



Unity Academy Primary Newsletter
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Your weekly roundup of all things years N-6!



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Another week gone! Is it just me or are they going so quickly. I have to say the lighter mornings and evenings and seeing the sun more does make me feel very happy. Winter seemed to last forever but Spring is definitely here now!

Teaching and Learning

Our Year 6 children have completed their mock SATs this week. I am very proud of them all as they have approached them with a sensible attitude and have taken the opportunity to show us what they know and can do. Well done to you all!

We have had a couple of visitors in school this week. Dan Worsley (local children's author and ex Blackpool teacher) came to spend time with Year 3 on Tuesday. The children love having Dan in school as he really brings stories and characters to life with his engaging storytelling. Year 1 had a Delve into History visitor in on Wednesday to talk about Nurses in the past which the children really enjoyed as they saw all kinds of artefacts and so it brings History to life for them. The Reception children also had Emily Dyson, another local author, visit them yesterday and she commented positively on our reception children's behaviour!

World Book Day yesterday was a huge success. It was so lovely to see so many children wearing bright clothes to look like Elmer. They were all so excited when I visited the classrooms, firstly to share their work and secondly, to show off how bright they looked. There was some serious colour clashing going on! I won't mention Miss Tench's Willy Wonka style trousers! ;-) Reception made Elmer elephants using milk bottles, Year 3 children performed an assembly, Year 5 children had designed their teachers t-shirts and everyone completed a Blue Peter badge application to be sent off when they are old enough - in Reception's case anyway! Just a taste of the excellent day we had yesterday!

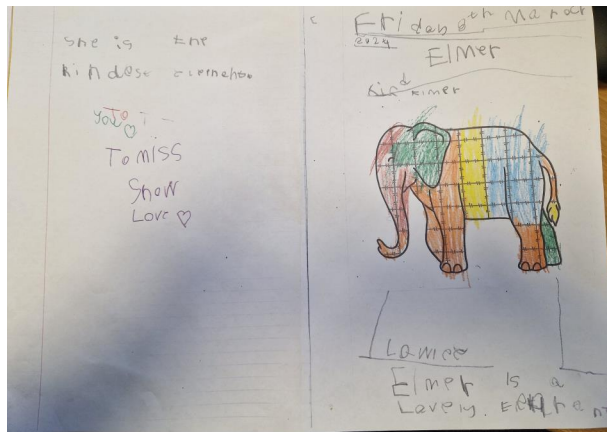
In Unity, we are ... Ready, Respectful, Safe

On Monday 11th March we will start our first taught sessions for Ready, Respectful, Safe. The first part of our work with children will be around how we greet each other respectfully. The first block of work is on manners and etiquette. To help with this at home... when you say, 'Good morning' to children, simply expect them to respond by saying, 'Good morning' to you (even teenagers!). This may sound silly and minor but if we are expecting positive responses in school and you do the same at home, it will help everyone.

And finally...

I know that Mother's Day can be triggering to some people so instead, I will say that I hope everyone has a good weekend and hope that our children say thank you to anyone who helps to care for them. Through my family and friends, I have an army of people to support in raising Sam and Evie and I am truly thankful to them all.

Happy Weekend!





Contact us!

Contact Us

Our year group emails are no longer be monitored. If you wish to contact a teacher within school please use this link [Parental Messages / Queries \(Non-urgent\)](#). and we will get back to you. This form should be used rather than contacting an individual teacher email address as we can then ensure that you are responded to in a timely manner. Messages will be passed on and dealt with as quickly as possible. Our aim is to respond to you within 48 school working hours. Please note that this may not be checked during teaching hours and so **please do not add anything urgent** e.g. about your child being collected by someone else at the end of the day. If you have an urgent message or query, please contact the school office on 01253 355493. Thank you.

Attendance



	Attendance %	Late Marks
• RMT	91.67	9
• REB	98.33	10
• 1CBL	94.19	5
• 1BW	96.59	9
• 2KG	97.89	7
• 2AM	94.00	9
• 3HB	95.54	8
• 3LC	88.79	6
• 4TC	94.37	13
• 4CL	93.75	11
• 5TT	95.70	10
• 5JB	92.86	7
• 6VA	91.88	13
• 6NO	90.48	14
• 6MB	98.68	2

Keeping children safe!



