



Unity Academy Primary Newsletter
13/9/2024

Your weekly roundup of all things years N-6!



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We have had another lovely week at Unity. The children have continued to be calm and settled and keen to please their teachers!

The Reception children have completed their first full week and have enjoyed sharing *The Colour Monster* together. It's a lovely book which helps them to understand their own emotions. I took the children to the library this week where we learnt and practiced the rules of using it safely and sensibly. There may be some very tired little people this weekend after completing their first full week!

Phonics has started in Key Stage one with children all keen to show their new teacher how good they are with their sounds. Keep trying your very best!

One class in Year 4 was about to start their first piece of extended writing. Miss Blunden shared two examples and then they discussed together which the children preferred. Knowing that they were going to be writing, some went for the shorter example but others preferred the longer example that had more descriptive language. I've asked Miss Blunden to send some children to share their work with me when it is completed. I can't wait to see it! The other Year 4 class were concentrating on their breathing when I popped into their PSHE lesson. Mrs Bass was showing them calming techniques and they were thinking about

people, place and objects that were special to them. It was so nice to see both classes really listening to their teachers. Well done all of you!

In our primary behaviour curriculum this week, we focused on knowing and following our school expectations. We spent last week clearly sharing these with the children so it was good to positively notice what some of our classes have been working on in our Celebration Assembly earlier today. Next week we will move onto learning and following routines.

Forthcoming Dates

- 23rd September - Meet the Teacher - Come along to find out about how your child has settled in! Further details are below.
- 25th September & 16th October - Y6 Hangar 42 trip
- 25th September - Y6 Steps to Success meeting - Details below
- 27th September - Tempest Photographers in for primary and family photos. Further details to follow.
- 7th October - Yom Kippur Assembly for primary children
- 8th - 11th October - Y6 Residential
- 11th October - NHS Primary Flu Nasal Vaccinations
- 14th October - Diwali Assembly for primary Children
- 18th October - School closes for half term
- 4th November - School reopens for Autumn 2
- 4 - 7th November - Y6 Mock SATs

Meet the Teacher - 23rd September

We invite you to 'Meet the Teacher' on Monday 23rd September from 3:15-4pm. This informal event will enable your child to show you where they sit, their classroom and you can chat to their teacher about how they have settled.

Unity Academy Open Evening

Our Unity Academy Open Evening is on Thursday 3rd October 4:30-7pm. This is an opportunity for prospective students to visit our school, particularly those looking for places in Nursery, Reception and Year 7. As usual, we will close early on this day to enable staff to get the school ready for showing off how fabulous we are. Lunch will be provided for your child and then school will close at 1:30pm. There will be no after school club available on this night. Please ensure your child is collected at 1:30pm on Thursday 3rd October.

Reading

A reminder that homework at Unity is reading 3 times per week. We cannot stress enough the importance of reading as it filters through every curriculum area. I appreciate that it is sometimes difficult to get your child to read their reading book so feel free to read books from home. Obviously, we do need your child to read their school reading book but reading for pleasure is equally as important! Thank you for your continued support!

My Child at School App (All Parents/ Carers)

Our main communication platform has now changed to the My Child at School App. [Please click here](#) for a link to the site, if you access this on a mobile device you can access the links for the apps. If you click sign up and use the school postcode (FY2 0TS) or school ID (14676) you can register. You must register with the email address we hold on our system for you. A letter was shared before summer and will be shared again regularly and we will regularly send the sign up links to your email accounts (they are only valid for 24 hours). This app will be in place of our usual messaging system so it is important that you get registered. The email address is the same one we use for vouchers.

Y6 Steps to Success

Our Y6 Steps to Success event will be held on Wednesday 25th September from 3:30pm in the school hall. Please do come along to hear all about the Key Stage 2 SATs and how you can support your child with them.

Tempest Photographers

Tempest Photographers will be in school on Friday 27th September to take individual photographs. They will arrive at 8am to take family photographs. As usual, if you do want a family photograph taken, please come to the primary late gate.

And finally ...

The weather has definitely turned and is becoming more autumnal now. Don't forget to send your child with a coat that is clearly labelled with their name! Have a great weekend everyone!

[Contact us!](#)



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



	<i>Attendance %</i>	<i>Late marks</i>
• <i>RHH</i>	<i>93.52</i>	<i>7</i>
• <i>1CL</i>	<i>95.37</i>	<i>5</i>
• <i>1MT</i>	<i>97.50</i>	<i>8</i>
• <i>2BH</i>	<i>93.88</i>	<i>3</i>
• <i>2AP</i>	<i>89.44</i>	<i>5</i>
• <i>3KG</i>	<i>93.00</i>	<i>8</i>
• <i>3HB</i>	<i>98.56</i>	<i>3</i>
• <i>4JB</i>	<i>94.23</i>	<i>1</i>

- **4CBL** **100** - *Amazing, well done! I have challenged them to do it again next week!*
- **5TT** **98.28** **12**
- **5NO** **98.33** **12**
- **6MB** **94.58** **9**
- **6VA** **96.98** **10**

Keeping children safe!





