



**Eastern Multi-Academy Trust**  
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# NEWSLETTER

Issue 8: Friday 3rd November 2023

## Key Dates:

- **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November** - Special Remembrance Service
- **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November** - Children In Need & Anti-Bullying Week - Hero Dress-up
- **23<sup>rd</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> November** - Scholastic Book Fair Visit



## PLT NEWS - Our Academy Ethos and Values

You'll be aware, at Upwell we have six Core Values – **TEAM ACE** which underpin what we strive to achieve as a community. As such, these should be committed to by our parents, our children, our Pupil leadership Team, our staff and the wider community.

## Our Academy Vision

We thought it essential to have an Ambitious Academy Vision which has been developed and is shared by all those who help contribute towards your child's education. Our PLT, staff and the wider team have had a hand in developing our New Vision and all staff and parents and pupils should have a shared understanding of it. Our New Academy Vision:



**Above all else, we want our children to be healthy, happy and safe.**

**We will strive for every child to be confident readers, writers and mathematicians. We will instil a lifelong love for learning where pupils acquire and develop the necessary skills, knowledge and attributes to achieve their goals. We will empower caring and Active Citizens to make a positive impact in our school, in our community and one day, in the workplace and the wider world.**

# PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST

Over the past two weeks, all children from EYFS to Year 6 have submitted entries to FOSA's annual Pumpkin design contest. Armed with pumpkins donated by Curson Farms, we set out on a quest to discover the finest pumpkin artist in each year group and we're pleased to announce, the winners are in...



Reception Class



Year 1



Year 2



Year 3



Year 4



Year 5

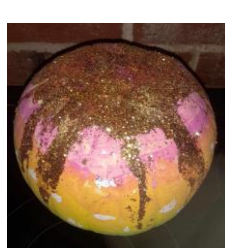
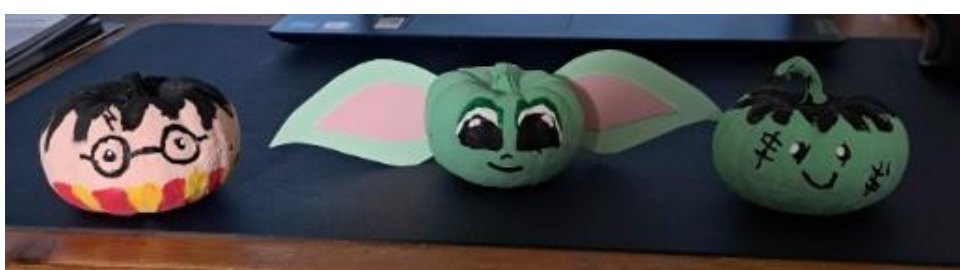


Year 6

Well done everyone that entered, as you can imagine it was exceptionally difficult for staff to decide and all of the entries will be on our [Academy website Photo Gallery Page](#).











## Our NEW ECO Committee

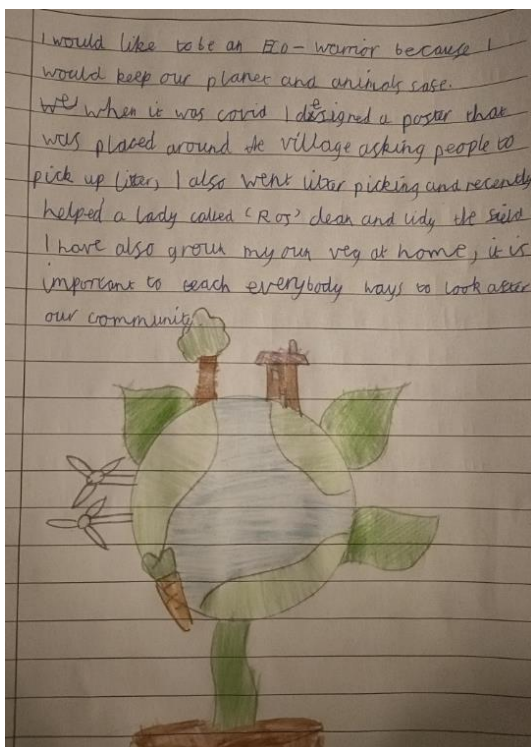
Following the application process, including formal interviews, we are proud and pleased to announce the successful applicants for the position of ECO Warrior at Upwell Academy. Alongside our ECO Coordinator, Mrs Kirk, they will form our New ECO Committee.