At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to help an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they need it. This guide is one of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, facts and tips for adults.

7 Top Tips for Supporting Children to EXPRESS THEMSELVES SAFELY ONLINE

The past year has left many children feeling uncertain and worried. So Children's Mental Health Week 2021 has adopted the theme of 'express yourself'. It's not necessarily about being the best – but instead encouraging young people to relish the joy of being 'in the moment' and loving what they do. So whether they're into music, art, photography, film, drama or dance, here are our top tips for helping your child to express themselves safely online.

1 Celebrate their Identity
Celebrating who children are and acknowledging them of their uniqueness has a huge impact on their confidence and self-esteem. This week, remind them of what you love about them. You could make some photos and videos on your phone or computer of special times you've shared. Chat about the importance of finding time to do what they love, underline that it's an important part of who they are.

2 Promote Their Passions
It's different for all of us, but every child has something which ignites their passions and brings them joy. Perhaps they love music and you could introduce them to a music-making app? Or if they enjoy taking photos or making videos, use this week to set a photography or video competition at home, with some fun categories.

3 Support Their Interests
Some children seem to know instinctively what interests them and what they enjoy doing; others can be less decisive about hobbies. Spend some time this week sharing their interests and doing something connected to it together. You could make a short Lego film to post on your Instagram, or a long board game that you share with relatives, or just play with them on their favourite video game.

4 Help Them Help Others
Some children love to express themselves through activities which help others. Perhaps your local council Facebook group has a community project that your family could get involved with – even if it doesn't have to be a long-term commitment. Depending on your child's age, you could introduce them to online fundraising (such as sites like www.gobalfundraising.com) and how it can make a difference to less fortunate people.

5 Enable Emotional Expression
Children sometimes need help in articulating how they're feeling and in beginning to understand how to manage their emotions. A safe, healthy way for your child to explore their feelings is to let them conduct an activity – like listening to a story or creating some art – and discuss with them afterwards how it made them feel. There are lots of articles available on YouTube, while Audible is a streaming children's audiobook free of charge while schools are closed. YouTube also has a plethora of fun art tutorials. If you're in on a child's account, remember to adjust your settings first to block inappropriate content and stop potentially unsuitable musical auto-playing.

6 Let Them Stay Connected
The online world is a fantastic space for staying in contact with those who we can't be with right now. Young people are often very comfortable using social media to express themselves and stay connected by sharing their ideas, thoughts and feelings with friends, but bear in mind that most social media platforms require a child to be at least 13, before they should access it (WhatsApp is 16). Remind your child that, while it's OK to express who we are on social media, they should still always think before posting – and that their self-worth is never measured by their number of likes, friends or followers.

7 Coach 'Safe Sharing'
As part of expressing themselves, your child may want to share something online that they've created – like a funny video, a sketch, a meme or a dance. If they're too young to have their own social media, you could use your own account to share it with selected people who you trust. Emphasise the importance of only sharing content with people that your child knows well, like family and friends. This type of conversation is also useful for introducing young people to the risks and challenges that can come when expressing ourselves to a wider online audience of strangers.

Meet Our Expert
Anna Bowman is passionate about placing prevention at the heart of every school, integrating mental wellbeing within the curriculum, school cultural systems. She is also a member of the advisory group for the Department for Education, advising them on their mental health green paper.

About Children's Mental Health Week
Around three children in every primary school class has a mental health problem. Many more struggle with challenges from bullying to low-esteem in their teens. That's why Children's Mental Health Week shines a spotlight on the importance of young people's mental health – and it's more relevant than it does in 2021. Find out more at www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk

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Nursery



This week in Nursery we have continued with our superhero topic, we have been discussing the role of a firefighter and how they help people in their community. The children have dressed their own firefighters, and have spoken about how their uniform helps to protect them. The children have pretended to be firefighters and used out tent fire engine to put out some fires.

We have also continued to to look at repeated patterns, the children have completed a started pattern and have rectified a mistake in a pattern.



Reception



This week in Reception the children have been very busy.

