



**Eastern Multi-Academy Trust**  
Empower - Motivate - Aspire - Transform



# NEWSLETTER

Issue 24: Friday 26th January 2024

## Key Dates:

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January – PSC meeting and Crafty Cuppa Year 1 Parents workshop

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February – Number Day: Mathematic Professions



We are exceptionally pleased to share that **Mrs Fisher** has recently been successful in her appointment as substantive **Deputy Principal** at the academy. She has been instrumental this year in driving standards forward in our implementation of the Academy Development Plan. I know you will join me in congratulating her in her new role.



## Major Gleave, a Military Geographer in the Royal Engineers

Major Gleave joined us again today, on the morning gate to welcome our children into school, and to give a whole school assembly on the applications of Geography in a military setting. He told us about the time he was on operations in Afghanistan and his role as a Battle Group Engineer which involved being a military geographer for a Lashkar Gar region in Helmand Province. The children were taught about the differences in Human and Physical Geography and the importance of water for both the people and crops.



Following this he kindly conducted two sessions of map appreciation for our remaining year 6 pupils. Here, he taught the children about the different types of maps, their uses and the multitude of layers used to create a map. A favourite for all the pupils was the aerial photograph maps, taken from space by satellite, which Major Gleave used to highlight the angle of the sun, crop rotation and season of the year.

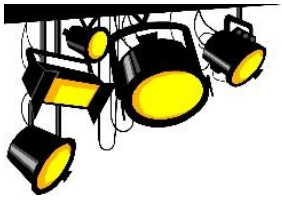
All the children were super engaged with all the content both in the assembly and during the map session. Their powers of deduction, reasoning and general interest in the subject was wonderful to see.



We have an exciting opportunity to join our team at Upwell. We are looking for a qualified and motivated Teaching Assistant. You will work closely with teachers, staff, students, parents, and other stakeholders to ensure the quality of education and the achievement of goals. If you have attempted to apply & faced issues, please try again as there has been a technical hitch which has been corrected. If are interested or know of somebody that is and would like to come in for an informal chat with Miss Ellington, our Principal please contact Mrs Rhodes in the office: 01945 773220 or email [office@upa.eastern-mat.co.uk](mailto:office@upa.eastern-mat.co.uk)

Click here to view our [Recruitment Pack](#) for more details or visit My New Term to apply. We look forward to hearing from you.





### **Staff Spotlight: Year 4 Teaching Assistant and Speech and Language Assistant - Mrs Wilkin**

I have worked in education for a REALLY long time but feel that I have found my forever home at Upwell Academy. Over the past seven years, I have been really fortunate to work across the academy. From exploring the adventures of Super Pea in EYFS, right through to the Art works of Da Vinci in Year Six. This has not only been an incredible opportunity to deepen my own knowledge of the National Curriculum, but it also allows me to be part of the transforming journey of Academy life.

In recent years, I have had an involvement in Speech and Language therapies, and work in close partnership with the NHS to support our children to develop their own speech - because talking is one of my favourite things to do!

When I am not at work, you will probably see me in the village being walked by my dog, or you may be familiar with my illustrations - something that I like to create in order to relax.

### **Upwell Academy Committee**

Upwell Academy's Governing body, now known as the Academy Committee, chaired by Val Cook, is an integral part of the school. Its role is a strategic one, acting as a critical friend and ensuring accountability. In short, local ears and eyes, which will provide support and challenge to the Principal and our team in delivering the best outcomes possible for our children.

The Academy Committee is composed of Trust representatives, two Elected Parent representatives, as well as Trust-members (generally local people) - all bringing enthusiasm & experience alongside a range of expertise and skills.

Our Academy Committee members visit the school, meet regularly across the school year and undertake a wide range of training in order to fulfil their responsibilities. We welcomed them this week and Mr Benjamin Tea, our NEW parent governor joined us for his first meeting. I know you will all join me in congratulating Ben in his new role.

### Benjamin Tea – Elected Parent Committee Member



Having attended Upwell myself, I was extremely proud knowing my son Harry would begin his learning journey at a school I have fond memories of. The layout may have changed in 30 years, but the community the school creates is still extremely valuable to the wider area.

Working as an Agronomist in Agri-Science, I'm keen to demonstrate the benefits of STEM subjects as part of the wider curriculum and hope to contribute in other areas of the school to help develop green spaces to showcase the environment and sustainability.

I look forward to the opportunity to contribute to the academy and the wider trust as a parent governor.

