





Issue 11: Friday 24th November 2023

### **Key Dates:**

- 23<sup>rd</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> November Scholastic Book Fair Event
- 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> November New EYFS Intake Tour for Sept 2024
- 1<sup>st</sup> December Upwell Christmas Fair

### **Christmas Performances**

It has been another tremendously busy week at the Academy. Staff and children are beginning to get very excited about the festive activities we have planned in the coming weeks. Many classes have begun rehearsing their lines and learning songs and we look forward to welcoming you all to join us for upcoming performances. Understandably there will need to be a limit to 2 tickets per family that attend our Key Stage 2 Carol Service to ensure that we can fit everyone in the school hall. Tickets will be needed on entry and will be sent home with the children next week. We look forward to seeing you all.



### Snack from the Hatch!

Aspens continue to offer our 'Snack from the Hatch' which is very popular. The children are excited by the opportunity to develop their maths skills; using real money to go shopping for healthy snacks and drinks. Confidence and independence has soared as the children manage their own money and make purchases within their budget.



Junior Librarian is the child-friendly library management platform that helps primary schools nurture a love of learning.



### We have Junior Librarian!

You can log in by clicking the logo image above or visit our new Library website page

<u>Click here</u> to view information from Miss Roberts, Our Librarian, on how to login.

Junior Librarian allows for parents to get involved and support pupil's progress with access to see what they've been reading, check which books they have on loan and help them choose what to read next. Parents can support their child to write a book review or read the latest book reviews from their friends, see which new books have been added to the library and create а personalised reading list.





Lunch hour opening times

Monday: 12:30 - 12:50 Wednesday: 12:30 - 12:50 Friday: 12:30 - 12:50



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### **Upwell Book Fair**

We have had an extremely successful book fair so far, if you haven't visited yet, join us on Monday and Wednesday next week.





# The Children's Society

# **Our Christingle Service**

Christingle is a joyous, inclusive event that helps to teach your children a number of important curriculum subjects, including communication and language development, spiritual development, cultural development and religious education. Our Christingle service is a fantastic way to bring all of our pupils together to share in the joy of Christmas and support vulnerable children. You can <u>visit our event page here.</u>

All children across the academy will be making thiere own Christingle next week.



The school's non-uniform Hero Dress-up raised £73.50

FOSA's Bake sale raised **£341.85!** A grand total **£415.35** this will be halved between Children in need and FOSA

Thank you all again it goes a long way to helping the children!

Little Sunshines also raised £28.50 for children in need so a fabulous amount in total



# **New Magazines!**

We have invested in some great magazines for our library which will be available from next week. Visit the library to take a closer look!

## Staff Spotlight: Year 1 Teacher – Mrs Kirk

I teach in Year 1 and I am the Music and Art subject lead. At home my hobbies include reading and cooking. My ideal day would be going to see a musical in the West End, my favourite has to be Wicked!

I am extremely excited to have taken on the role of Eco Coordinator this year, and to be working with the Eco Warriors. We have already been working hard to reduce the amount of litter in school and I am looking forward to everything we will do over the rest of the year.





December 8<sup>th</sup>: Flu immunisation for pupils in school years Reception - Year 6

A reminder that he flu vaccine is being offered at the Academy again this autumn/winter. To give consent for your child to have the flu vaccine, <u>please click here</u>

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.

Mrs Goodrum, our Catering Manager and her team will be holding a name the Elf competition at lunchtimes in the lead up to Christmas! The child that name's our Elf correctly will get to take him home. Good luck!



# FOSA CHRISTMAS FAIR

JOIN US FOR A FUN AFTERNOON WITH CRAFTS, GAMES AND FESTIVE SPIRIT!

# FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER FROM 3:15PM

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TAKE PART IN OUR CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

UP FOR GRABS: £100 £508£25 AMAZON VOUCHERS PLUS LOTS OF LOCAL VOUCHERS AND GIFTS

REFRESHMENTS - CHOCOLATE TOMBOLA-SNOWMAN SKITTLES - REINDEER GROTTO





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

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# **Learning Highlights of the Week**

### **Reception: Enchanted Forest Class**

We have been using 'Owl Babies' as a base for our learning, we have created some beautiful artwork using a printing technique to create the owlets. We also received a letter from Bob the man in the moon and we have been excitedly replying to him and we are eagerly awaiting a response.

### Year 1: Crunchem Hall Class

This week in Art we have been learning about the artist Joan Miro and have been studying his constellations paintings. We were particularly looking at how he used different types of lines in his art. We then created our own drawing in the style of Miro.



### Year 2: Neverland Class

We have had a very busy week in Year 2. We have started our new writing unit; learning all about information texts, their features, uses and reading lots of examples. In Maths, we have been finishing our unit on money, the children have shown fantastic development throughout this unit, we have even had compliments from the Aspens staff this week when the children are buying their breaktime snacks.

### Year 3: Narnia Class

This week we have been learning about Ancient Egyptian beliefs, including the Gods and Goddesses. We also incorporated this into our PE lesson, creating dances with movements to represent each God. In art, we painted our 'Bust of Nefertiti' Egyptian collars. In Science, we learned about animal migration and were shocked by how far some animals would travel!

### Year 4: Wonderland Class

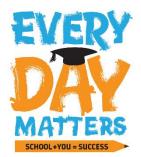
This week we have been learning about Pompeii and how it tells historians and archaeologists so much about the way Romans lived. In photographs, we could see the streets, shops and fast food counters. We thought the mosaics and paintings were fantastic and we were amazed they had survived for so many hundreds of years.

## Year 5: Shire Class

This week the children have been working very hard to master their knowledge at fractions. Year 5 have also tried very hard at writing their own poems with metaphors they created. We have been working very hard and putting lots of effort into each subject.

### **Year 6: Hogwarts Class**

We have started our new class novel this week. We are reading Holes by Louis Sachar. So far, the story has been a real hit with Year 6. We have had lots of discussion about the different characters and what we think is going on at Camp Green Lake.



Attendance Everyday Matters

Winning Class for week ending 24.11.23 Neverland Class – Year 2 95.78% Whole School: 94.24%



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Year: 6: Blake

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 <u>Academy</u> <u>Calendar</u> page of our website.



Autumn Term 2023	
23-29 <sup>th</sup> November	Book Fair Visit
27 <sup>th</sup> November	School Sport's Partnership Tag Rugby Event
29 <sup>th</sup> November	Christingle Service
30 <sup>th</sup> November	2024-25 EYFS Intake Meeting
1 <sup>st</sup> December	Year 3 Egyptian Day – Come dressed as an Egyptian
1 <sup>st</sup> December	Upwell Academy Christmas Fair 3:15
7 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS & Year 1 Nativity 1:30 (Parents Invited)
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 1:30 (Parents Invited)
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Panto Day – King's Lynn Corn Exchange
14 <sup>th</sup> December	Aspens Special Christmas Lunch Menu
15 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Carol Concert 1:30 (Parents Invited)
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)
12th January	Maths Subject Showcase
15 <sup>th</sup> January	Cluster Football Competition
19th January	Reading subject Showcase
2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Number Day – Mathematics Professions (parents invited)
6th February	Safer Internet Day
14 <sup>th</sup> February	FOSA Valentines Non-uniform Day (wear pink or red)
17th – 23rd February	Half-Term
24 <sup>th</sup> February	Children return to school
28th February	National Science Day
6 <sup>th</sup> March	Dance Festival – Corn Exchange King's Lynn
7th March	World Book Day
14th 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