In Literacy, the children have explored the troll slime that a sneaky troll left. The children enjoyed learning all about The Three Billy Goats Gruff and how they tricked the wicked troll. In the Creative Area, the children have created beautiful Mother's Day/Special Person cards. The children are so excited to give these to their loved ones. We also enjoyed our weekly Jo Jingles session and learnt about the concept of 'time' in mathematics. In PSHE, the children learnt how to keep their bodies healthy and how our bodies change when we exercise. We discussed why our bodies sweat and how important it is to drink water when exercising.

On World Book Day, the children went on an Elmer Parade with their milk bottle creations. Emily Dyson also visited Reception and read her own books with the children. The children loved learning about the writing process and some children decided to become authors when they are adults!

On Friday, the children will be given a letter regarding a Parent and Carer Spring Biscuit Decorating Session. Please read the letter and scan the QR code at the bottom to secure your place.

Polite reminders:

-PE is every Thursday.

-REB library books are changed on a Wednesday (books will be sent home on a Friday).

-Reading books are changed on a Friday. Please read the RWI books at least three times and complete the quiz.

Have a good weekend, The EYFS Team

Year 1



We have had lots of fun this week in Year 1.

In English, we've been looking at Elmer and doing lots of Elmer inspired activities, the children have loved this and got involved lots!

During Math's, we are coming towards the end of our numbers to 50 topic and next week will be learning about length and height! How exciting! So we'll be doing lots of measuring of items using different ways to measure, such as using hands, rulers, metre sticks and other objects!

Delve into History Day - Woah! The children loved delving into history and looking at Nurses from the past such as Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. We were able to explore different objects, learn about what they did and even dress up! Such fun!

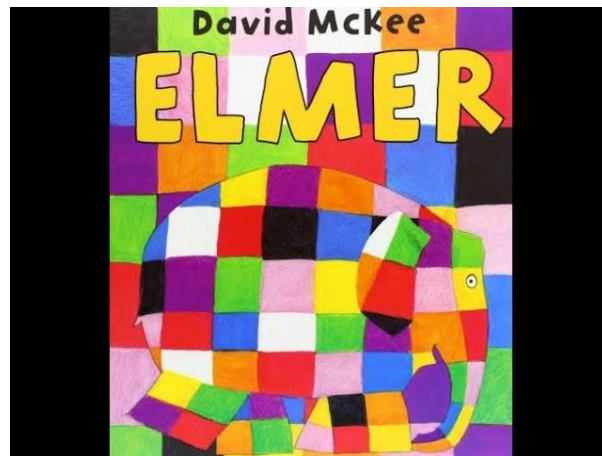
World Book Day - Another successful day in school was had on Thursday, with bright colours across year 1 (and the rest of school too!) We had lots of World Book Day activities across the day, and it was nice to focus on reading for the whole day. We completed our Blue Peter Badge application, so fingers cross we hear back soon and we get a badge.

Mother's and Other's Day Cards - On Tuesday, we completed our wonderful Mother's and Other's Day cards. Where were celebrated family members such as Mums, Grans, Nannas, Aunties (and even a cat!) and linked this to the people who help us topic in History. We hope you enjoy your card, the children enjoyed making them with special people in mind.

Reading - We are starting a competition in Year 1! Which year 1 class can read the most between now and the end of this term? Will it be 1BW or 1CBL?

Remember, our homework expectation is we ask you to read with your child 3 times a week.

Have a wonderful weekend, whatever you are up to, **Mr. Wainwright, Miss Blunden and the Year 1 Team.**



1 - Elmer - The Patchwork Elephant.

Listen at home!



In Year 2 this week we have been learning about Queen Victoria. Children have made their own fact file about Queen Victoria, created portraits with charcoal using their fingers to blend and have learned some interesting facts about her.

During World Book Day this week, our year 2 classes have visited each others classrooms to share stories with their friends. It has been lovely to see children excited to share their favourite books!

In R.E this week, children have listened to the Easter story and have thought about what it might be like for the people of Jerusalem when Jesus came to visit. Children have brainstormed their ideas on to their own palm leaves.

In English, children have listened to the story of Elmer The Patchwork Elephant. Children have designed their own Elmer elephant and have written a character description about their elephant.

