



Eastern Multi-Academy Trust
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Issue 6: Friday 12th October 2023

Key Dates:

- Monday 16th and Wednesday 18th October – Parents Evening
- Thursday 19th October Non-Uniform and Halloween Disco

Parents Evening

We look forward to welcoming you all to parents evening on Monday and Wednesday of next week. If you have not done so already, please book your 5-minute appointment with your child's class teacher. This is an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress since transition in July, to ask any questions you may have and to enjoy the Aspens Taster Lunch Menu available on both evenings!



Academy Committee Vacancy for Parent Governor October 2023

We are excited to inform you that 1 vacancy exists on our Academy Committee for a parent governor and we are seeking nominations of parents/guardians interested in taking up this role. Parent Governors play an important role in the Academy Committee. They bring a valuable parental viewpoint and perspective to discussion and debate.

Our Academy Committee members, Val Cook (committee chair), Raine Thorrold and Paul Hartley will be available during the evening to discuss this and anything else you would like to know. They will have application packs for anyone that wants one. You can also request a pack from the office and find further details on the [Academy website](#).

Please consider becoming a parent governor or encouraging others to volunteer and we look forward to welcoming our new member to TEAM ACE.

THE BLUNT FAMILY TRUST

King's Coronation Tree Planting

Pupils joined members of the Blunt Family Trust this week at Edith Blunt Orchards and helped to plant a Magnolia tree. The tree has been planted to commemorate the late Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee and King Charles III Coronation.

The pupils sang a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem to complete what was a wonderful visit.

Thank you to the parents, grandparents and family members that joined us.





The Blunt Family Trust

Last academic year many classes benefitted from visiting the Edith Blunt Orchards, providing a valuable opportunity for enrichment outside the classroom. Teachers used the opportunity to develop mathematics skills using natural resources; explore habitats; read for pleasure; and for drama and performing on the purpose-built education stage. The walk to and from the orchards also encourages further useful learning and discussion as well as benefiting pupil's and staff well-being.

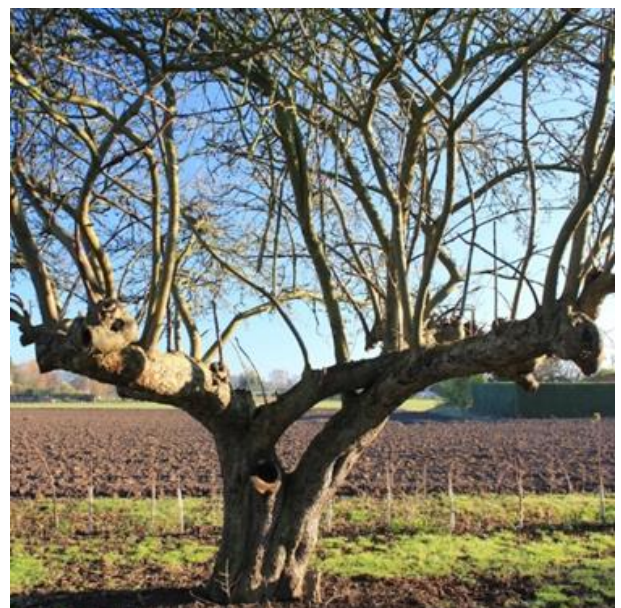


The Trust also kindly support our drive to ensure every child is a reader. They contributed toward our Library Cloud system and present our termly Edith Blunt Reading Award. This is awarded to one child in each year group. A £15 voucher is also presented to one child in Key Stage 1 and one in Key Stage 2 for remarkable achievement in reading.



We have visits planned for all children throughout this academic year and encourage you all to visit and enjoy the orchards which are located at Blunt's Orchard Drive in Upwell.

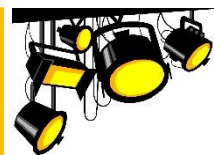
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Staff Spotlight: Our Operations Manager, Kim Rhodes

For the past five years Kim has worked in school offices and is very excited to join the team. She is looking forward to meeting all of the children and families.

I know you will join us in welcoming Kim to Team Ace and in taking this opportunity to thank the Eastern Multi-Academy Trust Team – Lois Hyland, Becky Satchell, Nicky Graham and Emily Johnson for their exceptional support in the Academy Office this half term.



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Pupil Asset Parent Portal

Studies show how effective parental engagement dramatically improves children's academic outcomes and the Pupil Asset Portal will bring you closer to your child's schooling here at Upwell Academy. The Pupil Asset Parents Portal is now available to all parents and our aim is to have 100% of parents signed in by October half term.

The platform has many useful functions which we will utilise in the future including booking parents evening with ease.

Initially we will be using the portal for the following:

Payments – you will make payments for specific trips, clubs or items and be able to see your payment history

Attendance – the portal shows your child's attendance for the year

Events – You'll view and give consent for upcoming events

Settings – you can update contact information directly without having to contact us

Please ensure we have an accurate email address for you to be able to get started. If you have not received your email login please do inform Kim in the office: office@upa.eastern-mat.co.uk



People That Help Us!

We were pleased to welcome PC Chris Lorraine and PC Iain Fisher to the Academy earlier this week. The officers were invited to support us with the children's campaign in creating a safer school environment during the school run, as well as promoting active travel.

Pupils in Reception - Enchanted Forest Class and from Little Sunshine's Nursery were thrilled to meet the officers. They spoke about their job and uniform and answered all of children's questions. They reminded pupils to ensure they always stay with a trusted adult, and let them know straight away if they are approached by anyone they don't know. The children and adults enjoyed a chance to see their patrol car and they had lots of fun turning on and off the lights and sirens.

