



Eastern Multi-Academy Trust
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NEWSLETTER

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Key Dates:

- 6th March Year 2 Dance Festival – Corn Exchange King's Lynn
- 7th March World Book Day – Dress as your favourite book character
- 14th March Reception class Vision & hearing Tests

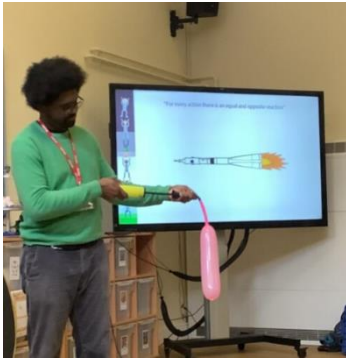
Science Day and [Stem in The Fens](#)

Ever wondered what it was like for Tim Peake? How do you get into space, and what is it like to live and work there?

This week classes celebrated National Science Day. We welcomed the Team from **Stem in the Fens**, who presented their very special workshop for our pupils and staff, all were thrilled and filled with awe and wonder! We learnt how physics got us into space and back home again and experienced some of the dangers of going into space with a special vacuum chamber and blowtorch – pupils found out how we used science to overcome these challenges, and some had a ride on a hover board!

Stem in the Fens run workshops across the area including in March and Wisbech, for parents and children to attend. Take a look at their website and we look forward to inviting them back to the Academy again in the near future.





Year 5 and 6 Bikeability Level 2 Course

We are exceptionally proud of our Year 5 and 6 pupils who took part in Bikeability Level 2 Training this week. Bikeability aims to develop cycling skills at all levels, building confidence cycling on roads and preparing riders to deal with short journeys such as cycling to school or the local shops. Ultimately helping young people to develop independence and build important social skills all leading to a sense of wellbeing. Pupils were presented with their certificates and badges in our Celebration assembly. Well done everyone!



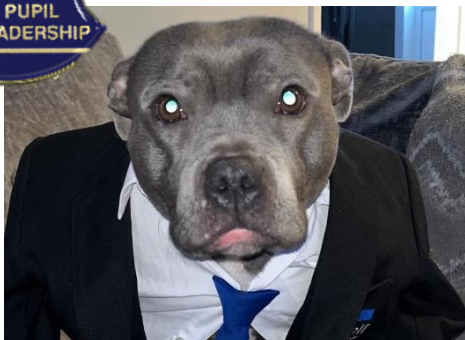
Active Kids – KS2 Girls Football

10 of our pupils from across Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 enjoyed a fun filled day of sport taking part in Norfolk's Active Kids Program at Lynn Sport this week. A huge thank you to Miss Stacey and Mrs Sharmen that coached the girls at the event. They both expressed the sheer determination and sportsmanship displayed by our pupils who represented the Academy in true Team Ace style. Well done girls!

A shout out and thank you to Mr Best who kindly loaned us equipment needed for the day.



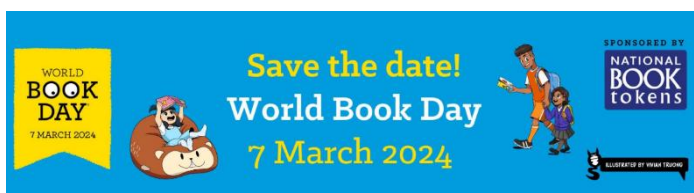
We are pleased to share that from next week Mrs Miller will be joining our team in the office in her new role as Administrator at Upwell Academy. We thank Mrs Rhodes for her hard work this term and also you all for your continued support while we have been recruiting and know you will join us in welcoming her to TEAM ACE.



PLT NEWS

In homage to National Love your Pet Day, we started the week focusing on our Academy Value – **Care**.

