



Eastern Multi-Academy Trust
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NEWSLETTER

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Key Dates:

- Monday 13th November - Children In Need & Anti-Bullying Week – **Remember to come in Hero Dress-up on Monday**
- 23rd -29th November - Scholastic Book Fair Visit



Remembrance Day at Upwell Academy is a time to teach our children about the reasons and customs connected with the commemoration of Remembrance Day. All our staff believe it is important that the children who attend our academy understand that the modern world has been shaped by many events, and one of these is conflict. Conflict, unfortunately, still occurs and we want our children to understand that adults and children in the past have made enormous sacrifices to allow us to have the society where we can make our own choices in the direction of our lives. As a result, we dedicate curriculum time to give the children a greater understanding of the act of remembrance and in so doing assign its importance to our community.



The children in Reception to Year 6 have been busy creating beautiful artwork as part of our Remembrance Week. We are incredibly proud of the beautiful work they have created.

Our aim this week is to channel children's curiosity to allow them to understand that our present freedoms and indeed democracy are as a result of conflicts in the past and the need to defend these against others who would prefer a different type of society which is not as culturally varied or allows individuals the opportunities to make their own decisions.



We paid tribute to the country's war heroes in a special service for Remembrance, which our Year 5 pupils prepared special reading for. The service also welcomed guest speaker, Warrant Officer Morby-Jones who shared his involvement in the armed forces and what Remembrance means to him.

The Pupil Leadership Team, Pupils from reception class to Year 6, and their parents, joined by our Academy Committee Chairperson, Val Cook and AC member Raine Thorrold for a reflective walk to Upwell's War Memorial in a fitting remembrance tribute, where they laid the Academy wreath before observing a two-minute silence in memory of those who lost their lives.



NEW ECO Committee News

The Eco Warriors have been busy picking litter on the school grounds this week. We are very excited about our brand-new resources and we had our first Eco Council meeting where we discussed ways to encourage others not to litter. Keep your eyes peeled for a poster competition coming soon!





Everyone's a HERO

Monday 13.11.23

We look forward to seeing everyone dressed as their Hero on Monday to celebrate Children in Need and Anti-Bullying this Week. Our Superhero staff will be on the gate should you wish to donate to Children In Need and FOSA will be holding a bake sale on Friday.



What is the Junior Duke Award?

Junior Dukes is an award scheme inspired by the Duke of Edinburgh Award and aimed at primary children that encourages the development of valuable life skills. There are seven levels, however this year for the first time we are opening the scheme up to our year 5 Pupils to complete:

Gold Junior Duke (Year 5) Award



What experiences are pupil involved in as a result?

Each of the levels contain ten challenges. In order to complete a level, children will need to complete seven of these challenges successfully. Challenges include mastering skills such as first aid, ICT, art, drama, music, sport, cookery, amongst a variety of other experiences. Children will be required to complete some of the challenges outside of school too with help from friends and family, although support will be given in school where needed. More information to follow.

Celebration Assembly Invites

We have recently begun to invite parents, carers and families to celebrate with us at our weekly assemblies and other planned events and it's been fantastic to have you all more involved. Please understand that where we are able, we will give you as much prior notice as possible but at the very earliest this will be 24 hours and could potentially be on the morning of the assembly. On occasion, your child may be awarded minutes prior to the assembly, and we will be unable to send an invite. We will review parent invites towards the end of this half term. We know that you want the opportunity to come in and celebrate in your child's success as much as we do and therefore, we appreciate your support and understanding of this.

In order for this to be successful we do need to ensure we have the correct contact numbers and emails for you, you can update them on the Pupil Asset Parent Portal. If you do not yet have access, please see Mrs Rhodes in the office to update directly.



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 started by having a fire engine appliance and some fire crew visit us. We talked about keeping safe and dialling 999 in an emergency and then we were able to look at the appliance and even got to squirt the hose. In English we have also learnt 'h - down the horse's head, to the hooves and over his back', 'sh - ssh said the horse to the hissing snake' and 'r - down the robot's back and over his arm.'

Year 1: Crunchem Hall Class

In Science we are learning about animals and their needs. This week we explored the difference between amphibians and mammals. We know amphibians lay eggs and live on land and in water. We know that mammals give birth to live babies and have hair or fur. We even found out that we are mammals!

Year 2: Neverland Class

This week, we have been drafting our writing based upon Little Red Riding Hood. We are changing the story, so it is from the wolf's point of view. We have had some brilliant openings describing the wolf and his den. We have also commemorated Remembrance by listening to a story – Where the Poppies Grow, making our own poppy for the school display and taking part in the Remembrance assembly and 2-minute silence.

Year 3: Narnia Class

This week, we have been planning and writing our own versions of 'The Egyptian Cinderella.' We have been role playing to trial our ideas, created visual plans and worked together to generate some great vocabulary. In art, we made our own clay sculptures of The Sphinx! With Remembrance Day coming up, we have read the story, 'The Christmas Truce – The Place Where Peace Was Found' and created some lovely collage poppies for our school display.

Year 4: Wonderland Class

In Year 4 we have been comparing the areas of shapes and solving problems in maths. We have been using our reasoning skills and explaining what we have discovered. We have been learning about a special dog called Stubby who was a mascot in the First World War.

Year 5: Shire Class

This week in Year 5 we have been working hard. We have started looking at fractions in Maths which the children have really seemed to enjoy. We have also been finishing our writing looking at Treasure Island and planning how to write memoirs. We are also incredibly excited about our Remembrance Assembly and performing our speech to the school and visitors.

Year 6: Hogwarts Class

We have been working incredibly hard on fractions in maths and can confidently give equivalent fractions; enabling us to compare, order, add, subtract, and simplify them. Despite the groans at the start of the topic, most of us have realised that fractions are not as tricky as we thought and some of us have even admitted to really liking fractions!





Attendance Everyday Matters

Winning Class for week ending 10.11.23

Narnia Class - Year 1 **100% WOW**

Whole School: **93.36%**





Awarded to

Reception: Anna

Year 1: Maisy








Year 2: Harry

Year 3: Killian

Year 4: Jessie

Year 5: Freddie

Year 6: Charlie





Dojo Points Award

Awarded to

Reception: Brooke

Year 1: Alfie

Year 2: Amelia




Year 3: Layla-Faye

Year 4: Bethany

Year 5: Jacob

Year 6: Emily












Principal's Award

Awarded to

Year 1: Bradley





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 rd – 29 th Oct	Half-Term
6 th November	Poppy Appeal - Poppies available to buy
6 th November	EYFS Firefighter Visit
7 th November	2024-25 EYFS Intake Meeting
7 th November	Whole School Individual & Sibling Photographs
10 th November	Remembrance Service & PLT Walk to Memorial (Scouting Groups to attend school in uniform)
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
23-29 th November	Book Fair Visit
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