 #WakeUpWednesday

12 Social Media Online Safety Tips FOR CHILDREN WITH NEW DEVICES

With Christmas only a few weeks away, many of you will be using social media to share your excitement with friends and family. Being active on social media is a great way to show others how much fun you're having, but it's important that you know how to use these apps safely and securely so that bad things don't happen. By following our safety tips below, you can make sure that your personal information stays private, your postings are positive and that your social media use overall is responsible, healthy and most of all enjoyable.

- 1 DONT ACCEPT FRIEND REQUESTS FROM STRANGERS**
 Make sure that you set your profile to private so that people you don't know can't find you online. Always talk to a trusted adult if a stranger or somebody you don't know sends you a message or a friend request.
- 2 NEVER SHARE YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION WITH PEOPLE YOU DONT KNOW**
 Keep your personal information personal. Sometimes people online aren't always who they say they are and might ask you to share things that you don't feel comfortable sharing.
- 3 DONT SHARE EMBARRASSING PHOTOS OR VIDEOS OF OTHERS ONLINE**
 This could really upset them and could get you into a lot of trouble. Always think twice before posting anything on social media and treat people online as you would in real life.
- 4 NEVER SEND NAKED PICTURES OF YOURSELF TO OTHERS**
 This is illegal if you are under 18 and you could get into trouble with the Police. If you are being pressured by someone, always say no and tell a trusted adult. Even if you think it is innocent fun, the photo could be shared with other people and you won't be able to control who else sees it.
- 5 CREATE A POSITIVE ONLINE REPUTATION**
 Always be kind and polite when posting comments on social media and only upload pictures and videos of things you are proud of. This forms part of your digital footprint. Everything you do online can be tracked and monitored and could affect what people think of you in real life if it is negative.
- 6 LIMIT YOUR SCREEN TIME**
 Social media can be addictive, and it is easy to keep checking newsfeeds or your notifications every 5 minutes which can affect your behaviour and stop you from doing other things. Remember to only use your phone at certain times of the day, turn notifications off at bedtime and go out and have as fun as much as possible. This will keep you fit and healthy and make you appreciate there's more to life than just what's on social media.
- 7 BLOCK ONLINE BULLIES**
 Sometimes people might say nasty things to you online or post offensive comments on your pictures or videos. If this happens, always tell a trusted adult who will help you block them from your profile and support you in taking further action.
- 8 REPORT INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT**
 If you see something on social media that you don't like, offends you or upsets you, you should always report it to a trusted adult. You should also report it to the social media app who will be able to remove the content if it is against their user policy and can block the person who posted it.
- 9 ONLY USE APPS WHICH YOU ARE OLD ENOUGH TO USE**
 Before downloading any new social media app, always check the age-rating. If you need help, ask your parent or carer to make sure that the app is safe for you to use and never download anything which you are too young for as it may contain content that isn't safe for you to see.
- 10 ALWAYS SECURE ALL YOUR SOCIAL MEDIA PROFILES WITH A PASSWORD**
 This will help to keep your private information safe and won't allow others to access your profiles without your permission. Make sure your passwords are memorable and personal to you but something which other people can't guess, and always share them with your parents just in case you forget them.
- 11 ASK PARENTS TO SET-UP 'PARENTAL CONTROLS' FOR SOCIAL MEDIA**
 When you download a social media app, you should always ask a trusted adult to help you set it up for the first time. This will help you control who sees what you post, who can contact you and make sure you are able to enjoy using the app safely and securely.
- 12 ALWAYS TALK TO YOUR TRUSTED ADULT IF SOCIAL MEDIA IS MAKING YOU UNHAPPY**
 Sometimes, social media can make us feel bad about ourselves or sad that we aren't the same as someone else or doing the same things as someone else. Remember, if you ever feel this way, it's really important to talk to your trusted adult(s) like your parents, carers, other adult family members or a teacher, all of whom will be able to support you and discuss your feelings with you to help make you feel better.


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Celebrating Culture and Difference



Sunday 15th marks Mawlid un Nabi the observance of the birthday of the prophet Muhammed [To learn more click here.](#)

Nursery



This week in Nursery we have enjoyed reading the book Dear Zoo. The children have joined in with the repeated phrases and have spoken about the different animals and the sounds they make. We have been counting to 10 and back again, singing some of our favourite nursery rhymes and practising throwing and catching a bean bag.

The children have also been very welcoming to some of our new starters and have shown them the classroom rules and the different resources in the room. Some of the children have done really well with toilet training and we are all very proud of them.

