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NEWSLETTER

Issue 24: Friday 8th March 2024

Key Dates:

11th March Class Photo Day

~~14th March Reception class Vision & hearing Tests~~ postponed until further notice

14th March Year 6 Parents Meeting – Residential 3:30 - 4pm Year 6 Classroom

15th March Comic Relief – wear a Red Nose or accessory & share a joke!

World Book Day Celebrations

Every March, World Book Day, shines a spotlight on the importance of reading for pleasure. By creating a buzz and excitement around reading we inspire our children to choose to read.

At Upwell Academy, it was a chance to read for pleasure; make and share books; take part in activities from the World Book Day website, take part in a whole school reading carousel of activities, including sport, art and drama, and celebrate with our very own Mad Hatters' Tea Party.

The whole school really enjoyed the World Book Day lunch cooked by Sarah and her team and loved reading for pleasure throughout the morning. One Year 4 pupil commented, 'The special menu linked to books, the food looked colourful and tasted delicious!'

It was fabulous to see all of our children dressed as their favourite book characters, and there was such a huge variety, including Matilda, Harry Potter, the Gingerbread Man and the Tiger that me to Tea and many many more. The collection raised an amazing £79.77 towards new books. Well done everyone, it was an exceptional day!





Year 2 Dance Festival

We couldn't be prouder of our Year 2 children who took part in the SSP Dance Festival which took place at the Alive Corn Exchange this week.

Ten different school performances took place and the Festival was opened with a performance from High School Students demonstrating an Exam piece. Each of the primary schools then took to the stage performing their own compilations. A packed theatre got behind each performance and the event had a real feelgood factor to it – there was time to watch each performance twice which meant the second time around everyone was much more relaxed.

Credit to everyone involved in the event and our Year 2 children were exceptional and made it such a success! Thank you to parents for accommodating a later finish to the school day, to family that joined us and to Mrs Pawley, Ms Robert and Mrs Linehan that took the children. Well done everyone!



Parents Consultations

You will be able to book Parent consultations from Monday 11th March. This will be via the Pupil Asset Parent Portal. If you have any issues at all please let Mrs Rhodes or Mrs Miller in the office know and they will be able to assist you.

Year 4 Art

'Art is not what you see, but what you make others see', and this is why I have always had such passion for the arts! There is no right or wrong, no good or bad...

Every year group study art from the Primary Knowledge Curriculum (PKC)

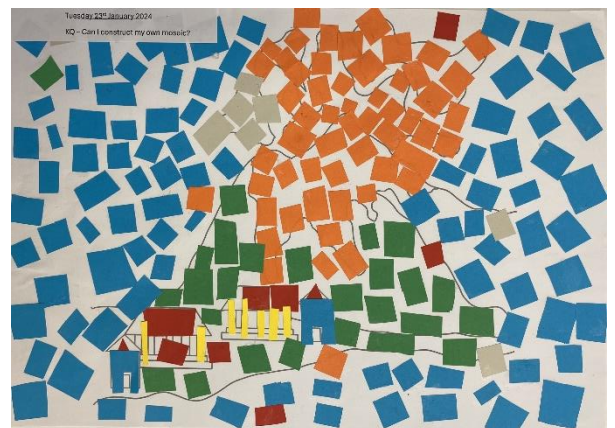
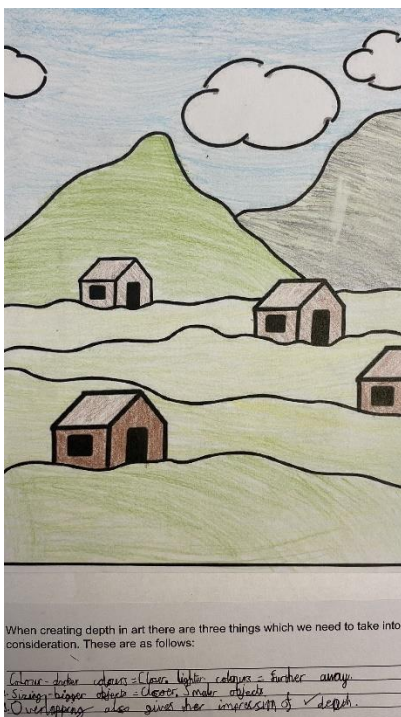
We start the academic year studying Light and Dark, and how using tonal values can make a 2D image such as a circle, appear as a sphere using a single piece of charcoal.

