



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



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It has been a really lovely week this week with lots going on in school!

Teaching and Learning

I began this week with Miss Ayers and Miss Tench focusing on Oracy in primary. It was so nice to spend time thinking about how we can develop the children's confidence in speaking and listening. We have already done so much this year with poetry recitals, performances for parents and developing the children's debating skills through the use of Newsround and Philosophy for Children for example. I can't wait to see what more we do next year to develop the children's skills further.

I, along with a group of parents, staff and children met with an assessor from Parent Partnership this week. Mr Cooper has worked very hard this year towards the Leading Parent Partnership Award for us and I am very pleased to say that we have been successful. Huge thanks to Mr Cooper and everyone who was involved. I'd like to think that you would agree we have improved our communication and relationships with our Unity families especially following the Covid pandemic.

Year 2 have been busy making rockets in their History lesson. I was very impressed with the rocket that Mr Brimley has made with the Year 2's. I am not joking when I say that it will be taller than me when it is finished!

Year 5 were busy making flatbreads and Greek salad this week. I loved seeing the concentration on the children's faces as they mixed and chopped. It's so good having the facilities we have here at Unity!

Sports Day was a success yesterday! Thankfully the weather held and the children all had a great time. I must say thank you to all staff involved in the smooth running. I would also like to add my thanks to our fabulous Y6 prefects who welcomed all parents so respectfully.

Tangerine Day on Tuesday was so poignant. We all had a wonderful time whether that was colouring our Bloomfield Bears, designing a football shirt, having a kick around, playing in the tournament or meeting Bloomfield Bear but must remember what it was all for. Chris Lickiss, former Headteacher here at Unity was instrumental in the development of Unity and the 3G pitch. We have so much to thank him for! We managed to raise £750 which will be split between two charities as suggested by Chris' family. Thank you to everyone who supported the day.

Reading Books

Please can you look at home for any school reading books and bring them back into school by Wednesday so they can be put back in the library. No reading books will be sent home from today so that we can audit our stocks.

Diary Dates

- W/C 22nd July - Olympics Week
- W/C 22nd July - Primary Rewards afternoon
- 24th July - The Masked Teacher ... Who's that behind the mask?!
- 25th July - Non-Uniform Day. **School closes at 12.15. Please ensure your child is picked up on time!**
- 4th September 2024 - New Term Starts at 8:40am

And finally...

Today was our last Star of the Week assembly. Thanks to all families who have joined us at some point this year, we really hope you enjoy it! See you next year for more of the same!

One more week to go until the Summer holidays. I am certainly more than ready for them now. Have a great weekend everyone!



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	90.04	9
• REB	95.28	8
• 1CBL	82.50	11
• 1BW	88.00	9
• 2KG	93.33	15
• 2AM	87.38	10
• 3HB	96.67	12
• 3LC	95.98	10
• 4TC	95.83	15
• 4CL	90.04	15
• 5TT	81.90	19
• 5JB	91.67	9
• 6VA	92.81	8
• 6NO	89.22	20
• 6MB	88.16	5

Keeping children safe!



At The National College, our interprofessional games engineers and legal, parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about ROBLOX

Roblox is one of the most popular video games among children. In 2022, the game's developers claimed that more than half of the UK's children had played it. In a sandbox title, the game lets players create their own gaming experiences with Roblox Studio's construction levels, which can then be shared online.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Roblox encourages players to interact online (including in group chat functions) which could expose children to various risks. Exposure to strangers in the game can be a result of something which turns out to be much less what you expect, or something they never even receive. This is because the game uses a chat system that prevents people from sending pre-approved messages, while predators can reach out to children directly.

ONLINE DATERS

These are also called "daters" and are people who join a game with the intention of having sex with the person they are eventually meant to play with. Online dating is popular in the Roblox community, but this practice is usually illegal. Both people, some players (both Roblox users and non-roblox users) have been sexually abused. It's important to discuss with children if this practice is not always obvious.

