



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



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Short weeks always seem to go on forever don't they! It has certainly been a busy one at Unity this week! Let's see what has been going on!

### **Teaching and Learning**

Reception children were so excited to tell me about Mrs Obertelli's sister visiting them to talk about her job as a Neonatal Nurse this week. Our People who help us topic always goes down well, especially when we remind our children that they can be whatever they want to be when they grow up, they just have to work hard! Frankie and Evie brought their writing to show me which was wonderful, well done girls!

Year 4 went out to Blackpool Football Club to take part in the Fit2Go event. All children represented our school brilliantly. They were kind, helpful, listened well and displayed great sportsmanship. More importantly though, they had a lot of fun! . Mr Cooper contemplated becoming the next BFC manager but soon realised that he would miss our Unity children and staff team and so quickly jumped on the bus to return to school!

Year 3 visited a Hindu Temple this week. The teachers were pleased to tell me how well the children listened well and that they showed great respect! Brilliant Year 3. Thank you to both Year 3 and 4 for showing the Community what fabulous children we have here at Unity!

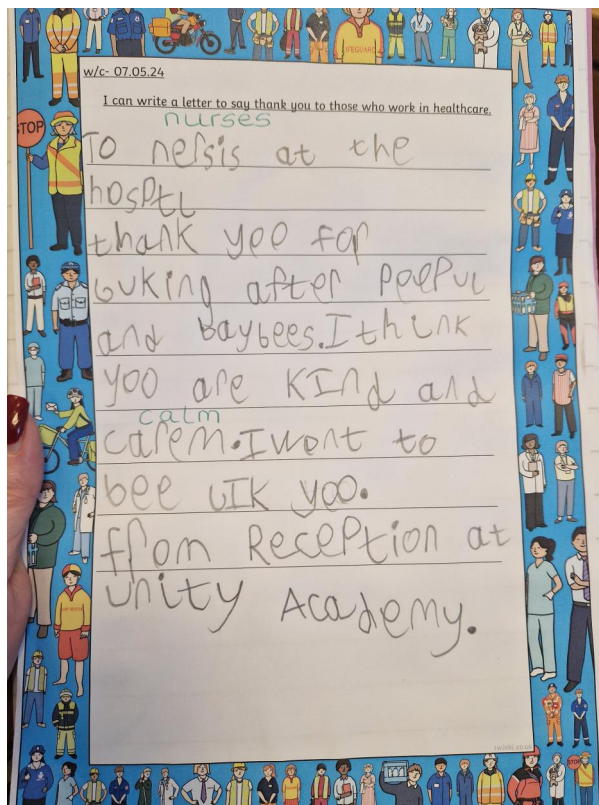
I must add my thanks to Mrs Bateman who held a teaching staff PSHE professional development session this week. The children are not the only ones who are learning each day! She planned and delivered an excellent session that really showed the team how progressive and sequential our PSHE curriculum is. Thank you!

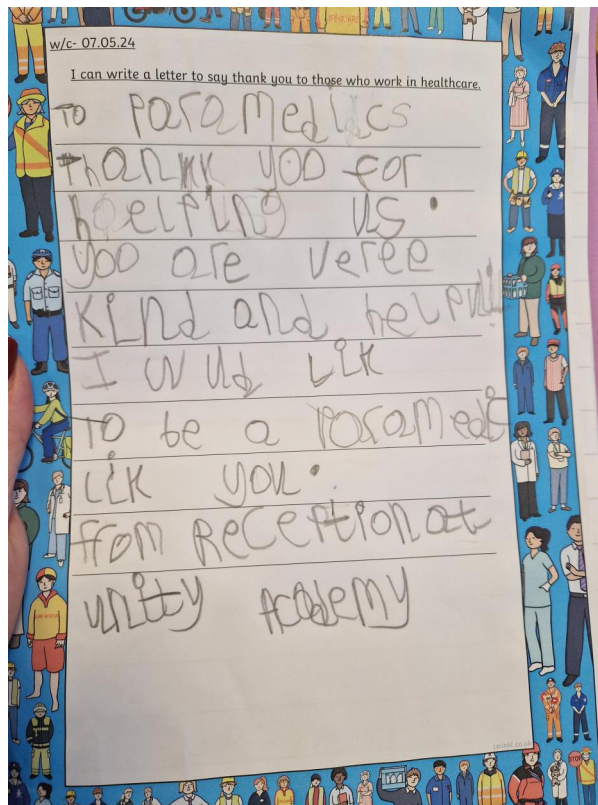
I have added a little message for our Year 6 children below, but would like to add a personal message to our Year 6 teaching team. Thank you for your hard work in getting our Year 6 children so prepared. All primary staff have in some way supported the children throughout their time in primary to get to this point and our Year 6 team have ensured that everything is polished and fine-tuned. It's down to the children now to show how just how fabulous they are!