Reception



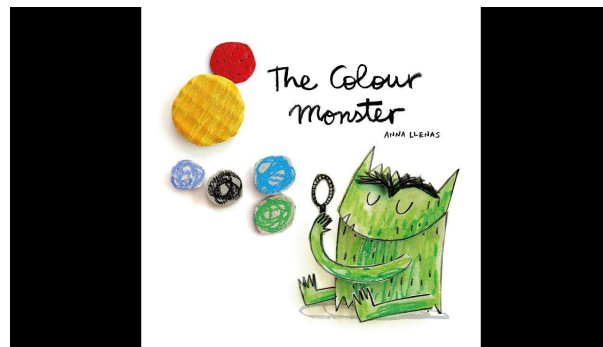
First full week in Reception ... done! We have some very tired children (and staff!) today. It's been a lovely week though as the children continue to get to know the team and each other.

In Literacy this week the children have read and learnt all about The Colour Monster. We explored the different feelings the colour monster felt throughout the story and thought

about how we felt each day! The children really enjoyed this story and we had some brilliant discussions about how they were feeling!

This week we have visited our school library. We chose books, listened to a story and learnt the library rules. We have also joined in with our first Jo Jingles music session. What a lot of fun we have had!

Have a great weekend everyone!



Year 1



Wow Year 1, what a fantastic first full week we have had at school!

In English we have been reading 'Sharing a Shell' by Julia Donaldson. We have been designing the crab a new shell and working on writing amazing sentences to describe them. We are super impressed with the children's vocabulary!

In Maths we have been looking at place value and counting one more and backwards from 10 and 20. We have been working really hard on our counting.

In Geography we have been looking at maps and our local area. Using Google Earth to find familiar locations.

In History we have been discussing what History is and we were fascinated by how people used to use carrier pigeons as a form of communication.

We are so proud of you all and we are excited for another week of learning with you all.

Have a great weekend, Miss Lee and Miss Tench

Year 2



Year 2 have had a fantastic week this week!

We have been working hard in English by structuring sentences ensuring we are using a capital letter, full stop and finger spaces. In maths we have been looking at tens and ones and using a place value chart and a part whole model to represent 2 digit numbers.

In DT the children have been working in small groups to build a structure using only 30 wooden blocks and in art we have thoroughly enjoyed learning all about the elements in art and drawing them.

Reminder PE is on a Wednesday and Thursday please can all children bring their PE kits into school for these days.

Have a lovely weekend, The Year 2 team

Year 3



Another great, and busy, week in year 3!

This weeks Maths focus has been on **place value**. Please continue to practise this with us at home.

In English we have been looking at making sure our sentences have **capital letters, finger spaces and punctuation marks**. We have been recapping all the amazing learning we did in year 2.

In Science we began our topic of Animals Including Humans, we looked at the **5 main food groups**, talked about what sort of foods would be in each, talked about what nutrition they give us and how much we should be eating of each.

PE days: Monday and Wednesday (please bring PE kits to school and leave them here until half term)

Have a great weekend!

Year 4



Another busy week in Year 4.

In Maths, we started our place value topic. We started with learning about Roman Numerals and moved on to representing numbers to 1000.

In English, we started to write a setting description based on an image from our focus book Escape from Pompeii - [Click here](#) to listen to the story. We have focused on uplevelling our adjectives to make our writing interesting.

In Art, we have focused on our 7 elements of Art - form; texture; shape; space; colour; value and line.

This week's spellings:

caught group recent special mention weight reign minute notice question

Have a lovely weekend, The Year 4 Team

Year 5



Wow! What a fantastic first full week back for year 5. We have been continuing to learn class rules and routines and our hard work is really starting to pay off. A new week has brought all our lessons , so we have met some new teachers for French, Music and PE. In Art, we have been looking at Banksy and deciding if we think his work is art or vandalism. There were some interesting points made so please ask your children what they think. We have sent out letters for a trip to the pantomime and would like them back as soon as possible so that we can make sure we have enough tickets. It has been a positive start across the year, myself and Mrs Obertelli have been impressed with the way all the children have adapted to the move across school and the new playground they play on and the new dining room they eat in.

Keep it up year 5!

Year 6



This week year 6 have started our cross-curricular topic about World War II within History, Art, English and Guided Reading. We are excited to share with you the opportunity to visit Hangar 42 where we will be able to see a range of aircraft and hear from experienced volunteers to bring our learning alive. Thank you for the permission slips received already, we apologise for the short turn around with this due to the date being brought forward for 6MB's trip by the venue. Please can your slip be sent in early next week to confirm attendance on the trip.

Date for the diary: Year 6 Steps to success night is on Wednesday 25th September from 3:30 in the drama hall.