Both Officers will join us again soon and throughout the year: to lead a whole school assembly and discuss the British Value 'Rule of Law', to meet with PLT to discuss the children's action plan for an improved school run, and to speak to Key Stage 2 children about careers.

Thank you, Norfolk Constabulary, for your time and support!



Phonics Workshop

This week Mrs Fisher, our EYFS and English Lead held two Phonics Workshops for our Reception Class parents.

Read Write Inc. is our chosen phonics scheme, it teaches children the sounds in English, the letters that represent them, and how to form the letters when writing. Read Write Inc. Phonics includes reading books written using only the letters children have learnt at each level (and a small number of separately taught tricky words). All of our teaching and support staff are fully trained, please speak to them if you would like further information about supporting your child at home.

Visit the [Read Write Inc website](#) for parent support materials and video tutorials.

Thank you to everyone that attended and thank you Mrs Fisher!



Staff are working hard to continue our Academy Transformation Project which started during the Summer break. This week our fourth skip arrived! We aim to fill this over the next few weeks. Parents are invited to take a range of unwanted furniture including old tray units, seating and more which may be ideal for tools in your garage or for up-cycling.

New!

Our New Key Stage 1 Book Nook has arrived. This will be an extension to our wonderful new library, a dry space for reading outdoors. Thanks again to FOSA for kindly contributing to another fabulous outdoor resource that is already being enjoyed by everyone that uses it.



New!

Our New playground bins are just the beginning of a new ECO Project. Our New Eco-Committee, with the support of Mrs Kirk our Eco-Coordinator, will lead the Eco-Schools programme at the Academy.

The Eco-Committee will meet regularly throughout the academic year, plan and deliver environmental projects, and inspire their schoolmates and wider school community. Shortly after half term, children will be invited to apply to be on The Eco-Committee and be involved in our three key areas for development:

Maintaining a high level of plant, insect and animal life locally and globally

Reducing energy use and investigating greener energy sources

Taking an active role in our community and making our planet more peaceful, sustainable and fair



WOW!

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



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A HUGE Thank you KJ Curson Farms!

Today, all children across the academy received their free pumpkin which have been kindly donated, once again, by KJ Curson Farms in Upwell. Thank you Mr Gibson for organising this.

The children were so excited and we look forward to sharing their entries to FOSA's Pumpkin Design Competition.

Look back at last week's newsletter for further details. Please upload your entries to your portfolios on Class Dojo by 31st October.

Good Luck!



Learning Highlights of the Week

Reception: Enchanted Forest Class

We have been creating and learning a story map for Supertato this week. On Wednesday two local police officers came in to talk to us about how they help people, we even got to look in their car and hear the sirens.

Year 1: Crunchem Hall Class

This week in English we have been exploring description. We now know that adjectives are describing words and have been using them to describe different things. We have even been thinking of the most effective adjectives we could use. Instead of 'nice', we might use 'incredible'.

Year 2: Neverland Class

This week we have published our alternative endings to Jack and the Beanstalk. We created some fantastic new magical items for Jack to take from the giant's castle. We have also enjoyed listening and responding to our new tradition tale, Little Red Riding Hood. We have sequenced the events and compared different versions.

Year 3: Narnia Class

We have started our English work linked to the text 'How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth'. We have been focusing on imperative (bossy) verbs and prepositions. We also followed a set of instructions in order to make our own mini woolly mammoths. Thank you so much for the milk bottles! This week, we also created our own polytile prints in art!

Year 4: Wonderland Class

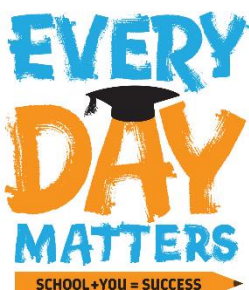
We have been using charcoal in art to shade a circle to make it look 3-D. We did get a bit messy but our spheres look realistic because we took so much care to make sure we created lighter and darker shades.

Year 5: Shire Class

We have had a good week using some paints in art to create different colours. We have also been enjoying learning about organisation and motivation in PSHE where the children gave presentations on how to be organised.

Year 6: Hogwarts Class

We have really been enjoying our history topic all about World War I and have been comparing what life was like on the Western Front with life on the Home Front. We are also really enjoying our class reader which is set in the trenches in World War I.



Attendance Everyday Matters

Winning Class for week ending 13.10.23

Neverland Class - Year 2 **99%!!**

Whole School: **96.3%**

Celebrate SUCCESS



Dojo Points Award

Awarded to

Reception: Isla-Rose

Year 1: Nora

Year 2: Elsie

Year 3: Henry

Year 4: Jessie

Year 5: Luke

Year 6: Sophie



Awarded to

Reception: Armani

Year 1: Rogan

Year 2: Arthur

Year 3: Freddie

Year 4: Bethany.

Year 5: Samuel

Year 6: Billy-Joe



Awarded to

Reception: Theo

Year 1: Rupert

Year 2: Daisy

Year 3: Layla-Faye

Year 4: Scarlet

Year 5: Autumn

Year 6: Millie



Principal's Award

Awarded to

Year 2: Jack

Year 6: Charlie



PLT AWARD

Awarded to

Year 4: Michelle



Awarded by PLT &:

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Miss Ellington, Interim Principal



Reminder

Scooters

Do not allow your child to use their scooter on the school grounds. If this continues, we will review the position on their use. This comes from a good place: not wanting to see anyone get hurt. Thank you all for your support.



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	
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	Children in Need FOSA Bake Sale
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