Our **behaviour curriculum** continued this week as we focused on **Positive Challenge** using the Miranda Paul story 'Speak up'. This week we focused on how to challenge someone respectfully. It is actually a very difficult thing to do to call someone out when we know that their words or actions are wrong. Next week we are moving onto focusing on **Table Manners** using the story 'Table Manners for Tigers by Zanna Davidson.

**And finally...**

The sun is out! Let's hope it stays ALLLLLLLLL weekend! Have a good one everyone!





**A message for our amazing Year 6 children!**

**Next week, you will all be taking your SATs tests. I know that some of you may be feeling a little nervous, so would like to remind you all of a few important things. The SATs papers do not define you as a person. They do not test your personality. They do not test your sense of humour. They do not test your kindness, or your ability to help others. They do not know you like your parents, friends and family do. They do not know you like we do here at Unity!**

**You all have personalities, skills and talents that these tests do not measure! We have amazing artists, musicians and children who display great sportsmanship! We have children who help to care for their younger brothers and sisters. We have incredibly kind children who know right from wrong!**

**Remember this – you will get a scaled score of 80 to 120. That number does not define you! That number will not tell the whole story about you, so do not worry. You have all worked so hard this year and your teachers and I could not be more proud of you!**

**This is your chance to show off! This is your chance to show how amazing you are! This is your chance to show how prepared you are.**

**So breathe, think to yourself, 'I've got this' and try your very best! ... That's all I ask!**

Your homework for this weekend..... is to simply have fun! By all means if you want to read, check out your revision guides but otherwise enjoy the sunny weather. Please though,



have an early night on Sunday and every night next week so that you are well rested to perform to your best ability! Parents, please consider time spent on technology!

Contact us!



Our year group emails are no longer being 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 94.71 6
- REB 97.70 6
- 1CBL 92.42 5
- 1BW 96.53 13
- 2KG 94.00 9
- 2AM 87.82 9
- 3HB 94.05 6
- 3LC 95.51 9
- 4TC 92.26 4
- 4CL 90.56 7
- 5TT 92.22 10
- 5JB 94.05 1
- 6VA 96.83 10
- 6NO 95.83 12
- 6MB 94.44 5

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 feel the need. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [nationalonline-safety.com](http://nationalonline-safety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for safety.

## Top Tips for... MANAGING SCREEN TIME

According to the latest stats, people aged between 5 and 17 spend four hours on digital devices during an average day. Obviously, a new year is ideal for fresh starts and renewed efforts – so lots of families are trying to cut down their combined screen time right now, creating more moments to connect with each other and enjoy less on gadgets to have fun. Our top tips on reducing screen time are for everyone, so you can get your whole family involved in turning over a new leaf this year!

**BUY MILK**

**GET OUT AND ABOUT**

If the weather's decent, spend some time in the garden to go for a walk. Lay a blanket on the lawn and get some fresh air and a break from your screen.

**TRY A TIMED TRIAL**

When you're taking a screen break to do a different activity or a chore, turn it into a game by setting a timer to know when you complete your task before the alarm goes off!

**GO DIGITAL DETOX**

Challenge yourself and your family to take time off from screens, social media and things to do. You could start off with half a day, then build up to a full day or even an entire weekend!

**LEAD BY EXAMPLE**

Let your family see you successfully managing your own screen time. You'll be showing them the way, and it's more likely that they'll be able to do it when you do want to go online.

**AGREE TECH-FREE ZONES**

Designate some spots at home where devices aren't allowed. Anywhere a your family gather together, like at the table or in the living room, could become a no phone zone!

**HOLD A SCREEN TIME AMNESTY**

As a family, agree specific responses related to not using devices. This should help everyone to balance time on phones or gaming with enjoying quality moments together.

**BE MINDFUL OF TIME**

Stay aware of how long you've been on your device for. Consider how much time you spend in potentially stressful places of technology – like social media platforms – can also boost your wellbeing.

**PARK PHONES OVERNIGHT**

Get up an overnight charging station for everyone's devices, preferably away from bedrooms. That means less temptation for late-night scrolling.

