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NEWSLETTER

Issue 7: Friday 20th October 2023

Key Dates:

- Thursday 2nd November - Aspens Special Lunch Menu 'Whizz Bang Sparkle'
- Friday 10th November – Special Remembrance Service



Our New Library Opening Ceremony

Today, our new library officially opened!

This morning, our very talented, newly-appointed, Junior Librarians joined by Mrs Roberts, our resident Librarian and Mrs Fisher our English Lead and Reading Champion, held a special ceremony with the support of Nicky O'Regan, Deputy Chair of FOSA and Mrs Ward, FOSA member.

Throughout the day children were given the opportunity to explore the library and the new literature on offer. Children were incredibly excited to be one of the first to get their hands on one of the many new fiction and non-fiction books we have added to the shelves. We also had our very own Mrs Wilkin, who joined them to speak about how she became a published author and share her children's book. Here are some quotes from our staff and children:

"There is now so much choice in the library, it's so exciting" – Y4 Junior Librarian, Bethany

"Reading offers more than a chance to escape but also to learn. The best thing about our new library is there is a book for everyone." - Y4 Junior Librarian, Lacey

"I believe this is an investment into the future of every pupil here at Upwell, and I'm very excited for our children to take the opportunity to discover their own appreciation for words." – Mrs Fisher



Today, all children visited the library throughout the day, including lunchtime.







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We are hosting Our NEW annual

BOOKMARK ART CONTEST

The contest theme:
Reading is Magic!

Winners will receive a prize and have their artwork printed on a bookmark and distributed at Upwell Academy's Library.

RULES

1. Open to everyone.
2. Complete your name and year group.
3. Draw your amazing artwork in the space to the left. ←
4. Use only pens or pencils – no crayons, glitter or glued on pieces.
5. Hand this sheet in to Upwell Academy's Library by **Friday 3rd November.**

Name: _____

Year Group: _____

You have until Friday 3rd November to enter our New Annual Bookmark Art Contest.

Book Prizes to be won and a chance to see your bookmark in print for all children to use.

Good Luck!

HALLOWEEN DISCO

Halloween Dress-up Day and FOSA Disco

Children, staff and EYFS parents had a Spooktacular time at this week's Halloween Disco!

Children came dressed in Halloween costumes and practised their scary dance moves all night long. Thank you to FOSA for organising another great event for all to enjoy!

Well done everyone, you raised an amazing £468.80!!





PLT News

This week we supported the Senior Leadership Team to prepare for parents' visiting. We set up the IT equipment to enable parents to [complete our Parent Survey](#). If you haven't done so would you please as this will help us to know how we can be even better. Thank you.

Parents' Evening

This week has been exceptionally busy with us holding two parents' evenings with further opportunities planned for you to meet your child's class teacher throughout the year. Each event starts at approximately 3:30pm and finishes at 5:30pm. We hope you utilise the Pupil Asset Parent Portal system for future bookings.

They were really wonderful evenings with great feedback from parents, staff and pupils and we thank you all for joining us.

Aspens cooked an amazing spread of taster meals for adults and children to try which went down very well with all that did. The real benefit to this is that children then do order meals that they ordinarily wouldn't.

We know you'll agree, the food smelt and tasted amazing. Thank you Sarah and Steve from Aspens.



Aspens



Click Here 



Thursday 2nd November Food Festival Lunch

Not to be missed!

Log onto the [Aspens 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 are going to enjoy, I'm sure!

**place your order
today!**

Parent Governor Role

Why should you become a Parent Governor at Upwell Academy? Governors have an important part to play in helping us to run effectively. They work as part of our team to help provide a happy, safe and thriving learning environment and an excellent education for all of our children. As a Parent Governor, you will be well placed to understand parents' views and have first-hand knowledge of how the school is run. You will have the opportunity to work toward improving the school experience not only for your own child but for children in years to come. Closing Date: 3rd November. Please visit the office for more details.



Staff Spotlight: Year 5 Class Teacher, Mr Miller

Mr Miller is our New Year 5 Teacher. He's wanted to teach for as long as he can remember and after years of hard work gained his teaching qualification earlier this year.

Mr Miller is particularly passionate about Physical Education and loves Computing and has thoroughly enjoyed his first half-term at Upwell and excited about our journey ahead.

Welcome to TEAM ACE Mr Miller!

PANTO

We are all looking forward to our whole school trip to the Corn Exchange to see Dick Whittington and His Cat performed live on 13th December. The cost to parents is £16 per child which you can now pay via Pupil Asset Parents' Portal. This will cover the cost of your child's ticket and a pot of ice-cream during the interval. FOSA have kindly offered to contribute to the coach this year, with the school funding any additional costs.

The few parents that have already paid £18, thank you. Please see Mrs Rhodes in the office for your £2 refund.

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Pupil Asset Parent Portal

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





Upwell Academy ECO-Committee

Do you want to be a part of our NEW mighty *Eco-Committee* with the role of helping Our Planet by spreading awareness of environmental issues and working to do our best to lead change at our Academy?

We are looking for children who can be excellent ECO-Warriors, who will help lead our Eco-School's Project this year. If you are interested in the role please complete this [short application form](#) and write a letter or draw a picture letting us know why you would make an excellent ECO Warrior. Upload it to your Dojo Portfolio by Thursday 26th October (next week) please. We look forward to seeing them.

Mrs Kirk, Our Eco-Coordinator and Miss Ellington will hold short interviews on the first week back to school following the half-term break.



WOW!



Let's celebrate your achievements out of school! Upload to your portfolio and you could see it here after half-term!

WOW!