This leads into Space (which initially confuses some of us, as we relate space to a galaxy far, far away!). In this unit, we explore works by Vermeer and Caravaggio; and learn techniques to create depth in our drawings and paintings by building imagery layer by layer!

This half term, we have used all of our prior knowledge (not just from Art!) to become sculptors as we journey through Pompeii and discover a variety of artefacts discovered after the volcano erupted all the way back in 79 A.D! Using our imagination and creativity, we then construct what these items may have looked like using various media such as paper-based mosaics and clay!

Mrs Wilkin teacher Art in year 4 and is exceptionally very proud of the children for their enthusiasm in this subject, even those who aren't so keen initially have built confidence and self-esteem - these are just two of many skills which Art helps to promote in childhood!

'Creativity takes courage' stated Henri Matisse - who year 4 will become very familiar with this term!



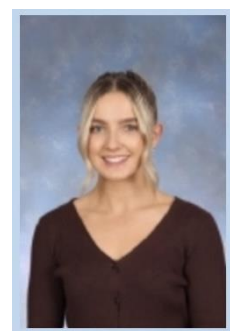
I am pleased to be able to share Miss Radford's news. We will be saying farewell to Miss Radford at the end of this term as she embarks on a new exciting professional journey. We thank her for her hard work and dedication to our children and the academy during her time here. We extend our warmest congratulations to Miss Radford and we wish her all the best in her future endeavours. Miss Payne has already met the Year 4 children and will be joining the team.

Staff Spotlight: New Year 4 Teacher – Miss Payne

Hello, I'm Miss Payne and I am incredibly excited to be joining Upwell Academy after Easter; I have heard such fantastic things about you all.

Just a little bit about me, I have experience in teaching in both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. I am extremely passionate about how children learn and the importance of a nurturing and caring classroom environment. My favourite subjects are PE and music. I have a very musical background, which I love to embed within my classroom. I have two of the cheekiest sausage dogs called Arnie and Ronnie which I love to share lots of silly stories about. I look forward to hearing all about your wonderful families and pets.

I cannot wait to see you all again soon and after Easter I look forward to seeing what our future holds at Upwell Academy.



PLT NEWS

Next week we will celebrate Red Nose Day on Friday 15 March 2024! It's that time of year when incredible joke-tellers, Red Nose-wearers and laugh-til-you-cryers, do something to fight poverty through humour and fun, for communities here in the UK and around the world. **PLT are asking that all pupils bring in their funniest joke to share and PLT will be choosing their favourites for a special Comic Relief Prize. Please come to school in school uniform with a red/comic relief accessory.**

Class Photo Day

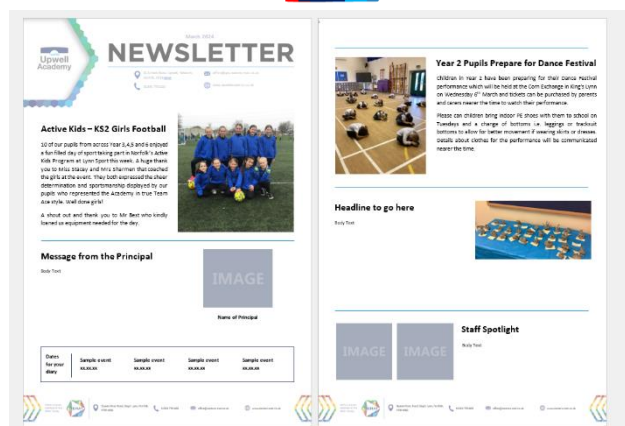
Monday 11th is Class Photo Day and we welcome Tempest to the Academy.

Please make sure you are in full school uniform and looking your smartest please.



