

NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the Summer Term!

As always we've been busy in the Academy during the break. Our chickens had plenty of company as staff prepared classrooms ready for the new term, some Year 6's joined us for SAT booster sessions, Ms Roberts continued to organise our wonderful new library, our new sports shed was filled with exciting new resources and our hall had a deep clean!

Children from Upwell and beyond also enjoyed 4 days of the Norfolk Holiday Program. Thank you to everyone involved.



Message from the Principal

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Welcome to our new look newsletter! I would like to start off by taking this opportunity to share what a success our first Easter Holiday Program was. We plan for 4 days every Easter and Summer break, where children (not just from the Academy) can join us for a range of extra-curricular activities.

Just in case you haven't seen our ad on [My New Term](#) - We have a vacancy for Academy Committee members (Governor). If this is something which you might be interested in and would like to find out more, please do get in touch or catch me for a chat in person.

Hopefully you have noticed in the newsletters and on [Our Website](#) that we love to celebrate the children's achievements outside of school. If you have any news to share, please upload to your portfolios on Class Dojo. Please keep an eye out for dates on our website, we have lots of exciting opportunities coming up including our **Saturday morning Reading Hours**. We really hope that you can join us. Thank you all for your continued support.



Miss Ellington

Key Dates
for your
diary

Library Hour
20.04.24 9-10am

Nelson Academy's
Earth Festival 9-3pm
20.04.24

KS1 Tri-golf
Tournament
29.04.24

Year 6 Crucial
Crew Trip
02.05.24



Year 6 SATs Preparation

This year our Year 6's have had a rigorous program of study in preparation for their SATs in May. Some of our children have been using Third Space Learning, an innovative online platform offering 1-to-1 mathematics tutoring.

Each child follows a personalised program of study to build upon their knowledge and increase their confidence in mathematics. The fun learning environment is engaging, and the children use specialised headphones to talk with their tutor. This program has improved the children's confidence and is preparing them well for their SATs in May.

A huge thank you to the Eastern Multi Academy Trust who have fully funded the program this year.



PLT NEWS Year 6 Residential

A HUGE thank you to Mrs Fisher, Mrs Kirk and Mr Miller who thoroughly enjoyed their trip away with us. It was a huge success! Mrs Kirk said 'It was a pleasure to be able to join Year 6 on their residential. It was not only great to get to know the children more, but to see them challenge themselves with a variety of different activities. It was tough to pick a favourite, but it would be between trying to dodge everyone splashing whilst canoeing, or watching my group lead each other through the blindfolded sensory trail!'



Out of School Success!

Let's celebrate your achievements out of school! Upload to your portfolio and you could see them here next week.



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Learning Highlights of the Week

Reception: Enchanted Forest Class

A brilliant first week back, we have started learning our set 3 sounds (WOW!!). We have started our topic of long ago and we have been looking at traditional tales. In maths we continued to consolidate our knowledge of odd and even. Racket skills was our focus for PE and in art we have been making different marks with a pencil. A very busy week!

Year 1: Crunchem Hall Class

We have had a wonderful first week back. Our new Science topic is Plants, this week we planted cress seeds and have left them in different environments to see if they grow.

Year 2: Neverland Class

Our Summer Term kicked off with a new English Unit "Dinosaurs". We have been comparing fiction and non-fiction texts. It's all been very exciting, especially, as lots of dinosaur props have been magically arriving for our working wall. In maths we are learning about fractions, looking first at half of shapes, then half of objects. Some of our fantastic painted self-portraits are now on display in school so we've also been appraising the results. It was lovely to see the children very focused on mixing skin tones correctly and adding texture to hair. Come and look next time you're in school!

Year 3: Narnia Class

An amazing first week back – lots of hard work and enthusiasm for all subjects! We have begun our new history topic of Anglo-Saxons, Scots and Vikings – and this topic is being built on in several other areas of the curriculum. This includes English, where we have started to study the epic poem "Beowulf."

Year 4: Wonderland Class

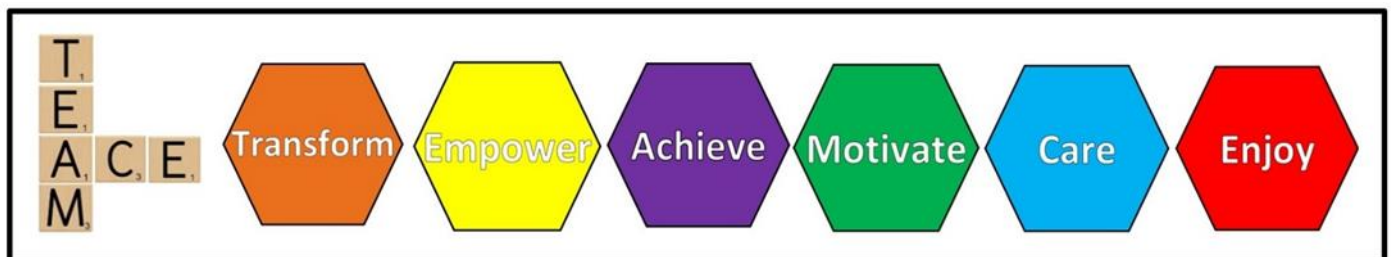
What a wonderful first week with Wonderland Class. It has been a pleasure to get to know you all this week, you have shown great enthusiasm, kindness and dedication to your learning. I am extremely excited to spend this term together. We have begun looking at Japan as our topic this week, where the children explored the four main islands in Japan as well as the cultural delicacies and traditions. We have continued to build upon our knowledge of decimals in maths. Our new focus in English this half term is writing play scripts, the children have been getting into character this week with lots of role play and feature identifying. A very busy but wonderful week.

Year 5: Shire Class

It has been great to be back after the easter break. Well done to the children for settling back in well. We have begun exploring Charles Dicken's novel Oliver Twist in English and have enjoyed diving deeper into the text.

Year 6: Hogwarts Class

What a superb first week in Hogwarts Class! The class have shown a tremendous attitude towards all their learning and continue to be conscientious towards our TEAM ACE values. This week, we have spent time revising for our SATs in a few weeks' time, and the class have shown great motivation and growth. An extremely busy week, but certainly enjoyable!



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



Summer Term	
15 th April	Term Starts – Welcome Back Assembly
20 th April	Saturday Library Reading Hour 9-10am
20 th April	Nelson Academy's Earth Day Festival
29 th April	Cluster KS1 Trigolf Festival Lynnsport
2 nd May	Year 6 Trip – Crucial Crew – King's Lynn Fire Station
6 th May	BANK HOLIDAY
7 th May	Girls' Tag Rugby – West Norfolk Rugby Club
13 th May	Key Stage 2, Year 6 SATS Week
17 th May	FOSA Sponsored Colour Run
18 th May	Saturday Library Reading Hour 9-10am
23 rd May	Y5/6 Dynamos Cricket Tournament
25 th – 2 nd June	Half-Term
3 rd June	Children return to school
10 th – 14 th June	Year 1 Phonic check
15 th June	Saturday Library Reading Hour 9-10am
20 th June	Active Kids Festival
24 th June	Year 2 Assessment Week
25 th June	KS2 Area Sports Event – Hillcrest Primary
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
13 th July	Saturday Library Reading Hour 9-10am
15 th – 19 th July	Transition Week
15 th July	New Class Teacher Parent Workshop
17 th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
19 th July	Term ends
22 nd July	Staff Inset

