



Eastern Multi-Academy Trust
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NEWSLETTER

Issue 22: Friday 12th January 2024

Key Dates:

Monday 15th January - Cluster Football competition

Tuesday 16thth January – EYFS Reading Bears Ceremony 9am (Parents Invited)

Friday 19th January - Subject Showcase – Reading 9am-10am (Parents Invited)



Mathematics Subject Showcase





At Upwell Academy, we teach a broad and balanced curriculum. To raise the profile of all the subjects, we **Showcase Subjects** for our parents and carers to observe across the different year groups and Key Stages. This supports our families to acquire a sound understanding of progression and expectations within the subject and opportunity to see the methods and resources we use. It is also an opportunity answer questions that are raised. Please do speak to Miss Ellington, who leads Mathematics at the Academy, if you have any further questions.

Thank you to so many of you for joining us today. Our children and staff really enjoyed the morning and the feedback from you all is gratefully received. Please would you support us by completing this short survey if you were able to attend. We look forward to seeing you on Friday 19th January (**next week**), where we will be showcasing **Reading**.



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. If you haven't already, please request your child's login from the office.



Edith Blunt Trust

The Trustees of the Edith Blunt Trust visited the Academy this week. As you know they already contribute greatly to supporting the education of our pupils through termly Reading Awards and incentivising reading by awarding book vouchers to individual pupils for exceptional progress in reading. They have also funded our subscription to Junior Librarian, making our library more accessible and supporting reading at home. They have also part funded our Year 5 Junior Duke Award. The Trustees have previously invited our Pupil Leadership Team and Eco Council to the orchards to participate in special events and community projects. Very soon, when the weather warms up, there will be an opportunity for our children and local families to support the Trustees to plant new saplings down at the orchards – more information to come soon. We thank them for their visit and for their continued support too.

PLT NEWS

This week we have had many special visitors to the Academy. The Pupil Leadership Team have played a key role during these visits, with the responsibility of sharing whole-school pupil voice. We are extremely proud of how articulate they all were and the feedback from the Trust, The Academy Committee Chair, Val Cook and The West Norfolk Police was exceptionally positive. Well done!



A huge thank you to PC Chris Lorrain and PC Iaian Fisher who joined us again. We really appreciate their support with our curriculum and with our wider community plans.

BRING ON the BOOK JOY!



Thank you all for the purchases you made during our Autumn Term Scholastic Book Fair visit. It has meant we have been able to purchase a selection of books to add to our library collection for all of the children to enjoy. These are just some of them added this week. I know the children are very keen to borrow them. Thank you to Mrs Roberts, our Librarian, for speaking with children, selecting choices with them, ordering the books and logging the on our system.



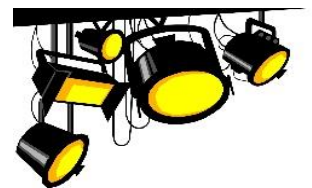
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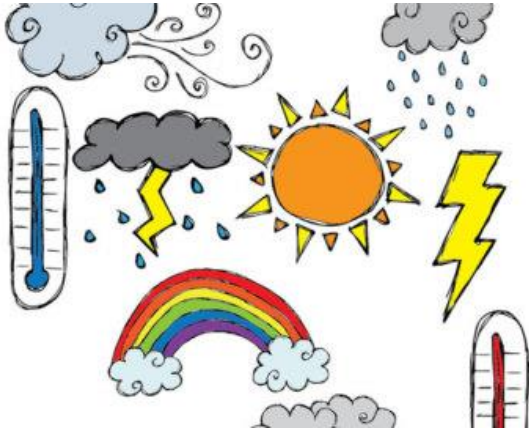
Great to see that so many of you have logged into our new system. If you haven't yet we'd encourage you to take a look. It will be a useful way to support your child to engage with reading and explore our fabulous library from home.

Staff Spotlight: Trust SEND Consultant – Mrs Karen Walmsley

Karen Walmsley is a *Regional SEND Consultant* with the *Eastern Multi-Academy Trust*. She visited us again this week for a full day in the Academy. We have sought her support since the beginning of the Autumn term and she has been invaluable to providing expert advice, completing observations and assessments, and delivering CPD to the Upwell Team.

She has many years' experience as a SENDCo and currently works with all the Academies across EMAT. Thank you for your support again the week Karen.