PUBLIC SERVERS

Roblox has private or VIP servers which allow people to play exclusively with their friends, but this does not mean that anyone can join. Servers can host games without any kind of restrictions. Roblox's "walled out" children are at greater risk of contact from strangers than others.

IN-APP PURCHASES

Roblox is free to download and play, but there are many things that cost real money. Roblox's in-game currency, "Robux", is purchased with real money. People can also buy Robux to spend on virtual items in the game, and it's also possible to purchase a private or VIP server.

Advice for Parents & Educators

SET PARENTAL CONTROLS

Roblox comes with several parental control options, which are explained well on the game's official website. It's essential to read the correct age and parental controls, and to automatically apply appropriate chat filters. The game also allows parents and carers to set privacy settings and monitor their child's account.

DISABLE PRIVATE MESSAGING

Roblox's private messaging function raises the risk of children being contacted by people they meet from games or apps, including via scam attempts. Keep in mind that the game allows you to disable messages from anyone who hasn't been added as a Friend on your account.

PRIVATE SERVERS

If a child has friends to play Roblox with, paying for a private or VIP server decreases the risk of contact from strangers. Even though Roblox's developer who are friendly to join them, additionally, private servers can be set up in such a way that any player on the server's list can join, so it's important to discuss with children any such risks.

MONITOR SPENDING

If they don't understand they're using real money, it's easy for children to accidentally spend a sizable amount in the game. Using parental controls to place limits on their spending and help detect any more financial surprises. Ensuring that any Roblox authentication is enabled on any payment accounts also makes it harder for children to spend money fraudulently.

DEALING WITH STRANGERS

At several points in their development, children must learn how to deal with strangers online. Show them how to block, report, and ignore users who are speaking to them or asking uncomfortable questions. Talking to them about what's okay to discuss - and what they should never tell a stranger - can help them understand how to communicate more safely with other people online.

Meet Our Expert

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Celebrating Culture and Difference



Sunday 21st is the Hindu festival of Guru Purnima Day. This is an Indian and Nepalese festival dedicated to spiritual and Academic Teachers. [Click here to learn more](#)



Sunday 21st also marks Asalha-Dharma Day which commemorates Buddha's first teaching. [Click here to learn more](#)

Nursery



This week in Nursery we have enjoyed reading the story 'Harry and the Dinosaurs go to School.' The children have spoken about how they feel about going to school and if they have any worries. We have also started to talk about the Olympics! The children have enjoyed making their very own Olympic torches and we did our very own Olympic torch ceremony.

The children have loved taking part in Tangerine day and Sports day and were excited to meet Bloomfield bear.





Reception



This week in Reception, the children have learnt all about pirates.

In Literacy, the children read the story 'Sunk'. The children were really excited to read the pirate letter that was left in the classroom. As directed in the letter, the children went on a treasure hunt around school. We even found a real treasure chest!

[Click here to read the story 'Sunk'.](#)

Forest School, the children toasted marshmallows with Mrs Bateman and discussed fire safety. The Reception Team were very impressed with the children's listening skills.

On Monday, the children completed the final activity in their enrichment passports. The children were so safe and sensible when walking to the post box to send their letters to Blackpool Victoria Hospital.

On Thursday, the children took part in their first Sports Day. The children were so excited to take part in this school event and they all tried their best with the new sports activities. Thank you to the parents and carers who attended Sports Day.

Overall, it has been a very exciting and busy week. Well done Reception, have a lovely weekend, Miss Bond and Miss Tench.

Year 1



This week in Year 1, the children have been enjoying lots of activities outside the classroom and making the most of the wonderful weather.

Science we have been looking at colours in nature and using our geography knowledge of human and physical features as well as sketching what we can see in the playground with clipboards and special sketching pencils.

We have had a fun time this week, taking part in sports activities with Blackpool Football Club such as football, penalty shoot outs and even an inflatable darts board (ask the children about this!)

