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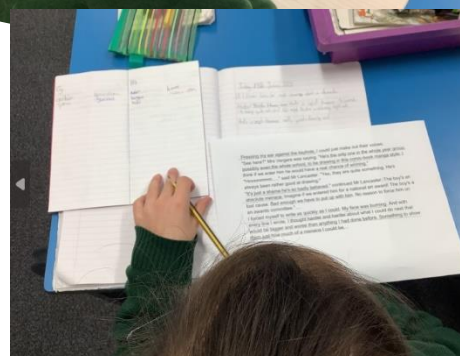
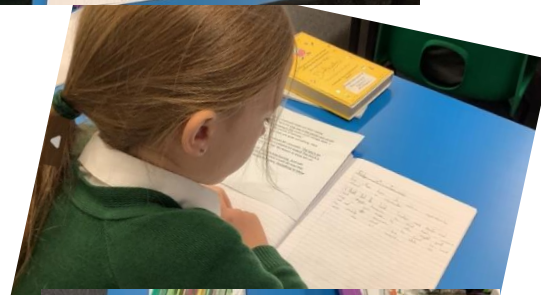
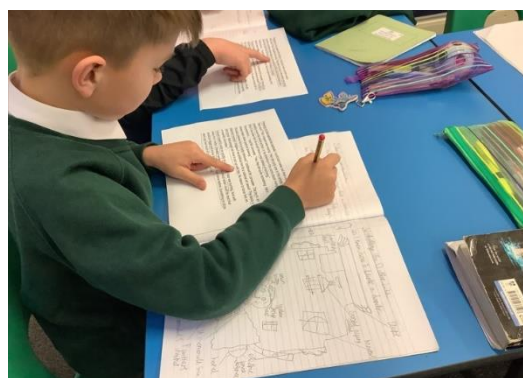
Issue 23: Friday 19th January 2024

Key Dates:

Friday 26th February – Major Gleave Special Assembly

Friday 2nd February – Number Day

Reading Subject Showcase





We Love READING!

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 speak to Mrs Fisher, who leads English (Phonics, Reading and Writing), if you have any questions. Mrs Fisher is also the Eastern Multi Academy Trust's Expert Practitioner for Reading.

Thank you all for joining us today. Once again, our children and staff really enjoyed the morning and the [positive feedback](#) is gratefully received. We are always working to improve what we do and our opportunities for you to all join us.

We promote and nurture a love for reading here at Upwell. We are looking to organise regular parent volunteers to come in and listen to our children read. If you are interested, please let Mrs Rhodes in the office know.



EYFS Reading Bears Naming Ceremony

On Tuesday 16th January Reception Class children took part in our Reading Bear Naming Ceremony. The children received their reading bears and had to think of a name for their bear to put on their bear's birth certificate. During the ceremony the children had to promise to look after their bears and read to them at least three times a week. From now on, every time they read to their bear, they gain a point, with every ten points they will gain a bow for their bear. Let's see which bears will be covered in bows by the end of the year.





SCHOOL GAMES

This week, children from years 1 and 2 have enjoyed an engaging morning at Lynnsport as part of the Active Kids program.

The children participated in a range of activities which encouraged team building and participation. All of the children thoroughly enjoyed their morning, and showed exemplary behaviour, and fantastic sportsmanship as demonstrated our TEAM ACE at every opportunity. A special shout out to Micheal, in year 1, whose can-do attitude and sunny disposition warmed us all on a chilly January morning!

3 KS1 Festivals throughout the school year, at each festival staff will be given brief CPD and resources to enable them to replicate and extend the activities which fall into three categories – Target, Creative and Adventurous. The CPD will explain not only why the children are completing the activities but how to extend each activity further once back at school.

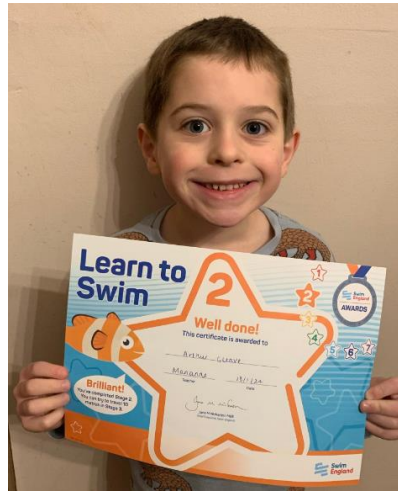
A huge thank you to Mrs Wilkin and Miss Stacey for supervising the children. They were extremely proud of them and all children received a certificate in this week's Celebration Assembly.