**SWITCH ON DND**

Research shows that micro-distractions like message alerts and push notifications can chip away at our concentration levels. Put devices on 'do not disturb' until you're less busy.

**TAKE A FAMILY TECH BREAK**

Get outside, certainly times when the whole family gets time together. Doing some sport or activity together, playing a board game, going for a walk or just having a chat.

**SOCIALISE WITHOUT SCREENS**

When you're with friends, try not to automatically involve phones. It's not that you're avoiding them, it's just that you're being present.

**WIND DOWN PROPERLY**

Try putting off phones, consoles, tablets and so on just before you go to sleep. Reading or just getting comfy in bed for a while can give you a much more restful night.

**Meet Our Expert**

Michelle is a digital marketing expert and has a strong background in digital marketing and social media. She has worked for several years in the digital marketing industry and has a wealth of experience in helping businesses and individuals to grow their online presence. She is passionate about digital marketing and is always looking for new ways to help businesses and individuals to succeed online.

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**National Online Safety**

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Celebrating Culture and Difference







1 - On Friday 10th Hindus will recognise Akshaya Tertiya. The 'Third Day of Unending Prosperity'. This auspicious day is seen as the perfect time to start any good venture, like business, marriages or moving into new houses. [Click here to learn more](#)

## Elmer's Big Parade



Thank you for your wonderful photographs of your visit to see our school Elmer, 'Community'. If you are visiting over the next few weeks please send your photographs to our world book day email address **worldbookday@unity.fcat.org.uk** so we can share them in school, on the screens during lunchtimes. The Elephants are in Blackpool till the 9th June and more information about the trail around Blackpool is available [here](#).

The entries are in for the Elmer colouring competition and winners will be announced next week.

Next Friday, 17th May, it is 'wear your trainers to school day' for a donation of 50p for Brian House, our local children's hospice.

Thank you for your support with fundraising for this local cause. On the last day of term we will have a non-uniform day on Friday 24th May, for a donation of £1.



## Nursery



This week we have been learning all about the lifecycle of a frog, we have been reading the story *The Perfect Ribbit* and have discussed the different stages of the lifecycle. The children have enjoyed making their own lifecycle hats, they have used the play dough to make their own tadpoles and frogs. We made some frogspawn using chia seeds and used it in our tuff tray. The children have enjoyed moving like a frog and experimenting with making noises like a frog. We've even had frog races in the garden!

We have continued to practise our cutting skills and have cut and coloured our own frog puppets, the children have then used the materials in the creative area to create their own frogs.





## Reception



What a lovely week in Reception!

This week we have continued our learning all about People Who Help Us. This week we have focused on those that help us in healthcare. We started the week with a very exciting visitor, Mrs Obertelli's sister, who is a Neonatal Nurse. She came in to see us and told us all about her role in the hospital and the very important job she does. We were also lucky enough to see some of her medical equipment, including, tiny nappies, clothes and bottles. It was such an amazing experience for our children to meet a medical practitioner and ask her lots of interesting questions!

We continued our learning throughout the week during provision. Our role play area transformed into a Teddy Bear hospital. We checked our teddy bear's symptoms within our consultation area. Following our learning about radiographers during the week; we x-rayed our teddies before helping them with bandages and plasters!

Within our Creative Area, we made representations of ambulances using tissue paper. We also created our own doctors cases with different pieces of medical equipment, which we utilised in our role play area.

For our writing challenge this week we have written letters to different people within the hospital, including doctors, nurses, radiographers and paramedics. We thanked them for all of the help they give to our community. We hope to send these letters to members of staff at the hospital so that they can see how grateful we are at Unity Academy for all of their help.

The children have also wowed us with their counting knowledge this week. We have been counting beyond 20 and the children have absolutely amazed us with their fluency and confidence within their counting. Well done Reception!

Year 1



We have been very busy this week in Year 1!

This week in English we have started our piece of non-fiction writing all about donkeys. We have learned about what they look like, what they eat and where they live. We found out some very interesting facts too !