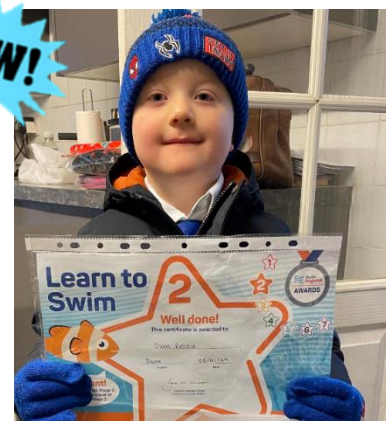
Weather

The weather is likely to get colder this coming week. Please make sure you have layers, a hat, gloves and warm coat in order to enjoy playing outside. We plan to open the field now that the ground is dryer. Please bring in a spare pair of outdoor shoes in a plastic bag to change into at breaktime and lunch time.

Reminder

Scooters

Do not allow your child to use their scooter on the school grounds. If this continues, we will review the position on their use. This comes from a good place: not wanting to see anyone get hurt. Thank you all for your support.



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

We have had a wonderful first full week back, we have started our topic on Australia, we have looked at where Australia is and where we are in the world, we have learnt about some of the wonderful landmarks down under and we have created some excellent Aboriginal style art.

Year 1: Crunchem Hall Class

Our new science topic is 'The Seasons and the Weather'. This week we have explored the four seasons and what the weather might look like in each season. This has linked to English where we are exploring a poem about the seasons. This week we have focussed on words with the suffix -ing as well as descriptive language.

Year 2: Neverland Class

Mrs Pawley has thoroughly enjoyed her first full week with Year 2 and feels very welcomed by the children. We have had a great week exploring, reading and writing poetry in English. In Maths we've enjoyed identifying the properties of 2D shapes. We are thankful for the visit from Norfolk Police and It was wonderful to share our mathematics knowledge with parents today.

Year 3: Narnia Class

In Year 4 we have been enjoying exploring Ancient Greece. We have begun by reading Greek Myths in English and experimenting with Greek writing and creating our own Greek Art. On Wednesday we were able to 'show off' our excellent knowledge to our special visitors from the Trust and it has been a great first full week where I feel I have really begun to get to know the children. It was lovely to meet some parents during today's maths showcase too. Well done Year 3!

Year 4: Wonderland Class

In Year 4 we have been learning about how Henry II introduced Common Law. Before this the law was made up by the rich lords and could be different in different places. Henry introduced the idea of a jury, which we still use today in our courts. The jury listens carefully to all the evidence and then decide if you are guilty or innocent.

Year 5: Shire Class

In Year 5 we have started looking at the French Revolution and King Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette. The children have done amazingly at remembering some key dates and facts surrounding The Battle of Trafalgar and The French Revolution. We have also started looking at our multiplication using the column method where some of the children have excelled in their enthusiasm and passion for maths.

Year 6: Hogwarts Class

We began our history topic about World War II this week by looking at The Treaty of Versailles and how German people felt after the signing of the Treaty at the end of World War I. In our English we have been reading a story about a man who was a hero in World War II. The children have explored the themes within this story with a view to writing their own version of the story next week. We have also begun our new class novel – The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas.



Attendance Everyday Matters

Winning Class for week ending 12.1.24

Neverland Class – Year 2 **96%**

Whole School: **94.8%**



Dojo Points Award



Awarded to

Reception: Isla-Rose

Year 1: Louisa

Year 2: Eady

Year 3: James

Year 4: Bethany

Year 5: Amelia

Year 6: Race



Awarded to

Reception: Ella

Year 1: Hunter

Year 2: Bella

Year 3: Freddie

Year 4: Phoebe

Year 5: Lilah

Year 6: Poppy



Awarded to

Principal's Award

KS1: William Y1

KS2: Frankie Y3



Reading Award

Awarded to

Reception: Thomas & Indie

Year 1: Gracie-Mae

Year 2: Amelia & Piers

Year 3: Summer

Year 4: Harley

Year 5: Isaac

Year 6: Emily



Our 'Date for your Diary' will be added to each week and can also be found on the [Academy Calendar](#) page of our website.



Spring Term 2024	
15 th January	Cluster Football Competition
16 th January	EYFS Reading Bears Naming Ceremony (parents invited 9am)
19 th January	Reading subject Showcase (parents invited 9-10am)
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 – 25 th February	Half-Term
26 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
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