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 another bonza week, we started using the text Wombat Stew which we all love, we have created some more aboriginal style dot paintings and we have continued to learn some se 2 sounds. In geography, we learnt about the oceans and learnt than animals can be sorted into different special groups.

#### Year 1: Crunchem Hall Class

This week in Maths we have been learning about expressions and equations. We have been using our knowledge of part-whole models to create addition equations. In computing this week, we thoroughly enjoyed developing our track-pad skills by learning and practising how to click and drag.

### Year 2: Neverland Class

We have been enjoying being astronomers in our science topic – Space and we have linked this to our DT and Art work by starting magnificent paintings of our solar system and planets. We are going to continue to develop these into moving pictures which we are all looking forward to.

### Year 3: Narnia Class

This week we have been working extremely hard in maths to master division. We set off with simple partitioning, moved on to flexible partitioning and finally solved problems involving remainders! All children have shown great resilience and determination throughout the week and the adults in Year 3 are very proud of them.

### Year 4: Wonderland Class

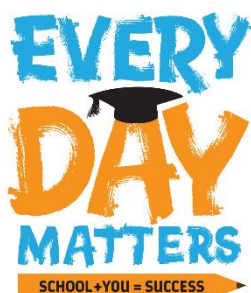
This week in Year 4 we have been learning about conjunctions and how we can use them in our persuasive letters. Our sentences are improving, and Miss Radford is very impressed with our writing. We are also showing Miss Radford how great we are getting with our times tables.

### Year 5: Shire Class

This week in English we have begun looking at a new book called The Man Who Walked Between the Towers. We have had some great discussions around this, and the children have begun to find a real passion for their writing. We also have looked more at life cycles in science, where we drew and labelled different life cycles of a bee and a cuckoo!

### Year 6: Hogwarts Class

This week in our English work we have been reading and analysing poetry. The poems have been written to raise an issue about animal cruelty. We have had some really, in-depth discussions about the poems that we have read and the effect that they have on their reader. We have also looked at the use of different poetic devices within the poems.



#### Attendance Everyday Matters

Winning Class for week ending 26.1.24

Neverland Class – Year 2 96%

Whole School: 94.8%


# Celebrate SUCCESS

**Upwell Academy**

## Reading Award

Awarded to

- Year R: Anna
- Year 1: Ellis
- Year 2: Rossi
- Year 3: Isaac
- Year 4: Ellie
- Year 5: Olive
- Year 6: Jake



**READING ROCKS**

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Awarded by:   
Miss Ellington, Principal

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## Dojo Points Award

Awarded to

- Year R: Peter S
- Year 1: Ellis
- Year 2: Leo
- Year 3: Summer
- Year 4: Michelle
- Year 5: Aubree
- Year 6: Isla



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
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## TEAM

Awarded to

- Reception: Kai
- Year 1: Lincoln
- Year 2: Amelia
- Year 3: Layla-Faye
- Year 4: Evelyn-Rose
- Year 5: Feddie
- Year 6: Race

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**Principal's Award**

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## Principal's Award

### All of Y4!



TEAM Transform Empower Achieve Motivate Care Enjoy

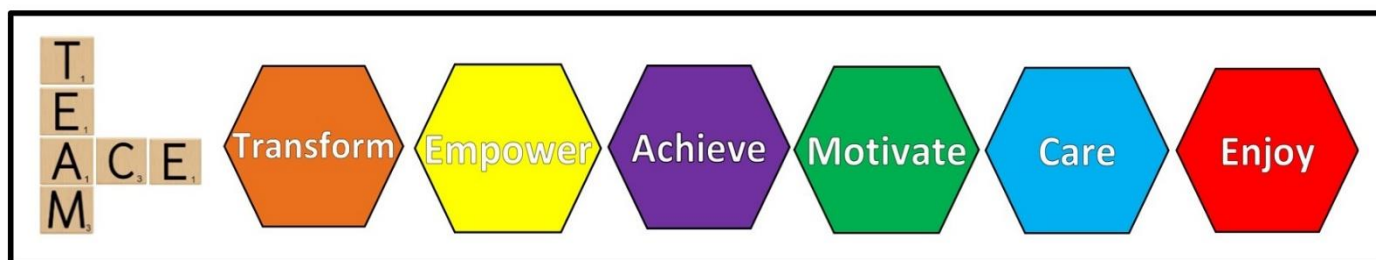
Our 'Date for your Diary' will be added to each week and can also be found on the [Academy Calendar](#) page of our website.