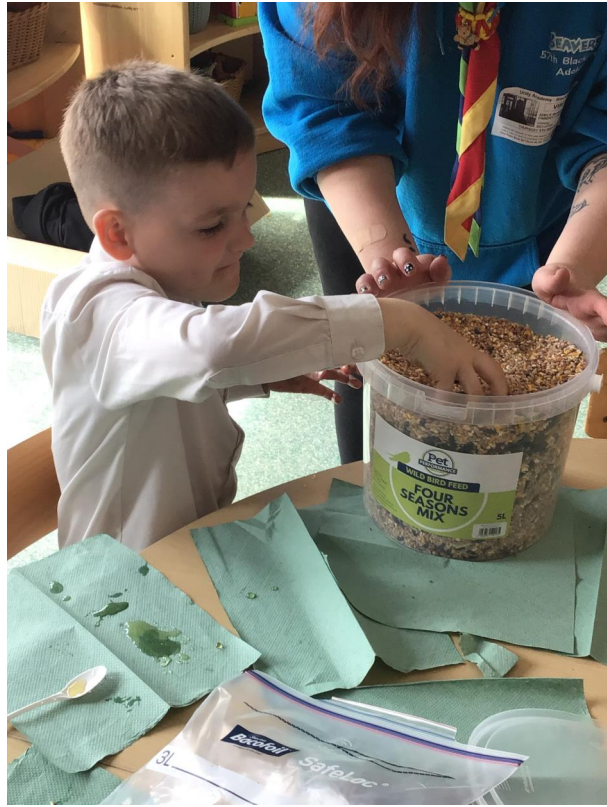
On Thursday we had a very special afternoon as Year 1 were visited by the Beaver Scout leaders and took part in various activities such as biscuit decorating, making pine cone bird feeders, smores and lots of outdoor games. It was lovely to hear from lots of children that this was their 'best day ever!'. If you are interested in your child joining Beavers please scan the QR code on the letter that the children came home with.

***Donkey visit*** - Next Tuesday we have another special visit to school and this time it is by some donkeys. Your children will have the opportunity to go on a short ride (within the school grounds) and learn more about them. If your child has any allergies that we may need to be aware of or you would like to speak to us further about this, please feel free to speak to one of the team.

*Have a wonderful weekend, The Year 1 team*







Year 2



What a fantastic week in Year 2!

We have had lots of fun this week. In English, we have been writing our Non-Chronological report all about Clay and how you can use it to make lots of different things including how to make a clay snail. This week we are creating our very own dinosaur fossils using the clay.

In Maths we are continuing with our topic 'Fractions'. We have looked at  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$  and  $\frac{1}{3}$ . We have found fractions of an amount and of shapes. We will continue to look at this next week.

In Music, the children performed a song all about friendship and it was honestly so beautiful. The children also got to use the Glockenspiels and played the notes G and E.

In art children have been making their own dinosaur fossils with clay and have been creating prints with this into sand. Amazing!

We hope you have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sun, **Year 2 Team**

**Please remember to read 3x a week with your children!**

Year 3



This week year three went on an exciting trip to the Hindu Temple in Preston. All for year three were respectful and made year three very proud.

In Maths we began our new topic 'fractions'. We have worked very hard and we have made some good progress this week.

In History we are continuing to learn about Ancient Egypt and have been learning all about Tutankhamun. We created our own Newspaper report, looking at sources from the original discovery by Howard Carter!

In English we have linked our History topic and have been planning and writing a chronological report for different topics in Ancient Egypt.

Have a wonderful weekend year three!

Year 4



What a week Year 4!

A big well done to all Year 4 this week, you represented our school incredibly well at Blackpool Football Club and made us all so proud. We had such a fantastic time and played

lots of football, handball, we did some hurdles and we even danced with the Blackpool bear!  
We enjoyed our lunch on the comfy stadium seats and got to play on the pitch!

In English, we have been continuing with pulling apart our story mountain ready for our big write soon. In Maths, we have moved on to decimals which we have been mastering!

In Science, we have been creating our own classification keys. We investigated lots of different ones before carefully planning our own. We enjoyed applying the knowledge we have learnt this term to classify animals in different ways.

Thank you for a fantastic week, The Year 4 Team

Year 5





**Literacy:** This week, Year 5 dove deeper into their class read, "Holes," honing their comprehension skills through engaging discussions and thought-provoking questions.

**Mathematics:** Perimeter and area took centre stage in math class, as students explored the intricacies of rectangles, compound shapes, and polygons, applying their understanding to real-world scenarios.

On Friday, 5JB took their learning outside to start their shape unit. They were looking at acute, obtuse, reflex and right angles and worked in pairs to create the different size angles. We also practiced turning clockwise and anti-clockwise.

**PSHE:** Online safety took the spotlight in PSHE sessions, with discussions centred around responsible gaming practices and strategies to ensure a secure online experience.