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Overall, it has been a very exciting and busy week. Well done Year 1, have a lovely weekend, Mr Wainwright and Miss Blunden

Year 2



Wow what a fantastic week! Year 2 were super athletes in their sports day on Wednesday! We are so proud of all the children for the fantastic effort they put into this, this week. Well done!

In English this week, the children have been recapping over our year 2 common exception words and have revisited our previous learning on expanded noun phrases. The children have all retained this information so well and have impressed all of us!

In History this week, the children have continued to build their spectacular rockets, and have designed posters to decide what they would take with them to create a human settlement on the Moon. Some of the children were so creative and came up with some amazing ideas!

On Friday afternoon, children have enjoyed an Olympic themed afternoon. They have created their very own Olympic olive wreaths and have taken part in some Olympic games outside. Amazing!

We are all looking forward to our final week together. (Especially for the masked teacher!)
We hope you enjoy your weekend, From the Year 2 team.

Year 3



Another fantastic week in Year 3!

A very sporty week as on Wednesday we thoroughly enjoyed Tangerine Day - competing in sporting activities, meeting Bloomfield Bear, seeing all the wonderful cakes - and tasting them and raising money for a good cause! On Thursday, we took part in Sports Day with full

enthusiasm and great participation! Lots of cheering, running, throwing and all around enjoyment was had!

We also completed our final Crest Award of the year this week, Bowled Over, in which created skittles out of varying sized plastic bottles and filled them with varying capacities of water. We tried our best using small and large balls to get a strike with great success in some cases!

With the weather on our side, we finally got to go outdoors this week to complete our Enrichment activity and Art lesson 'Sketching Outdoors'. We looked at the natural environment and made observational drawings of the world around us.

Please ensure that all reading books are returned to school this upcoming week and no more books will be given out for the year from Monday.

The Year 3 team are looking forward to our final week together, have a fantastic weekend!
Ms Brayne + Miss Cavanagh

Year 4



Year 4 have had a fun packed week!

We enjoyed Tangerine Day! We did some sports activities and we met Bloomfield Bear, we completed a penalty shoot out against him and most of us all won... apart from Mr Cooper!

We then had sports day, what an absolute success this was. Thank you to all the parents who came to support the children, it was great to see how happy the children were to see you all. We showed great resilience, team work and sportsmanship during sports day.

We have also been looking at our pneumatics systems in DT, the children have been trying super hard and will be making their final piece in DT next week.

We are looking forward to our final week together and have some great activities planned for us all to enjoy. Have a great weekend, The Year 4 Team :)

Year 5



This has been a very exciting week for Year 5! In Design and Technology, we created Greek salads and Greek flatbreads. A big thank you to Mrs Bradshaw and Miss Burdon for their help and organisation.

We also appreciate your support with Tangerine Day on Wednesday. The children looked bright and colourful in their outfits and enjoyed buying and eating their cakes. They participated in various football-related activities with Blackpool Football Club and had fun taking penalties against Bloomfield Bear.

Thursday brought the highly anticipated Sports Day. Well done to all the children who took part, and congratulations to all the winners!

Please bring a carrier back to school on Monday, so we can start emptying trays, this will be brought home on Wednesday.

Thank you for all your support this year, The Year 5 Team



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Year 6



Year 6 have had an energetic week, starting with Forest schools where they built dens on the field, displayed good teamwork during team challenges to cross the field using planks of wood and testing their rafts built as part of a science Crest award called crafty rafts. Everybody's raft floated and a number were able to hold a surprising amount of marbles and stones. The discussion about the reasons why they floated and their design choices were well thought out and articulated.

Thank you for your support with Tangerine day on Wednesday, the children looked bright and colourful in their outfits and enjoyed buying and eating their cakes. They took part in a number of football related tasks with Blackpool Football club and our football team played well in the inter-school tournament.

