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NEWSLETTER

Issue 12: Friday 1st December 2023

Key Dates:

Thursday 7th December - EYFS & Year 1 Nativity 1:30

Thursday 7th December - Whole School Christmas Jumper day

Friday 8th December - Whole school flu immunisations

CHRISTMAS FAIR



Upwell Christmas Fair 2023

This evening we held our FOSA Christmas Fair. It was a fabulous way to kick off our Christmas festivities with so many happy children and families. More details and photos will be available on our website shortly. A huge thank you to so many including the local companies that have supported by donating great raffle prizes, Miss Radford for doing an amazing job in organising our Christmas Choir, our smashing FOSA parents, our children and families...and many more thanks to come for helping to make it so successful!







The Children's Society



Our Christingle Service

A huge thank you to Raine Thorrold for leading a special Christingle service for us this week. Thank you to parents and children for donating to the Children's Society.

Our children learned that the orange represents the world. The red ribbon (or tape) symbolises the love and blood of Christ. The sweets and dried fruit represent all of God's creations. The lit candle represents Jesus's light in the world, bringing hope to people living in darkness.



SCHOOL — KEEP — CLEAR

PLT NEWS

This week we met to discuss our the Pupil Leadership Team class discussions. We are all working hard to continue to improve our lunchtime and playtime provision.

We also met with Miss Ellington to discuss our drive to improve the school run and continue our work with Police Constable Chris Lorraine and Upwell Parish Council.



Junior Librarian

Great to see that so many of you have logged into our new system. If you haven't yet we'd encourage you to take a look. It will be a useful way to support your child to engage with reading and explore our fabulous library from home.



HIGH PRIORITY

Please may we remind parents/carers to ensure that school has correct emergency contact details, any medicines (including inhalers and EpiPens) held in school are in date and that school has copies of the most recent Care Plans. Please also advise the office if your child has any newly diagnosed conditions or any changes to conditions, eg no longer has eczema to ensure that our data base is correct.

Thank you.

December 8th: Flu immunisation for pupils in school years Reception - Year 6

A reminder that the flu vaccine is being offered at the Academy again this autumn/winter. To give consent for your child to have the flu vaccine, [please click here](#)

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.

Home School Agreement

All staff, parents and pupils need to have agreed to our Home/School Agreement which renews every year. Many have, thank you. If you haven't please would you complete asap, as it details what we, you and your children are committed to, to ensure a successful collaborative team approach to life at Upwell. [Please use the link here.](#)



Staff Spotlight Special: Year 3 Teacher – Miss Riches

Miss Riches has worked at the Academy for 5 years. We are pleased to share her amazing news - she is moving back to Australia over the Christmas period!

Mr Harper, an experienced teacher, will be joining our team in January and will be teaching Year 3. Please join us in wishing Miss Riches the very best in her new job, she is a valued member of the team that will be greatly missed!

'I will be teaching in a school just outside of Melbourne. When I was 10 years old, my family and I moved from Australia to the UK, so I am excited to be returning and look forward to spending some more time with my grandparents and other family members. I can't wait to be back in the sunshine and warmer weather too!

Upwell Academy will always hold a special place in my heart as this is where my teaching career began. I'd like to wish you all the best and to thank the staff, parents, and children for their continued support as it truly has been a wonderful experience!'



CONGRATULATIONS,
THANK YOU
& GOOD LUCK

Home Learning Links:



We subscribe to [Sumdog](#) - Sumdog helps our children to practise mathematics fluency regularly. Combining fun games and achievements with curriculum-aligned questions, they won't even realise they're learning! For every correct answer, children are rewarded with coins to spend on their avatar or Sumdog house. And every time a child masters a new skill, their pet learns a new trick. Please request your child's login from the office.



We subscribe to [Read Write Inc's Phonics and Reading Resources](#) for you to use at home. Visit the login page to use the login on our [website](#) to gain full access to a wealth of e-books and activities for you to enjoy at home.



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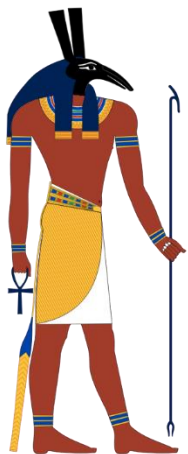
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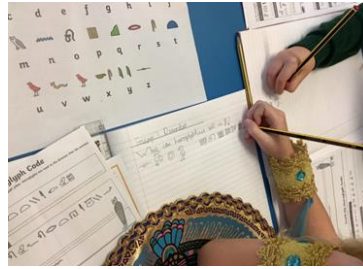


COMING SOON: We are in the process of subscribing to [TT Rockstars](#). We want your children to rock at their times tables! Times Tables Rock Stars is a maths programme that takes all the worry out of learning times tables and has a proven track record of boosting children's fluency and recall in multiplication and division. Please request your child's login from the office.