Eady Y2, Phoebe Y3, Ellis Y3, Sofia Y3, George Y4, Oenone Y4 and Ruby Y5

Miss Ellington and Mrs Kirk were extremely impressed with all that applied and wowed by their responses for reasons for wanting to be a part of the ECO team, to support our drive for an Eco-friendlier world.



**Well Done!**





## Army Officer's Inspirational Assembly

This week we welcomed Major Anthony Gleave, who serves with the Royal Engineers. Major Gleave joined Reception Class pupils for a special exclusive meet and greet and led an influential whole school assembly for pupils from Reception to Year 6.



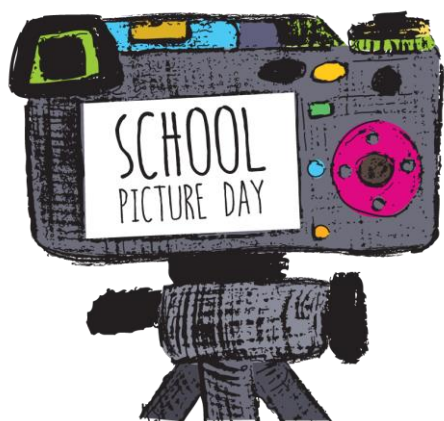
Major Gleave spoke about his career journey and his roles and responsibilities, giving pupils an opportunity to ask questions in an assembly which inspired us all. He embodied our TEAM ACE Values, empowering pupils to care about their education and motivating them about the curriculum through his own experiences and travels around the world!

We'd like to thank Major Gleave again and look forward to his future visit to speak to our upper Key Stage pupils and to inspire Year 6 further with their history curriculum and the World War.



## Whole School Panto Trip – Dick Whittington and his Cat, Corn Exchange, King's Lynn

We are extremely excited about our Christmas Panto visit on December 13<sup>th</sup> and hope all children will attend. Please book your child's seat on the Pupil Asset Parent Portal for £16 per ticket, which covers the cost of their seat and a pot of ice-cream during the interval. Payment should be received by **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November please**. If you are having any issues booking, please speak to Mrs Rhodes in the office. It is an excellent opportunity for all pupils to watch a live performance on a big stage, and of course an incredible amount of fun too! We can't wait!



All pupils will have their individual school photos taken on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November (next week). Year 5 and 6 children that swim that day should come in full school uniform please and will have their photos taken prior to leaving for the pool. Sibling photos will be taken and children attending Little Sunshine's Pre-School will also join in too.

Remember to come to school looking your best, in full-school uniform please.



If you would like to purchase a poppy next week, PLT will be coming around to classes in the afternoon.



Don't forget: Armistice Day: Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November (11am – 2 minute silence) coinciding with the end of World War 1 in 1918.



Our FOSA clothes collection was a huge success! Thank you everyone for your very generous contribution and support for such a great cause. Thank you again to FOSA for organising this and for still smiling albeit pouring down with rain!



This half term we are continuing to offer a range of after school sports clubs coached by Mr Howe from Premier Education. They start next week. Please click the images above to find out more information.

Some are parent funded and others are funded by the school. We are still working on wrap-around-care and apologise as we have not quite finalised this but further information will be provided very soon.

A huge congratulations to Maisie for winning this week's Netball Award!



### Everyone's a HERO

**Monday 13.11.23**

We will be celebrating World Kindness Day on 13.11.23 and we will be linking this directly to our curriculum work for Anti-bullying week. **Pupils are invited to come to school dressed as their Hero on Monday 13.11.23.**

This could be a nurse, a fireman, a police officer, a teacher and of course let's not forget Batman, and Superwoman!

The whole school will explore children's rights together by discussing the children's contribution: they are all heroes for the way we are tackling bullying together at the Academy.

FOSA will be having a Bake SALE for Children in Need on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November.



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**COMING SOON**

**Thursday 23rd to  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November  
Upwell Academy Book Fair**



**Come and take a look  
around our wonderful  
library and join us for this  
years BOOK FAIR!**



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



## Learning Highlights of the Week

### Reception: Enchanted Forest Class

This week we have started our new topic of The Earth and Beyond, we have thought about what things give off light. We also had a wonderful visit from Major Gleave who told us all about his job and what he does. We all really enjoyed this.