Learning Highlights of the Week

Reception: Enchanted Forest Class

This week Year R have been practising phoning the emergency services. They used real phones and loved asking for the service and explaining the situation. We have been revising all of the sounds we have learnt so far and we continue to subitize and we started looking at more and fewer in a set.

Year 1: Crunchem Hall Class

This week in Maths, Year 1 have been comparing different measures. We have looked at length, height, weight and volume. We particularly enjoyed using balance scales to determine which objects were heavier or lighter.

Year 2: Neverland Class

This week, Year 2 have shown a fantastic understanding of addition and subtraction. We have been adding and subtracting 2digit numbers with ones and other 2digit numbers. We have then successfully applied our learning to solve a range of shape, word and reasoning problems.

Year 3: Narnia Class

We have had a busy week completing their first set of assessments. They have all tried exceptionally hard and maintained excellent focus throughout the week. In maths, Year 3 have enjoyed practicing column addition and subtraction (without making exchanges). In English, Year 3 have written their own set of instructions on 'How to wash a woolly mammoth.'

Year 4: Wonderland Class

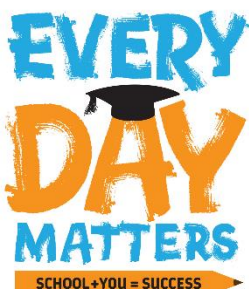
In maths we have been looking at different types of problems and how we can solve them. We have looked at word problems and logic problems. The logic problems really made us think – especially the sudoku! Miss Radford did go on a bit about making sure we read the question and that we checked our answers - because she knows we don't always do this!

Year 5: Shire Class

This week we have been looking at factors in maths and doing lots of multiplication. The children have impressed me lots and improved greatly throughout the week. We also started looking at Treasure Island in our English and have had a great time discussing different characters and possibilities. Well done Year 5 you have had a great half term. Enjoy your break!

Year 6: Hogwarts Class

We have an excellent week. In PSHE we've learnt to recognise how images in the media, including online do not always reflect reality, and can affect how people feel about themselves and in Science we enjoyed carrying out an investigation about how exercise affects pulse rate which Miss Ellington enjoyed observing!



Attendance Everyday Matters

Winning Class for week ending 20.10.23

Wonderland Class - Year 4 97.78%

Whole School: 94.74%

Celebrate SUCCESS





Endeavour Award

Awarded to

Reception: Theo
Year 1: Idella
Year 2: Harry
Year 3: Isaac
Year 4: Harriet
Year 5: Freya
Year 6: Bea

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Awarded by: 
 Miss Ellington, Interim Principal






Achievement Award

Awarded to

Reception: Ace
Year 1: Myles
Year 2: Jackson
Year 3: Alfie
Year 4: Sofia
Year 5: Harry
Year 6: Evie

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Awarded by: 
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Dojo Points Award


Awarded to

Reception: John
Year 1: William
Year 2: Ryan
Year 3: Summer
Year 4: Cole
Year 5: Jacob
Year 6: Toby

Awarded to

Reception: Logan
Year 1: Poppy
Year 2: Oscar
Year 3: Poppy
Year 4: Jessica
Year 5: Jessica
Year 6: Chanay



It was wonderful to welcome parents of children that won our Half Termly Endeavour and Achievement Awards and our Team Ace Award to assembly this week. Thank you to all who joined us. We hope to make this a regular feature of our Celebration Assemblies and thank you for celebrating in the children's success!

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	
23 rd – 29 th Oct	Half-Term
30 th October	Children return to school
30 th October	Year 5 Junior Duke of Edinburgh Award Launch
1 st November	FOSA Clothes Collection
2nd November	Aspens Special Lunch Menu 'Whizz Bang Sparkle'
4 th November	Poppy Appeal - Poppies available to buy
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
17 th November	Peterborough Football Club Special Assembly
17 th November	Children in Need FOSA Bake Sale
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
7 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
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	Staff Inset
Spring Term 2024	
4 th January	Term Starts
11 th January	EYFS Reading Bears Naming Ceremony (parents invited)
12 th January	Maths Subject Showcase
15 th January	Cluster Football Competition
19 th January	Reading subject Showcase

2 nd February	Number Day – Mathematics Professions (parents invited)
6 th February	Safer Internet Day
14 th February	FOSA Valentines Non-uniform Day (wear pink or red)
17 th – 23 rd February	Half-Term
24 th February	Children return to school
28 th February	National Science Day
6 th March	Dance Festival – Corn Exchange King's Lynn
7 th March	World Book Day
14 th March	Reception class Vision & hearing Tests
15 th March	Comic Relief
18 th March	Parents' Evening & Aspens Taster Menu
19 th March	Parents' Evening & Aspens Taster Menu
21 st March	FOSA Easter Disco
22 nd March	Year 6 Parents Meeting – Residential 3:30 - 4pm
25-27 th March	Year 6 Residential Trip
27 th March	Easter Assembly
27 th March	Term Ends – Easter Holiday 28 th March –14 th April
28 th March	Staff Inset
Summer Term	
15 th April	Term Starts
6 th May	Bank Holiday
13 th May	Key Stage 2, year 6 SATS Week
17 th May	FOSA Colour Run
25 th – 2 nd June	Half-Term
3 rd June	Children return to school
10 th June	Year 1 Phonic check
1 st – 5 th July	Sport Week
4 th July	Whole School Sports Day (weather permitting)
5 th July	FOSA Year 6 Leavers Event
10 th July	Reserve Sports Day
11 th July	FOSA End of Year Disco
15 th – 19 th July	Transition Week
15 th July	New Class Teacher Parent Workshop
19 th July	Term ends
22 nd July	Staff Inset