Year 3's Egyptian Day





Year 3 were transported to Ancient Egypt! They dressed up in their best Egyptian outfits in preparation for their day of learning all about the Ancient Egyptians.

The children learned about Tutankhamun, the Pharos and highlighted lots of interesting facts about Ancient Egypt. The class also got to see a real pair of Ancient Egyptian shoes, which could have been worn by an Egyptian many, many years ago.

To finish the day off, all our Year 3 children were asked challenging questions about the topics they had learnt throughout the day, this included Tutankhamun, the Pyramids as well as life in the desert. The children had a wonderful day and especially enjoyed seeing their teachers in costume.

"Today, I bandaged my body and became a mummy. We did lots of different activities, my favourite was writing my name in hieroglyphs." Frankie Year 3

Thank you to all our staff who organised and led a fabulous day!



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

WOW!



Learning Highlights of the Week

Reception: Enchanted Forest Class

This week we have received more communication from Bob, and we even heard him fly over the school in his space rocket. We have started to practise the songs for our nativity, and we have learnt 3 new sounds – w – down up, down up the wiggly worm, z – zig zag zig, and x – down and arm and leg and repeat the other side.

Year 1: Crunchem Hall Class

This week in Maths we have been looking closely at numbers to 5. We have been exploring finding missing parts and finding one more and less than a number. We have also been using bar models to show a number partitioned into two parts.

Year 2: Neverland Class

This week we have really enjoyed learning more about information texts and writing about different types of animals. We have used expanded noun phrases, developed our sentences adding more detail and accurately checked our punctuation. We have compared lots of different fiction and non-fiction books; we are getting really confident at explaining what is the same and what is different.

Year 3: Narnia Class

This week we have been working incredibly hard on our times tables. We practised our 2 times tables which then helped up with our 4s and then our 8s! On Friday, we had our own 'Ancient Egyptian' themed day where we learned about hieroglyphics. We worked out how to write our own names! We also made our own papyrus paper in preparation for an art lesson next week where we will be drawing Egyptian Gods. We also learned about Howard Carter's discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb!

Year 4: Wonderland Class

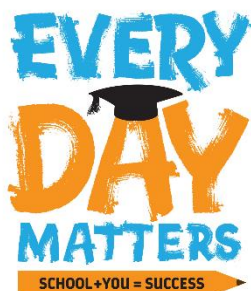
We have been inventing some delicious sounding smoothies that would help to keep us healthy. This was part of our science where we found out about the different types of food and how they help our bodies. We have also been finding out how the Romans loved going to the baths and catching up with their friends.

Year 5: Shire Class

This week in Geography, we have been discovering more about different mountains, including the Himalayas. The children also have had some great discussions in RE about Pascals Wager. We have been trying to show our Academy values throughout the school and in our work.

Year 6: Hogwarts Class

In science this week we have been thinking about the five groups that vertebrates are classified into: mammals, birds, fish, reptiles and amphibians. We wrote about the features that the different groups have. Next week we are moving on to look at how invertebrates are classified.



Attendance Everyday Matters

Winning Class for week ending 1.12.23

Hogwarts Class – Year 6 **96.4%**

Whole School: **90.8%**



Dojo Points Award
Upwell Academy
Awarded to

Reception: Thomas
Year 1: Albert
Year 2: Harry
Year 3: Freddie
Year 4: Oenone
Year 5: Jayden
Year 6: Scarlet

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T E A C E M
Awarded to

Reception: Indie
Year 1: Colt
Year 2: Isabelle
Year 3: Marnie
Year 4: Jessie
Year 5: Willow
Year 6: Hermione

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READING ROCKS
Reading Award
Awarded to

Reception: Peter B
Year 1: Lily-Mae
Year 2: Tyler & Jet
Year 3: Lainie
Year 4: Freddie
Year 5: Violet
Year 6: Hunter



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	
7 th December	EYFS & Year 1 Nativity 1:30 (Parents Invited)
7 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
8 th December	Whole School Flu Immunisations
11 th December	Year 2 Christmas Performance 1:30 (Parents Invited)
13 th December	Panto Day – King's Lynn Corn Exchange
14th December	Aspens Special Christmas Lunch Menu
15 th December	KS2 Carol Concert 1:30 (Parents Invited)
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