Please remember to read **3x a week**. The children have been very excited to colour in their scratch cards this week for all the reading that they have been doing at home.

From today the children in Phonics will be bringing home a reading record and once moved out of phonics, the children will then move on to using Boomhub.

Our spellings for next week are: because, who, pretty.

Enjoy your weekend, The Year 2 Team

Year 3



We have had a very busy and eventful week in year three this week!

Dan Worsley - Dan Worsley, a published author visited us and supported our writing in English on Tuesday. He told us a story about an Alien, and encouraged us to use descriptive language to plan our own story.

Assembly - We have been practicing very hard for our world book day assembly this week and performed it to the school and our parents! We want to thank everyone for attending and a big well done to all of year three!

Maths - In Maths we have continued learning about length and measuring in cm, mm and m.

Geography - What a fun and exciting lesson we experienced in geography! We have been learning about Samoa and the volcanoes on the island. Miss Cavanagh and Ms Brayne set up an experiment to show us what happens when a volcanoes erupts. We then began constructing and creating our own volcanoes!

World Book Day - On Thursday, we wore our bright colours to represent Elmer for world book day. We enjoyed many activities, reading stories, making our own books marks and completed our Blue Peter Badge application, so fingers crossed we hear back soon and we get a badge.

Have a lovely weekend, The Year 3 Team!

Year 4



What a fantastic week we have had!

We have completed our tricky multiplication and division topic in Maths and are moving on to length and perimeter next, we have some super fun activities planned!

In English we have been looking into our 'Rainforest' text and planning our own fact file. We created our own toolkit to make sure we do not forget any important features.

In History we are continuing looking into our British Heroes, We have been looking at Winston Churchill and finding all about him and how he changed our country.

A massive well done to everyone's efforts for world book day, you all looked amazing and we had such a fun day with team building activities, reading lots of Elmer books and completing our Blue Peter forms!

Please continue to read and practice time tables at home. Thank you for the continued support.

The Year 4 Team

Year 5



Art

This week in Art, we have practiced using oil pastels to blend ready for our final project. We are looking at the Southern Lights and over the next couple of weeks we will be creating an oil pastel picture.

History

This week we started to look at Tudor Jobs and create a double page spread. We started to watch <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8QUd-cTNT8o> and next week we will finish the video and complete our amazing double page spreads about the Tudor jobs.

Science

This week, we created cheese! The children worked in groups to warm up milk, mix in vinegar until it curdled, strain out the liquid and then of course we had to taste it! Some of us enjoyed the taste and some of us did not! Maybe this is something you can do at home together.

PSHE

In PSHE we have been looking at Emergency Aid and learning about the recovery position. Can they show you at home?

World Book Day

Thursday, we wore bright colours to represent Elmer for world book day. We enjoyed many activities such as reading stories, an Elmer themed multiplication challenge and completing our Blue Peter Badge application, so fingers cross we hear back soon and we get a badge. The teachers also joined in the fun and wore a t-shirt designed by the students! Thank you Emily, Ian, Lucas, Poppy and Lyla for our fantastic designs.

