





Issue 26: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024

**Key Dates:** 

25-27th March Year 6 Residential Trip

27th March Easter Assembly

27th March Term Ends – Easter Holiday 28th March –14th April

15th April Summer Term Starts – Children return to school





#### **Parent Consultations March 2024**

It was a pleasure to welcome so many parents and family members to our Spring Term Parent consultations this week. These were held over two evenings, with our Pupil Leadership and Academy Council members supporting to ensure everything was set up. Thank you.

Aspens also offered their selection of culinary delights, which went down a storm! This is a great opportunity for our children to try something they perhaps ordinarily wouldn't.

<u>Our Parent Survey</u> will close this evening but please if you haven't already completed do, as we value your feedback and are always striving to improve.







#### **Girls' Netball**

Earlier this week we sent a team of KS2 girls to complete in the West Norfolk School Sports Partnership Downham Cluster Bee Netball Tournament held at Downham Market Academy. Although some players were perhaps a little apprehensive, the team pulled together, had a great time and are looking forward to the next event. Thank you to Miss Stacey and Mrs Linehan that coached the girls and who like the rest of us are exceptionally proud! Well done Team Upwell!



## Year 5 Boys' Football

Today, our Year 5 Football Team took part in the West Norfolk School Sports Partnership Cluster tournament held at Hillcrest Primary school.

In the lead up to the match, I have been exceptionally proud of the time the team spent strategizing their plan of approach. Miss Stacey and Miss Linehan had the most amazing time and were very proud of our team that showed great determination, sportsmanship and that beat the infamous Hillcrest Team 2:0! Well done!



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#### **FOSA EASTER DISCO**

Many thanks to the plethora of staff and FOSA team members who signed up to help with Thursday's EYFS/KS1 and KS2 discos. Many hands make light work. The Neon Lights and Easter Celebrations theme was a hit! Our children were exceptionally well behaved, looked fabulous and thoroughly enjoyed themselves dancing the night away!

We owe a great deal of thanks to the chief organisers: Kerry Maher: our FOSA Chair and the team, who had everything organised to ensure it was a huge success. Thanks also goes out to Mr Harper, Mrs Kirk, Mrs Brown, Mrs Bernard, Mrs Ward, Ms Roberts, Mrs Pawley, Mr Davies and Mrs Manning who without them (some behind the scenes) we wouldn't have had the BEST disco yet! Thank you all. More photos to be included on <u>our website</u>.

FOSA also joined us at today's End of Term Celebration Assembly where they presented our Year 6's with their fabulous Leavers Hoodies! Don't they all look amazing!

















We are taking part in the Big Norfolk Easter Holiday Fun and our Premier Coaches are running of festive fun activity days held at the Academy. From 9am-3pm daily for just £5.00. Please <u>click here to book</u> or Speak to Miss Ellington if you would like further information.



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**

In English this week we have been using Farmer Duck as our stimulus this week, we have been describing characters and writing letters. In maths we have been learning about odd and even numbers and we met 'Odd Todd' and 'Even Steven'. In art we have been replicating the artwork of Henri Rosseau. Being healthy, including healthy teeth has been the focus for our science.

#### **Year 1: Crunchem Hall Class**

This week in English we created an alternative ending for the gingerbread man. First, we decided how the gingerbread man could be saved and acted this out through role play and small world play. We then created a story map to help us verbally tell our new ending and include lots of story language. Finally, we wrote our individual alternative endings, where the gingerbread man escaped the fox by boat, rope swing, bird, duck etc. A much happier ending!

#### **Year 2: Neverland Class**

Year 2 are continuing work on measures in maths, focusing on volume and capacity. In English we're story writing, creating our story map for our fairy tales. We have enjoyed adding detail to our self-portraits. They are spectacular! In science were discovering the different bones that make up the human body and in geography, were finding out about Scotland!

#### Year 3: Narnia Class

The writing that we have done to create our own story based on the structure of "The Iron Man" has been extremely impressive — I can't wait to read the final versions!

#### **Year 4: Wonderland Class**

In Year 4 we have been writing an account as Richard III. We still can't agree on what happened to the Princes in the Tower but we all agree that Richard was very good at getting

people to do what he wanted. Next week we will be thinking about why Shakespeare portrayed him in the way.

#### **Year 5: Shire Class**

This week we have had a very busy writing week, with the children creating their own newspaper reports about The Highwayman. I am very excited for these to be finished and published so we can display some of their amazing pieces of work in our classroom. We have also enjoyed learning more about our bodies and how to keep fit and healthy, this week the children looked at why being mindful is so important.

#### **Year 6: Hogwarts Class**

We have had a very busy week, we have continued to work on our artwork replicating William Morris. In English we have looked at and analysed the poem Dulce est Decorum est. We have also been writing some instructions based on Harry Potter and flying a broomstick. In maths we have been using and plotting coordinates in all four quadrants. Rationing was our theme of our history lessons this week.

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



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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	
1st - 5th 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