Tangerine Day Cake Winners



Thank you to everyone who came to school on Wednesday wearing Tangerine or Sports Clothing in memory of Chris Lickiss. There was a whole day of very exciting activities that hopefully the children told you all about.

The big excitement of the day was the much anticipated cake sale and cake judging.

You can see the winning cakes below.

- Poppy 5JB - Football Nets
- Lucas 5TT - Football
- Una 3LC - cup cakes
- Alastar - RMT - BFC



1 - POPPY 5JB



2 - LUCAS 5TT



3 - ALASTAR RMT



4 - UNA 3LC

Star of the week



- **RMT - Evie** - For being the most fantastic role model for all of our school values throughout all of Reception!
- **REB - Paisley** - For always trying her best and always following the Golden Rules.
- **1CBL - Tommy** - For his enthusiasm and effort in Sports day and for his enthusiasm for his learning
- **1BW - Mollie** - For outstanding achievements in reading, writing and being amazing all year and for helping a new child settle into our class.
- **2KG - Aleksander & Ishan** - For having such a fantastic start to Unity
- **2AM - Riley** - For being so kind to the other children in his class. Well done!
- **3HB - James** - For being so ready, resilient and hard working in sports day!
- **3LC - Moira** - For her commitment to school, facing every day with a positive attitude!
- **4TC - Scarlett** - For always being positive, determined and resilient. A true always child.
- **4CL - Zekiye** - For always trying her best in everything she does, always being kind and for being so confident and showing such amazing progression this year!
- **5TT - Lucas & Luize** - For their superb effort in attending every day this year and accessing the whole curriculum that Unity offers.
- **5JB - Poppy** - For fantastic Arithmetic and Maths scores all year. Well done Poppy!

- **6NO - Mohamed** - For a fantastic individual effort in a group activity creating Ancient Maya houses.
- **6VA - Cailo** - For always being very caring and considerate towards others.
- **6MB - Jessica** - For being a wonderful member of our class and showing commitment to her studies.

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
- 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

[Blackpool FC Community Trust holiday clubs](#)






HOLIDAY ACTIVITY AND FOOD CAMP

If your child attends a Blackpool school and receives benefit related **FREE SCHOOL MEALS** they can access our Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) Camps during school holidays for free. We have HAF Camps for primary, secondary and SEND pupils.

Our action packed HAF Camp includes four hours of:

- Football
- Arts & Crafts
- Games Consoles
- Dodgeball
- Cricket
- Plus more activities!

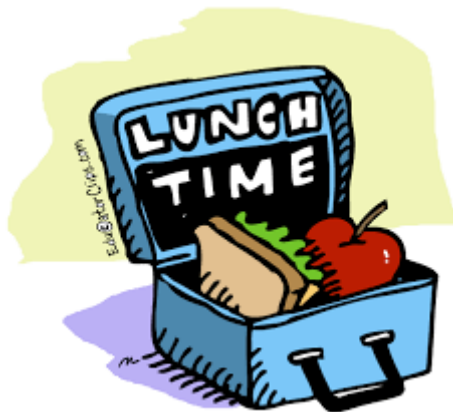
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Lunch time menu for this week



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Wholegrain pasta , tomato sauce & wholemeal bread	Roast chicken dinner, broccoli, cauliflower and mash potatoes	Beef burger in a bun, potato wedges and beans	Beef lasagne with crusty wholemeal bread, seasonal veg or salad	Crispy salmon fillet, chips and peas
Stir fry veggie noodles	Cheese lattice, broccoli, cauliflower and mash potatoes	Hot dog, potato wedges and beans	Mexican mixed vegetable tortilla wrap, seasonal veg or salad	Cheese and tomato pizza, chips and peas
Jacket potato and baked beans	Jacket potato and tuna mayo	Jacket potato and cheese	Jacket potato and baked beans	Jacket potato, beans and cheese
Grated cheese sandwich	Roast ham sandwich	Savoury cheese sandwich	Tuna mayo sandwich	Egg mayo sandwich