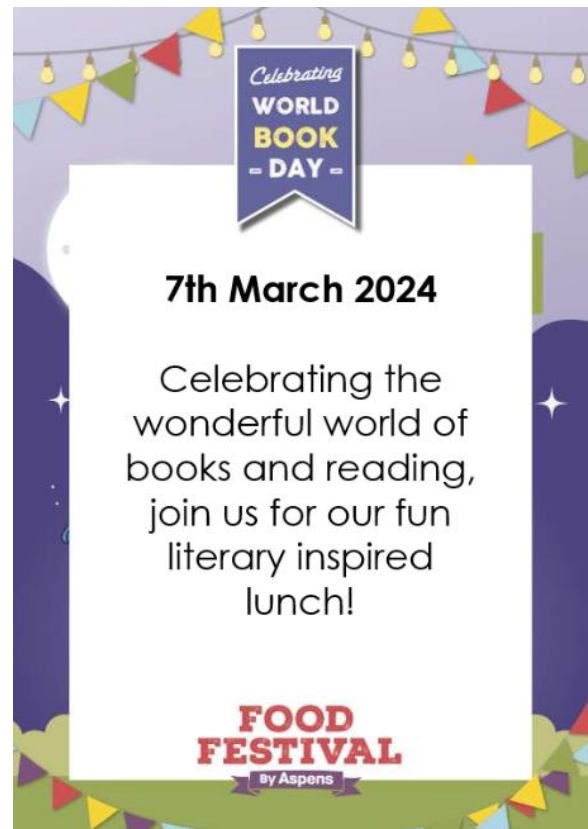
After sharing all of your wonderful photos, which will be available on our website, we discussed the importance of caring for our pets, our belongings and each other. Thank you all for sharing and we agree we have an honorary Pet in our PLT!



Save the Date! Dress to Impress - Once again we celebrate World Book Day by coming to school dressed as your favourite book character for a full themed day of fun on March 7th. Prizes for the best dressed in each year group!

Also, take a look at the National [World Book Day Competition](#)

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

A fantastic first week back, we have been consolidating all of our set 1 and 2 sounds. We loved science day and learnt about the lifecycle of a human as well as how we might get to space in a special assembly. We also had our last dance session with our dance coach Macy.

Year 1: Crunchem Hall Class

We have been learning the story of The Gingerbread Man this week! On Monday we think a fox stole Mrs Kirk's biscuit, we created 'wanted' posters and luckily, he did bring another biscuit back to school. We have been developing our story telling by using a story map and

acting it out with puppets. We also took part in drama activities to explore the thoughts and feelings of the characters.

Year 2: Neverland Class

In English, we have been consolidating the use of contractions and apostrophes and we all have a really good understanding now. In Mathematics we have enjoyed continuing our work on measures in maths, specifically exploring weight. We have had our final dance session ready for next weeks' Festival but will have an opportunity to run through again early next week.

Year 3: Narnia Class

We have had great fun with poetry this week, writing Limericks, Haiku and Concrete poems. I have also been very impressed with how well the children are doing in our new maths topic of fractions. Finally, we carried out an investigation into friction in science and everyone worked very hard to produce excellent experimental write ups!

Year 4: Wonderland Class

We have been learning about Richard III in English and history. We had a long debate about what we think happened to the Princes in the Tower. Most of us decided that Richard has something to do with their disappearance. We found it interesting that nobody knows the truth.

Year 5: Shire Class

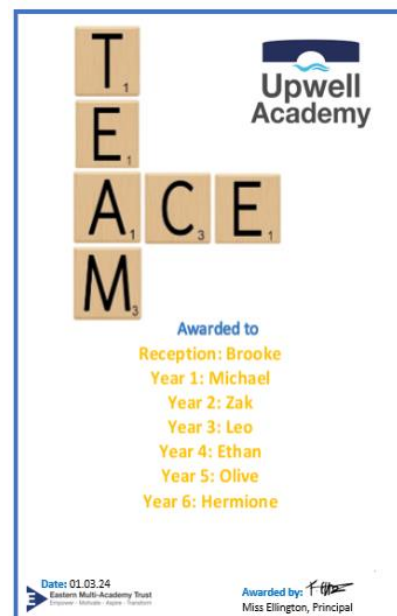
This week we have been focusing on assessments and the children have shown great effort and behaviour throughout. We have also looked at how we can keep our bodies healthy and what we like to do for exercise. Some of our children have also been completing their bike ability and have had a great time learning how to ride safely.

Year 6: Hogwarts Class

We have started our new novel: Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone this week. The children have really enjoyed what we have read so far. We completed work about the opening of the story and have completed some comprehension activities based on one of the chapters to practice how to answer different styles of reading questions.



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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	
17th – 25 th February	Half-Term
6 th March	Y2 Dance Festival – Corn Exchange King's Lynn
7 th March	World Book Day – Dress as Favourite Book Character
14 th March	Year 6 Parents Meeting – Residential 3:30 - 4pm
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
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



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