We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our Year 5 buddies! You are an absolute asset to the Academy, committing time to ensure the smooth running of our lunchtimes, helping our younger pupils and always showing our TEAM ACE Values! Well done!

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 bonza week in reception class this week. We continue to learn about Australia and this week we started learning about some of their amazing animals. We used the big apparatus in our gymnastic PE lesson and learnt two new set two sounds.

Year 1: Crunchem Hall Class

Our new Geography topic is 'The United Kingdom'. We have learnt the 4 countries that make up the UK, about the Union Jack and have explored Scotland. We know it is in the north of the United Kingdom, enjoyed listening to the bagpipes and were very interested in the Loch Ness Monster!

Year 2: Neverland Class

A wonderful week in Year 2. Everyone has been working hard to improve their handwriting and we've been writing some smashing poetry including rhyming words and descriptive vocabulary. We have also enjoyed our music lesson this week!

Year 3: Narnia Class

In Year 3 this week we have been putting together a retelling of the Greek myth of Daedalus and Icarus through shared reading and writing. We are now going to put all our group work together to create a performance that we are hoping to share.

Year 4: Wonderland Class

In Year 4 this week we have been finding out about places to visit in Northern Ireland and London. One of the places we would like to visit in Belfast is the Titanic museum. We would

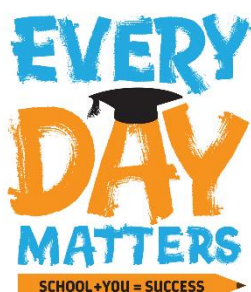
like to go on the London Eye, visit the London Aquarium and then walk to Buckingham Palace. We also found out that it is illegal to feed the pigeons in Trafalgar Square.

Year 5: Shire Class

This week in Year 5 we have been learning more about the French Revolution and the Battle of Trafalgar. This week we have seen some great writing from the children as they move towards publishing their newspaper reports about the Battle of Trafalgar.

Year 6: Hogwarts Class

In history we have begun to find out about what life was like in Germany after the end of World War I and how people felt about the Treaty of Versailles. We have looked at how this led to the formation of the Nazi party and influenced Adolf Hitler's views. We are going to be moving on to how World War II started. We have also begun our new novel: The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas which is about a young boy's experience during World War II.



Attendance Everyday Matters

Winning Class for week ending 19.1.24

Neverland Class – Year 2 **96%**

Whole School: **94.8%**



Dojo Points Award



Awarded to

Reception: Ibrahim

Year 1: Lilly

Year 2: Rossi

Year 3: Cruz

Year 4: Evelyn

Year 5: Violet

Year 6: Eva



Awarded to

Reception: Maxim

Year 1: Maya

Year 2: Phoebe

Year 3: Bjorn

Year 4: Scarlet

Year 5: Hera

Year 6: Evie



Reading Award

Awarded to

Reading Rocks Award:

Reception: Olivia

Year 1: Bradley

Year 2: Zak

Year 3: James and Anthony

Year 4: Oenone

Year 5: Jayden



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	
29 th January	PSC meeting and Crafty Cuppa Year 1 Parents workshop
2 nd February	Number Day – Mathematics Professions
6 th February	Safer Internet Day
13 th February	Crafty Cuppa Year 3 parents invited 2pm
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



SPALDING GRAMMAR SCHOOL

'Inspire Challenge Enrich'

YEAR 5 OPEN MORNINGS

SGS Open Mornings

29 January 2024

30 January 2024

2 February 2024

We understand that choosing a secondary school is an important decision. With the 11+ deadline fast approaching, we are keen to ensure you have all the information you need to assist with your decision making.

We are offering you and your son the opportunity to visit Spalding Grammar School on a normal school day. You will enjoy a guided tour around the School and its facilities, seeing live lessons in action! You will also have the opportunity to ask any questions about school life.

APPOINTMENT ONLY

Please use the QR Code Provided to Book
Note: there will not be any on-site parking available.

Please contact Mrs Hoyles

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