



Eastern Multi-Academy Trust
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NEWSLETTER

Issue 13: Friday 8th December 2023

Key Dates:

Monday 11th December - Year 2 Nativity 1:30 (Parents invited)

Wednesday 13th December – Whole School Trip to Pantomime

Thursday 14th December – Aspens Special Christmas Lunch Menu

Friday 15th December – KS2 Carol Concert 1:30pm (Parents invited)

EYFS and Year 1 Christmas Nativity Production

Santa's Present

Our Reception and Year 1 held their exceptional Christmas Performance to parents on Thursday 7th December and I know that those of you that attended will agree, it was a huge success. The children were incredibly proud and happy to be performing on our stage. Well done to all the children and a big thank you to all the staff, especially Mrs Kirk our director this year. Thank you also to you, our parents/carers for supporting us by helping children learn their lines and for organising costumes. The Nativity is such an important part of our younger children's journey, it enhances speaking skills and develops confidence, and we are extremely proud of them all.





Well done to all
of our children
and staff!



PLT NEWS

We have been involved in some very exciting developments at Upwell Academy this week, more information coming soon!

Watch this space!



Staff Spotlight Special: TA – Mrs Dewdney

Mrs Dewdney has worked at the Academy for 16 years. She is our amazing HLTA and is very fortunate in the fact that she gets to work closely with all the children in the school. She is this week's staff spotlight...

'I have worked at Upwell Academy since 2007, first starting as a TA in EYFS where I spent 10 happy years. During this time, I trained to be an HLTA and so now I teach classes across the school, and I often joke I need a sat-nav to remind me where I am! My other role is Breakfast Club Manager, having helped set up and establish this important and popular service that our school provides to support pupils and their families. I dread to think how many pieces of toast I have buttered over the years!

After studying for my A-levels at 18, I had hoped to join the Royal Air Force but unfortunately, I was considered too small and had to rethink my future. Therefore, before working in schools, I trained and worked as a microbiologist, working for a large food manufacturing company, Allied Lyons, and had the responsibility of ensuring the food that was being produced was safe to eat and free from harmful bacteria.

More recently, I decided to push myself further and study for a degree. This was to be a four-year commitment, which was tough as Covid struck and I was still working in school. However, I persevered and graduated this summer with my degree, a 2:1 BA (Honours) in Education Studies. So, it just goes to prove that even when you get older you can still learn and improve yourself.

I have seen many children come through our school and had the pleasure of seeing them start off as little seedlings in EYFS and then grow and develop into strong 'saplings,' independent learners ready for their next adventure – secondary school. Over the years I have also seen many changes within the school, having been a pupil here myself, many, many years ago! Despite the changes one thing has stayed the same, my support of all the children to be the best that they can be, so I look forward to the next chapter of my time at Upwell Academy.



Mrs Dewdney, with her daughter and her first grandson.



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.



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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.

Major Gleave's Workshops

Children were truly inspired when Major Anthony Gleave joined us this week to run workshops for some of our Upper Key Stage 2 children. Major Gleave discussed military geography and taught the children about the different types of maps and how to understand from aerial maps where the sun was shining and how that relates to the time of day and season.

They also learnt about where the best place was to situate essential services and shops based on the busiest roads, population centres and water sources. The children also had the opportunity for a Questions and Answers session. Thank you again Major Gleave, we look forward to you coming again in the New Year!





Thank you again,
Major Gleave!

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

WOW!



WOW!



We are very pleased that our children will be singing a song for Christmas on the radio this **Thursday 14th at 7:40, 12:40 and 4:40.**

Please tune in to hear them sing. You can also be a part of making someone else's Christmas by donating a toy for the Toy appeal. More information in the link below.

[Toy Appeal | Radio West Norfolk](#)

[Learning Highlights of the Week](#)

Reception: Enchanted Forest Class

We have spent some time this week practising for our very first school nativity and I think we were amazing. In class we have been using the text 'How to catch a star'. We have thought about how we would try to catch our own star and we also thought about the characters and the setting. In art we have tried to replicate Van Gogh's 'A Starry Night' using oil pastels and chalks.

Year 1: Crunchem Hall Class

We have had a very exciting week. Firstly, we thoroughly enjoyed sharing our Nativity with you. I'm sure you'll agree that we did a fantastic job! In class, Sprinkles the elf has come to join us. She is very cheeky, and we have decided to try and trap her so that she can stop causing mischief. We have been learning the features of instructions so that we can write our own and carry them out next week.

Year 2: Neverland Class

This week we have been working hard on our Christmas performance ready for Monday, the children have worked really hard to learn their lines and actions. We have continued our work on multiplication; learning about the relationship between the numbers, repeated addition and how arrays can represent different calculations.

Year 3: Narnia Class

This week, Year 3 have been learning about the features of playscripts. We had a go at performing sections of a play and even turned sections of a text (The Three Little Pigs) into a playscript. We have also been learning about the ways in which people show commitment to religions including Christianity, Judaism and Sikhism. We learned about baptism, Bar and Bat Mitzvahs and the 5 Ks of Sikhism. We have also been working hard to practise our songs for the Christmas Carol Concert next week!

Year 4: Wonderland Class

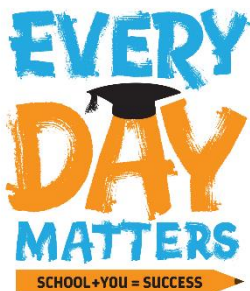
We have been busy learning our songs for the Christmas Concert. We are getting better all the time and we are looking forward to you coming to listen to them. In our English we have been writing some complex sentences using fronted adverbials and expanded noun phrases.

Year 5: Shire Class

This week we have been working very hard. The children have worked extremely hard in their swimming lessons with nearly everyone being fully capable swimmers! The children have been looking more at poetry whilst working very hard to produce some lovely pieces of work.

Year 6: Hogwarts Class

We started our week off with the launch of this term's 'Big Write'. We then wrote a persuasive letters to 'The Granter of Wishes' to ask for a selfless wish. We had to think of reasons to support our arguments and think of emotive vocabulary to that would influence the reader. We had some really thoughtful letters with a variety of wishes such as giving the homeless warmth, food and shelter; stopping wars from ever happening so that the money saved from defence and aid could be spent on worthy causes; finding cures for illnesses and diseases; and wishes for families or individuals who might have experienced challenges.



Attendance Everyday Matters

Winning Class for week ending 8.12.23

Neverland Class – Year 2 96.33%

Whole School: 90.08%


Celebrate SUCCESS

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Reading Award

Awarded to

Reception: Sonny
Year 1: Henri
Year 2: Amelia
Year 3: Chloe
Year 4: Jessie M
Year 5: Freya
Year 6: Isabella



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TEACE

Awarded to

Reception: Harley
Year 1: Daisy
Year 2: Elsie
Year 3: Hayden
Year 4: Gabriella
Year 5: Teddy
Year 6: George

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Dojo Points Award

Awarded to

Reception: Indie
Year 1: Louisa
Year 2: Isabelle
Year 3: James
Year 4: Ruby
Year 5: Hera
Year 6: Toby



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Principal's Award

Awarded to

Wonderland Class



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Principal's Award

Awarded to

Scarlet Nicol



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Principal's Award

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Narnia Class



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A huge thank you to **Snap On King's Lynn** who donated two advent calendars per class this year. The children are eagerly anticipating who will get to open the doors each day!

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)
19 th December	Santa Hat Walk & FOSA PJ & Xmas Movie Day
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