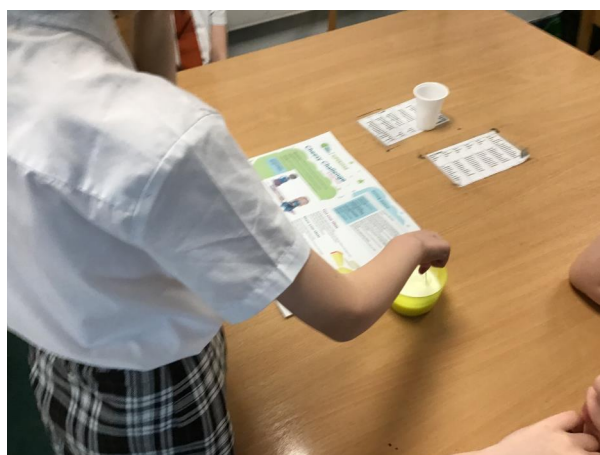
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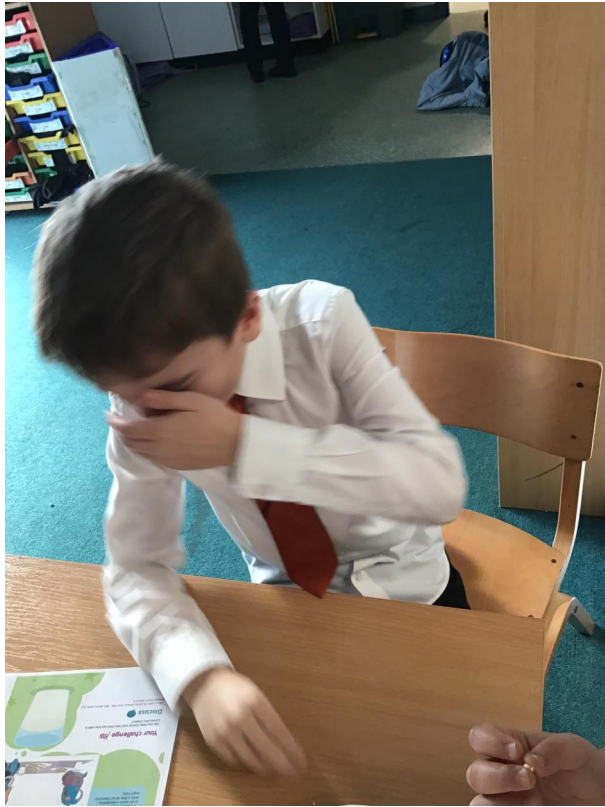
UCLan trip - payment is due on Parent Pay. 5JB Tuesday 19th March and 5TT Thursday 21st March

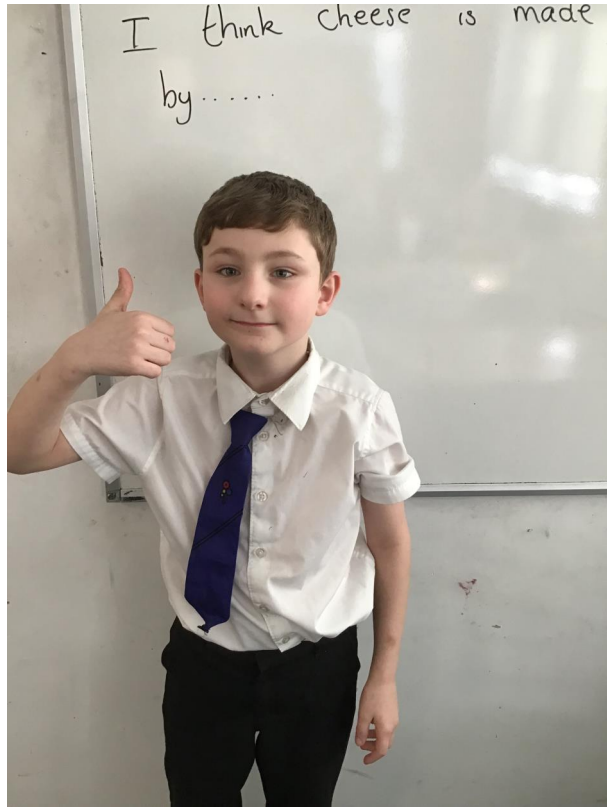
Times table Rockstar competition - Tuesday 19th March - please send back slips

Reading 3 times a week and log on boom reader.

Have a wonderful weekend, The Year 5 Team









Year 6



Mock SATs Week

This week, Year 6 have completed their final Mock SATs of the year. The children have shown so much resilience and determination in their practice papers and have taken on a fantastic 'can do' attitude. We are so proud of the progress they are making and should also be proud of themselves.

We would like to take the opportunity to remind you that Year 6 SATs week this year will be on **Monday 13th May – Thursday 16th May**. We will send some reminders closer to the time.

World Book Day

We were so excited to see our children immersed in our World Book Day theme this year: Elmer! We read Elmer and the Race in the morning, followed by activities inspired by Blue Peter. We completed a book review and an application form for a Blue Peter badge! In P.E, we followed our book theme and completed races; just like Elmer and his friends! If you would like to continue our Elmer inspiration, please follow the Elmer trail around Blackpool and see if you can find our Unity Elmer!

