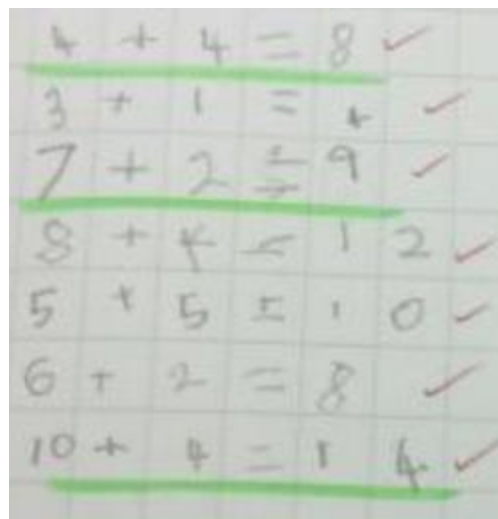
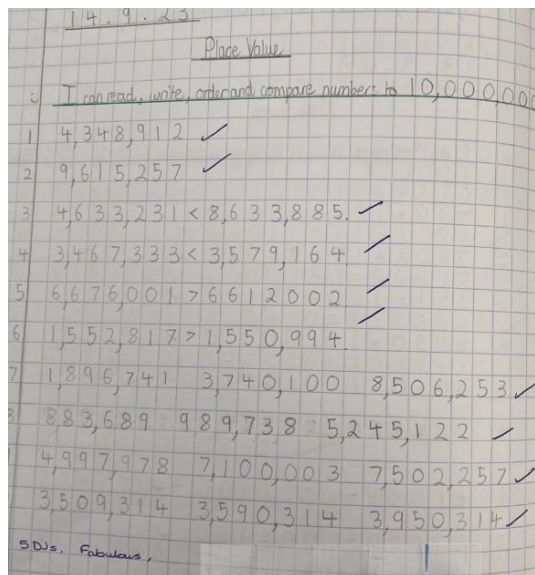
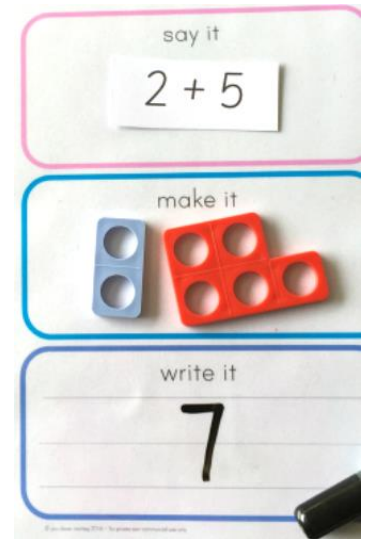
Without a deep understanding of multiplication and division facts, children frequently get 'lost' when it comes to do anything with fractions and any multiplication or division with larger numbers.

All children will complete the Multiplication Check at year 4. Information for parents can be found [here](#) and on the [Academy Website](#)



Multiplication Tables Check

Whenever you have the opportunity, try to include maths talk in their lives. This is easily done when they are playing with physical objects as you can reinforce their counting skills. For example, how many pennies are you holding? Or what shape is that object? When counting, reinforce the last number they counted as this can help their mathematical development further, for example “one, two three...three cars. Involve your children frequently in solving real life problems. For instance, in Key Stage 2 children could help decide which car insurance company is providing the best deal or could compare a “buy one get one free” deal with a “buy 3 for 2” deal in the supermarket.



Tuesday 10th October

World Mental Health Day 2023

What will you do to support yours?

Teachers and pupils will agree 20 minutes timeout during the school day to support each other's mental health on Tuesday. This might include extra library time, fresh air, mindset colouring, a visit to the bus, a story in the sun...



Thank You

309kg donated by
Upwell Academy



This equates to
approximately 735 meals.
Thank you for your generous support.

In the last financial year, Wisbech Food Bank
fed 5239 people.
We have already fed over 2049 people since the
beginning of this financial year.

Colder weather is drawing in, coughs, colds etc are bound to increase, it's that time of year – **is my child too ill to attend school?**

[Guidance here](#)

Remember: 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.

NHS

ESafety



Being online is an integral part of children and young people's lives. Social media, online games, websites and apps can be accessed through mobile phones, computers, laptops and tablets – all of which form a part of children and young people's online world.

The internet and online technology provide new opportunities for our young people's learning and growth, but it can also expose them to new types of risks.

At Upwell Academy, our PSHE and Computing Curriculum teaches our children how to stay safe on-line.



National Poetry Day is the annual mass celebration on the first Thursday of October that encourages everyone to make, experience and share poetry with family and friends. All classes from Early Years to Year 6 enjoyed a variety of poetry on Thursday.

These are just some of the poems shared in classes this week: Where Teachers Keep Their Pets by Paul Cookson, Random Acts of Kindness, Chocolate Cake by Micheal Rosen, A Soldier's Kiss by Henry Chappell and War Horse by Brenda Williams

We love the **BBC School Radio Talking Poetry website**, where leading poets introduce and read some of their best-known poetry for children. There are two additional selections of classic poems read by Maxine Peake and Julian Rhind-Tutt. Why not take a look!



1. Michael Rosen

Michael Rosen introduces and reads some of his best-known work for children, including 'Don't' and 'Chocolate cake'.



2. Grace Nichols

Grace Nichols introduces and reads some of her best-known poems for children, including 'Cosmic disco' and 'Sun is laughing'.

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



HELP US RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR SCHOOL

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



PLEASE BAG SEPARATELY 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



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

Parent Consent

Welcome to the school year 20223/2024!

Please can all parents/carers [complete the form](#) for various events arranged by FOSA volunteers. The first is a Halloween Disco taking place on the 19th October. All forms need to be received by 11th October.