**Computing:** Year 5 students showcased their budding video editing talents, revealing glimpses of future TV stars as they delved into the world of digital media production.

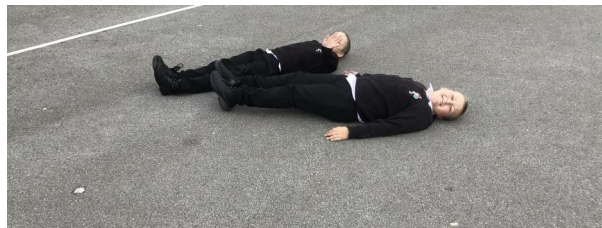
**Upcoming Event:** Don't forget to mark your calendars! Wednesday, May 15th, promises an afternoon filled with creativity and coziness as we embark on our knitting adventure at 2:15 PM. We can't wait to see you there!

**Mrs. Bass' RWI group spelling words (this is children from 5JB and 5TT)**

- important
- century
- centre
- answer
- appear
- accident

Wishing you all a delightful weekend, The Year 5 Team





Year 6



In computing this week, year 6 have been planning and designing their own 3D models. It has been wonderful to see the children using the technology we have in school to develop

their ideas and understanding of 3D design. We look forward to seeing how their projects develop over the half-term.

In DT we have created a 'Fret-me-not' as a link to our history topic exploring Mayan culture. The children showed real creativity in their designs and choices.

It is year 6 SATs week next week, and we have sent letters to you about the children coming in at 8:20 from Monday to Thursday for breakfast butties. The children are very prepared for the tasks and we wish them all well. Your support with ensuring they have a restful and relaxing weekend would be gratefully appreciated.

Date for the diary: Tuesday 21st May - UCLAN trip - thank you for all of the reply slips received so far. If you still have your letter at home please return both slips by Tuesday 14th May to secure your child's place on the trip.

### *Star of the Week*



***RMT - Alveera - For such an excellent start to her time at Unity!***

***REB - Adam - For taking part in our classroom discussions.***

***1CBL - Wynter-Rose - For her excellent and positive attitude towards learning.***

***1BW - Folajimi - For a brilliant start at Unity, working hard and settling in well to 1BW.***

***2KG - Lian - For a fantastic piece of writing during our English this week and expanding her vocabulary***

***2AM - Clark - For contributing to class conversations this week and showing a keen interest in our topic 'Dinosaurs' in history.***

**3HB - Kaytelynne - For enthusiasm and hard work in R.E. and being so sensible on our trip to the Hindu Temple**

**3LC - Moira - For trying hard, showing kindness, resilience and settling in well to Unity!**

**4TC - Mia - For enthusiastic participation in lessons**

**4CL - Bailey - For fantastic work in lessons and great effort on our trip to Blackpool FC.**

**5TT - Aurora - For resilience and a never give up attitude**

**5JB - Darci - For being a great friend and teaching others new hobbies.**

**6NO - Mason - For being a supportive member of 6NO.**

**6VA - Jacob - For being a regular contributor in class**

**6MB - Ellie-Mai - For great effort and understanding shown in maths**

## 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

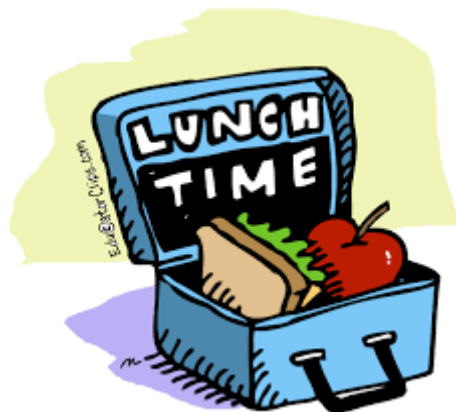
Black socks

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
Chilli and Wholegrain rice	Roast pork, mash potatoes, carrots and gravy	Sausage, chips, and gravy	Chicken curry, wholegrain rice and naan bread	Fish fingers, potato wedges and beans
Meatballs with tomato sauce & wholegrain pasta	Plant power veggie roll, mash potatoes and carrots	Pizza, chips and beans	Cheese flan and new potatoes	Crispy coated golden nuggets, potato wedges and beans
Jacket potato and baked beans	Jacket potato and tuna mayo	Jacket potato and cheese	Jacket potato and baked beans	Jacket potato and cheese
Savoury cheese sandwich	Roast ham sandwich	Tuna mayo sandwich	Egg mayo sandwich	Grated cheese sandwich