### Year 1: Crunchem Hall Class

We think there may have been a very hungry caterpillar in our classroom this week as some fruit was left in here on Monday so we have been exploring the story in English. In Maths we have been looking at the symbols  $>$  more than and  $<$  less than to compare numbers.

### Year 2: Neverland Class

This week we have been learning about different habitats around the world. We looked in detail about rainforest habitats; what these are, how they differ, which animals live there and how we need to protect them. We have also completed some firework themed artwork using the primary and secondary colours.

### Year 3: Narnia Class

This week, we have read and enjoyed the story of The Egyptian Cinderella, in English. We have compared this with the traditional story and have unpicked sections of the story in more detail. In geography, we learned about the features of a river and look forward to learning about some specific rivers over the next few lessons. In art, we enjoyed sketching some examples of Egyptian art!

### Year 4: Wonderland Class

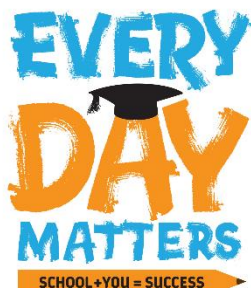
We have started study Alice IN Wonderland in English. We had a great discussion about the different book covers and which ones we liked, and why. It was interesting to hear all our different opinions.

## Year 5: Shire Class

We have been working hard this week, trying to put lots of effort into our learning. We have been writing alternative endings to a part of Treasure Island and doing some super multiplication in our maths.

## Year 6: Hogwarts Class

We have had an excellent first week back after half term. The children have particularly enjoyed writing diary entries from the trenches, some of them make for a very emotional read!

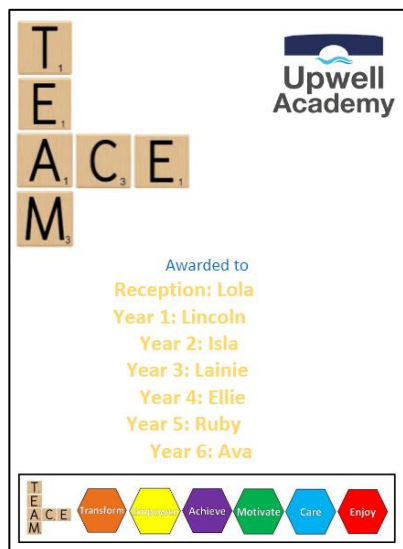


### Attendance Everyday Matters

Winning Class for week ending 3.11.23

Narnia Class - Year 3 **96.97%**

Whole School: **94.12%**



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.



23 <sup>rd</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Half-Term
6 <sup>th</sup> November	Poppy Appeal - Poppies available to buy
6 <sup>th</sup> November	EYFS Firefighter Visit
7 <sup>th</sup> November	2024-25 EYFS Intake Meeting
7 <sup>th</sup> November	Whole School Individual & Sibling Photographs
10 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Service & PLT Walk to Memorial (Scouting Groups to attend school in uniform)
16 <sup>th</sup> November	King's Lynn Football Club Mixed Cup Event
17 <sup>th</sup> November	King's Lynn Football Club Girl's Cup Event
17 <sup>th</sup> November	Peterborough Football Club Special Assembly
17 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need FOSA Bake Sale
20 <sup>th</sup> November	Y6 Height & Weight
22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Cross Country Finals
23-29 <sup>th</sup> November	Book Fair Visit
27 <sup>th</sup> November	School Sport's Partnership Tag Rugby Event
30 <sup>th</sup> November	2024-25 EYFS Intake Meeting
1 <sup>st</sup> December	Upwell Academy Christmas Fair
7 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS & Year 1 Nativity
7 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day
8 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Flu Immunisations
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 2 Christmas Performance
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Panto Day – King's Lynn Corn Exchange
14 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Aspens Special Christmas Lunch Menu</b>
15 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Carol Concert
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Term Ends. Christmas Holiday 21 <sup>st</sup> December – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan
3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Staff Inset
Spring Term 2024	
4 <sup>th</sup> January	Term Starts
11 <sup>th</sup> January	EYFS Reading Bears Naming Ceremony (parents invited)
12 <sup>th</sup> January	Maths Subject Showcase
15 <sup>th</sup> January	Cluster Football Competition
19 <sup>th</sup> January	Reading subject Showcase
2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Number Day – Mathematics Professions (parents invited)
6 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day

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