NOTE: Children without an up to date form will not be able to attend. The information provided is required to be renewed each year even if you have completed previously. FOSA do not have access to any data held by the Academy, therefore there must have up to date information to be able to contact you if needed.

Many thanks for your continued support.

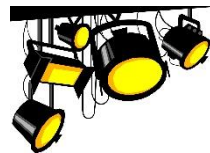
Staff Spotlight: FOSA Chair, Kerry Mayer and Deputy Chair, Nicky O'Regan

Hello, we're Kerry and Nicky. We will form the FOSA Leadership Team this year.

We have a range of experience working in schools and have had children attend Upwell Academy for the last 7 years.

Our vision as FOSA is to work closely with the Senior Leadership Team at Upwell, to raise money to fund extracurricular activities and to give back to the children. We aim to strengthen our school community through a wide range of fun and exciting initiatives and events.

We cannot do this without your continued help and support and know this year is going to be incredible, giving your children precious memories to look back on. Thank you!



After-School Gymnastics Club

Gymnastic club is proving a real success and enjoyed by all that are attending this half term. We are investing in some new gym equipment to improve the provision even more.

Well done to Piers for winning the Gymnastic club star pupil trophy this week!





SPOOKY NON UNIFORM DAY!

**THURSDAY
19TH
OCTOBER
2023**

**SUGGESTED DONATION
£1
TO BE COLLECTED AT
THE SCHOOL GATES**

PLEASE NO FACEPAINT!



Learning Highlights of the Week

Reception: Enchanted Forest Class

We had a visit from 'Graphite Man' who took all of our pencils without permission but luckily, he just wanted to be as clever as us and he gave them back. This has inspired us to read and learn about 'Beat the Baddy' stories, so we started with Supertato.

Year 1: Crunchem Hall Class

In Year 1 Art, we are learning about colour. This week we have explored making tints by adding white and making shades by adding black. We then created a painting of a splash like David Hockney and made tints and shades of blue to use in our paintings.

Year 2: Neverland Class

We have had fun innovating Jack and the Beanstalk and creating new ideas within the story. We have shown great work when adding and subtracting 1s, setting out our work neatly and self-marking. During National Poetry Day we shared and discussed a poem called 'Random Acts of Kindness'.

Year 3: Narnia Class

Year 3 have written their own narratives from the perspective of Om, the Stone Age girl, who fell down, down, down... and woke up in the modern world! It was exciting to write about her visit to Upwell Academy and describe all other differences to the life she would have experienced in the Stone Age! We have all worked extremely hard on each of the different stages of the writing process: planning, writing a draft, editing and improving!

Year 4: Wonderland Class

We have really enjoyed finding out about life in the Roman Army. This has been for our English, and we have been making notes to help us when we write our information text. We have also mastered rounding numbers to the nearest 100 and 1000.

Year 5: Shire Class

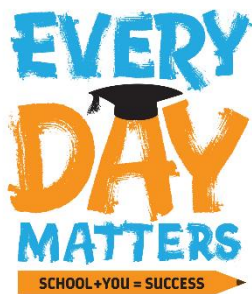
This week we have shown true resilience rounding complex numbers to the nearest 10, 100, 1,000, 10,000 and 100,000. We feel proud that we have grown in both competence and confidence.

Year 6: Hogwarts Class

Year 6 have been loving our topic on World War I in history and we have just started to find out about the use of animals in the war in our new English unit, which the children have really loved. We also read some very emotive poetry on the same theme for National Poetry Day yesterday.



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



Attendance Everyday Matters

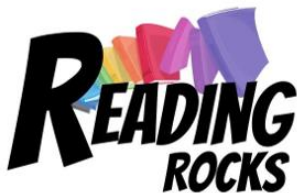
Winning Class for week ending 6.10.23

Class: **Year 2 – Neverland Class** 97.33%

Whole School: 95.36%



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Awarded to

Reception: Ibrahim
Year 1: Louisa
Year 2: Eady
Year 3: Eleanor
Year 4: Michelle
Year 5: Ella-May
Year 6: Hermione



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Awarded to

Reception: Peter
Year 1: Paige
Year 2: Ellis
Year 3: Summer
Year 4: Eliza
Year 5: Clayton
Year 6: Thomas



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Dojo Points Award

Awarded to

Reception: Lola
Year 1: Hunter
Year 2: Oscar
Year 3: Isaac
Year 4: Harriet
Year 5: Amelia
Year 6: Evie





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	
9 th October	Fire Fighters Visit Reception Class
10 th October	Edith Blunt Coronation Tree Planting - PLT to attend
10 th October	2024-25 EYFS Intake Meeting
10 th October	Downham Cross Country Event
10 th October	World Mental Health Day
12 th October	Reception Parent's Phonics Workshop 9-9:30am, 6:30-7pm
16 th October	Parents Evening & Aspens Taster Menu
18 th October	Parents Evening & Aspens Taster Menu
19 th October	FOSA Halloween Disco & Non-uniform Day
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
1 st December	Upwell Academy Christmas Fair
7 th December	EYFS & Year 1 Nativity
8 th December	Whole School Flu Immunisations
11 th December	Year 2 Christmas Performance
13 th December	Panto Day – King's Lynn Corn Exchange
14th December	Aspens Special Christmas Lunch Menu
15 th December	KS2 Carol Concert
20 th December	Term Ends. Christmas Holiday 21 st December – 3 rd Jan
3 rd January	Inset Day
Spring Term 2024	
4 th January	Term Starts
12 th January	Maths Subject Showcase
19 th January	Reading subject Showcase
6 th February	Safer Internet Day
17 th – 23 rd February	Half-Term
28 th February	National Science Day
7 th March	World Book Day
14 th March	Reception class Vision & hearing Tests
27 th March	Spring Term ends