Date for the diary

We would like to invite you to attend an Easter themed 'Faberge egg' event with your child on the afternoon of **Wednesday 27th March**. A letter will be sent out next week with more information about timings and where to meet for the event. We look forward to seeing many parents and carers!

Star of the Week



- **RMT - Aliyah** - For being a fantastic role model; always ready respectful and safe.
- **REB - Ennis** - For his contributions in class discussions and being a kind friend.
- **1CBL - Kian** - For being ready, respectful and always being so polite
- **1BW - Kendall-Louise** - For showing lots of improvements this week all round.
- **2KG - Kamraan** - For always having a fantastic attitude to learning.
- **2AM - Riley** - For being ready to try foods at lunch time. Well done!
- **3HB - Jiro** - For being ready to learn and respectful of others!
- **3LC - Mason** - For showing a positive attitude in school this week. He has been ready, safe and respectful and on task!
- **4TC - Tia** - For much improved attitude to learning and great effort in our world book day activities and PSHE this week.
- **4CL -Jacob** - For trying hard with his handwriting and always being so kind.
- **5TT - Lucas & Ian** - For designing my World Book Day t-shirt
- **5JB - Lyla** - For her contributions in class discussions and for always being ready to learn.
- **6NO - Mason** -Showing confidence and excellence in his Mock SATs.
- **6VA - Bobby-Rose** - For handwriting improvement
- **6MB - Shyleigh** - For fantastic resilience and enthusiasm this week.

School Uniform



As a reminder, please have a look at the list below and make sure your children are correctly dressed for both the school day and PE. To request items of uniform please click [here](#) and complete the short form. We will do our best to meet your needs, stock permitting.

Nursery Uniform

Black sweatshirt with logo

White polo shirt

Black trousers, tracksuit bottoms or skirt

Black shoes if wearing trousers or skirt or Trainers (preferably black) if wearing tracksuit bottoms.

Primary Uniform

Black sweatshirt/cardigan sweatshirt with logo

White collared shirt

Black trousers/ Unity Tartan Skirt

Tie in house colour

Black socks/plain tights

Black shoes

Primary PE Kit

Red polo shirt with logo

Black shorts

Black socks

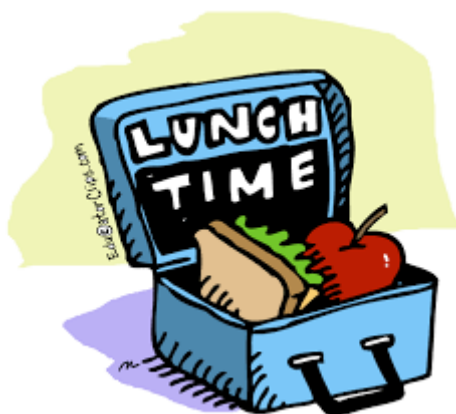
Black Pumps

Optional Items - Unity Tracksuit or plain black tracksuit (A Unity tracksuit will be provided for the Reception children)

If your child has outgrown any uniform items and they are in good condition, please do send them into school where they can be added to our supply for other parents to access.

Thank you

Lunch time menu for this week



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Tomato and basil pasta bake with crusty wholemeal bread and beans	Roast chicken dinner with stuffing and gravy. Mash potato, carrots and peas	All day breakfast: sausage, hash brown, omelette and wholemeal bread with beans	Hunter's chicken topped with BBQ sauce, ham and melted cheese with wholegrain rice, peas and sweetcorn	Crispy battered fillet of fish with chips, peas or beans
Leek and Potato pie with beans	Roast quorn fillet with stuffing and gravy. Mash potato, carrots and peas	Vegetarian all day breakfast with beans	Spicy meatless balls in tomato sauce with wholegrain rice, peas and sweetcorn	Golden vegetable fingers with chips, peas or beans
Jacket potato with baked beans	Jacket potato With cheese	Jacket potato with tuna mayo	Jacket potato with cheese	Jacket potato with beans
Cheese sandwich	Egg Mayo sandwich	Tuna Mayo sandwich	Roast Ham sandwich	Roast Turkey Sandwich