Spring Term 2024	
24 <sup>th</sup> January	Key Stage1 Dance Workshops start
26 <sup>th</sup> January	Major Gleave Special Assembly and Y6 Workshops
29 <sup>th</sup> January	PSC meeting and Crafty Cuppa Year 1 Parents workshop
2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Number Day – Mathematics Professions
6 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day
13 <sup>th</sup> February	Crafty Cuppa Year 3 parents invited 2pm
14 <sup>th</sup> February	FOSA Valentines Non-uniform Day (wear pink or red)
17 <sup>th</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Half-Term
26 <sup>th</sup> February	Children return to school
28 <sup>th</sup> February	National Science Day
6 <sup>th</sup> March	Dance Festival – Corn Exchange King's Lynn
7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
14 <sup>th</sup> 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
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



**PETERBOROUGH UNITED FOUNDATION**  
**HOLIDAY CAMPS**

**FEBRUARY HALF TERM**  
**Holiday Camps**

**BOOK NOW**

- ✓ Monday 19 - Friday 23 February
- ✓ Year 1 - Year 7
- ✓ 9am - 3pm
- ✓ idverde Training Ground, PE2 7EA
- ✓ £22 per child, per day

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**CAMBRIDGE SCIENCE CENTRE**

**Mon to Sun 10:00am to 3:30pm**

**Mon - Wed: School sessions**  
For details please contact  
[schools@cambridgesciencecentre.org](mailto:schools@cambridgesciencecentre.org)

**Thur - Fri: Community sessions**  
Book a session for your  
community group  
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**Sat - Sun: Free public opening.** Drop in to see our  
exhibits and STEM shows and join in  
with our activities




**CAMBRIDGE SCIENCE CENTRE**

**STEM in the Fens**

Cambridge Science Centre  
Fenland Hub  
**March**

**March Community Centre**  
34 Station Rd, March, PE15 8LE

**Sat 13th Jan to Sat 9th Mar 2024**

To find out more  
or contact us:

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ACTIVITIES FOR  
THE WHOLE  
FAMILY!**

**FEBRUARY HALF  
TERM ACTIVITIES**  
**17-25 February 2024**

Holiday Clubs, Go Karting,  
Superhero Skating, Family  
Climb Time and much more!

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Booking is advisable for all activities

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# LYNNSPORT ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY	DATE	TIME	AGES	S	AC	ACC
Soft Archery	Mon 19 Feb	10am-11am	5-9yrs	£5	£4	£3
Ninja Warrior	Mon 19 Feb	10.45am-11.45am	5-7yrs	£5	£4	£3
Tennis Red Ball	Tue 20 Feb	9.30am-11am	6-8yrs	£6	£5	£4
Family Climb Time	Tue 20 Feb	10am-12pm	5+ yrs	£7	£6	£4.50
Gymnastics	Tue 20 Feb	10.45am-11.45am	5-15yrs	£5	£4	£3
Tennis Green/Orange Ball	Tue 20 Feb	11.15am-12.45pm	9-11yrs	£6	£5	£4
Fun Time Climb	Tue 20 Feb	1pm-3pm	8-15yrs	£7	£6	£4.50
Tennis Yellow Ball	Tue 20 Feb	1.15pm-2.45pm	12-16yrs	£6	£5	£4
GoKarty & Party	Wed 21 Feb	10am-11am	3-6yrs	£10	£9	£8
GoKarty & Party	Wed 21 Feb	11.15am-12.15pm	7-10yrs	£10	£9	£8
Superhero Skateboard Skillz	Wed 21 Feb	2pm-4pm	8-15yrs	£7	£6	£4.50
Family Climb Time	Thu 22 Feb	10am-12pm	5+ yrs	£7	£6	£4.50
Badminton	Thu 22 Feb	1pm-3pm	7-12yrs	£7	£6	£4.50
Fun Time Climb	Thu 22 Feb	1pm-3pm	8-15yrs	£7	£6	£4.50
Ninja Warrior	Fri 23 Feb	10.45am-11.45am	8-12yrs	£5	£4	£3
Nerf-Tag	Fri 23 Feb	12pm-2pm	6-11yrs	£7	£6	£4.50
Superhero Skating	Fri 23 Feb	2pm-3pm	5-15yrs	£5	£4	£3



**FOR ANY SUPERHERO THEMED ACTIVITIES  
CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO WEAR THEIR  
FAVOURITE SUPERHERO COSTUME!**

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# 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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