New Look Newsletter

In the Summer Term you will notice the format of the weekly newsletter will change to a more standardised, trust-wide style. Upwell Academy joined the Eastern-Multi Academy trust in 2017. Within the Trust, there are now 11 primary and 1 secondary school(s) spread across Norfolk and into Suffolk. Each school is encouraged to have its own identity as we each serve very different communities. Therefore, it not always obvious that we are part of a wider family that has been hugely supportive of our continued journey towards becoming an outstanding school.



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

Reception class have had a glorious week. We were exceptionally proud of their engagement with our World Book Day carousel where they had the opportunity to visit all teachers in the different classes across the school. We especially enjoyed the art, PE and music activities.

Year 1: Crunchem Hall Class

What a busy and fun week we have had! We thoroughly enjoyed our World Book Day carousel and dressing up on Thursday as our favourite book characters. We are currently learning about style in art, this week we created our own pieces inspired by Van Gogh's The Starry Night.

Year 2: Neverland Class

This week all of our hard work over recent weeks paid off! We performed on a huge stage in front of hundreds of other pupils and their families. Well done Year 2! In maths, we've been using all four operations while working with mass. In English – we're writing instructions on how to perform the Trolls dance and we've been testing Year 2 Common Exception Words. We also enjoyed playing a card game called Pelmanism (testing number bonds to 10 at speed) and we loved dressing up for World Book Day.

Year 3: Narnia Class

We really enjoyed the World Book Day carousel and the range of different activities. Also this week, we had a great time in Science, going around the classroom investigating what was magnetic and what wasn't - then writing up our findings. In computing we have started to investigate animations, and we had fun using the iPads to create our own short animated sequences this week.

Year 4: Wonderland Class

We all enjoyed the World Book Day carousel and all the different activities. We liked moving around the school and seeing the different teachers. We thought Mrs Fisher was an excellent storyteller and we also enjoyed the magic tricks. Dressing up was also fun yesterday.

Year 5: Shire Class

We have had a very fun week, enjoying our World Book Day carousel with lots of fun activities, including making music, drama and PE. We have also loved dressing up on Thursday, where we tried to work out in English who our characters were by using description and inference.

Year 6: Hogwarts Class

We have had a wonderful week this week. In English we have been looking at how JK Rowling uses description to create characters and setting and we have written some of our own, which I must say, have been brilliant. In maths we have continued to calculate the area of 2D shapes. We have been drawing and labelling the eye this week in science and learning about how the eye works. Winston Churchill was the focus of our history lesson, we looked at some of his famous speeches. In amongst all of this we had a super carousel of activities for World Book Day, I think we need the weekend.

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	
11th March	Tempest Class photographs
14th March	Year 6 Parents Meeting – Residential 3:30 - 4pm
14th March	Reception class Vision & hearing Tests
15th March	Comic Relief – wear an accessory or red nose
18th March	Parents' Evening & Aspens Taster Menu
19th March	Parents' Evening & Aspens Taster Menu
21st March	FOSA Easter Disco
25-27th March	Year 6 Residential Trip
27th March	Easter Assembly
27th March	Term Ends – Easter Holiday 28th March –14th April
28th 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





Spring into action-packed activities!

Upwell Academy
Monday 8th April - Thursday 11th April
9am - 3pm
Book now at [Everymove.uk](https://www.everymove.uk)

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SPRING TERM CLUBS AT YOUR SCHOOL...

Day:	Activity:	Year(s):	Time:	Price
Monday	Extended AS6+	R-6	3.15pm - 5p+	£8
Tuesday	Extended AS6+	R-6	3.15pm - 5p+	£8
Thursday	Extended AS6+	R-6	3.15pm - 5p+	£8



We are pleased to inform you that we will be running the above listed clubs at your school this term for boys and girls of all abilities. Full details are available on our website.

To book, please follow these simple steps:

1. visit www.premier-education.com
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Please note booking remains open throughout the duration of the course, the price will adjust on the payment page! If your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium funding, the payment can be paid for by the school. If your family circumstances have changed since being awarded the Pupil Premium grant and you feel you could make a contribution or pay the full payment, it would be very much appreciated.

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