PE dates are: Wednesday and Friday

Year 6 Residential dates - 6MB Tuesday 8th - 9th October, 6VA Wednesday 9th - 10th October

Star of the Week



RHH - Cody - For always following our classroom rules

1CL - Evie-Rae - For always demonstrating our RRS curriculum and trying so hard with her writing.

1MT - Chester - For taking so much pride in your writing and producing some absolutely fantastic sentences!

2BH - Joshua - For coming back from summer with a positive attitude towards learning.

2AP - Tommy - For always being ready to learn and taking pride in his work.

3KG - Aleksander - For his fantastic attitude and effort in Science this week!

3HB - Ted - For being ready to learn and contributing excellent answers to class discussions!

4JB - Mason - For taking pride in his presentation especially on the first page of his new books.

4CBL - James - For taking pride in his presentation

5TT - Summer - Being ready for all the lessons we have had so far

5NO - Kyle - For an excellent effort and knowledge of roman numerals in maths.

6MB - Bradley - for an amazing start to the year.

6VA - Molly-May - For neat presentation across all books

School Uniform



Revised policy from September: From September our uniform is changing. The decision was made following consultation with children, parents and staff. Large numbers of people shared their thoughts for the options given and the vast majority voted for a change to some aspects of our 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 - All students should wear:

- Black V Neck school jumper with embroidered Unity Academy logo - **this item is compulsory!**
- Plain White Shirt or blouse
- Plain **black** socks or tights
- House Badge (Provided by the academy initially, replacements can be purchased from the academy)

- All black footwear with no identifiable markings. If this footwear is a boot it must be no bigger than ankle length. No crocs!

Students have a choice of: (students must wear one of these)

- Plain black tailored skirt
- Plain black trousers or shorts (tailored type, not tracksuit bottoms/ jeans)
- A Black Blazer with the Unity logo is optional

P.E. Kit - Red polo shirt Black shorts Black socks Black Pumps

Summer Uniform








- Red check dress with white ankle socks
- Black short trousers








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


UNITY UNIFORM | The branded uniform will be stocked at Blispham Clothing (01253 276047) and Ragamuffins (01253 390717). If you need any assistance with purchasing uniform please contact Aiyem at <https://www.schoolwear-blackpool.com/> or Kath at Ragamuffin. Non branded items may be bought from a wide range of retailers.

COMPULSORY ITEMS OF PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM 2024/2025
You must wear these items every day to school

 Plain white shirt No logo or branding	or	 Unity logo jumper Plain black V-neck jumper with Unity logo on the left chest	or	 Unity logo cardigan Plain black cardigan with Unity logo on the left chest	or	 Tailored Skirt Plain black	or	 Trousers Plain black, no logo or branding	 Plain black socks
								 Plain black tights No logo, branding or pattern Available at many retailers	


 Shorts Plain black	 Summer dress	 Plain white socks (To be worn with summer dress)	 Black Blazer with the Unity logo	 Red polo shirt	 Black shorts	 Black Pumps or Trainers
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Optional Uniform **PE Uniform**
(No children in any year group are to come to school wearing P.E. kit)

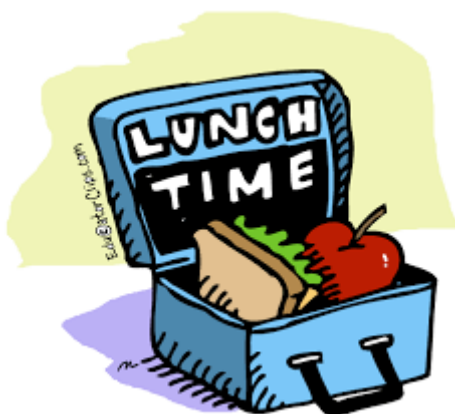
Unity Academy Footwear | 

Footwear should be all black with no identifiable markings. If this footwear is a boot it must be no bigger than ankle length. No crocs or sandals are permitted. Trainers are permitted as long as they are fully black. Please check the guide opposite

Jewellery and Hair
A maximum of 2 earrings can be worn in each ear. These should be stud-type earrings. No other visible piercings are allowed. If children have ear piercings, they should be able to remove and replace them independently for PE. Children should not wear rings for school, it is unsafe on play equipment. Any necklaces and/or brooches are to be kept inside the shirt and removed for PE. Primary aged students are expected to have long hair tied back for health and safety reasons. Bows and bobbles should be black, white or red. The school will not allow students to have words/logos shaved into their hair. The school will have due regard to equality laws when considering hair styles. Hairstyles and head coverings that are part of the culture and identity of an ethnic or racial group will be respected. The school would prefer children's hair to be of a natural colour but will tolerate hair which has been coloured. Children should not have very bright, non-natural hair colourants (e.g. green, blue etc.)



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