

Unity Academy Primary Newsletter 22/11/2024

Your weekly roundup of all things years N -6!



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My goodness me the weather has certainly taken a turn this week! Hasn't it gone cold! I'm definitely an early Autumn or Spring person and am not a fan of being cold. Some of the children think it's hilarious and go to hold my hand when theirs are freezing cold from being outside. Anyway, what has been going on in school this week!

Teaching and Learning

Miss Lee showed me a fantastic piece of writing this week by Frankie. She had built on the recent work they had completed about the dragon eggs they had found in their classroom. Frankie had written so much and had included some truly incredible vocabulary. Well done Frankie!

Miss Purdy was so excited to share the work some of her children had done in their Progression in Writing books this week. They had been learning about Onomatopoeia - the act of creating or using words that include sounds that are similar to the noises the words refer to e.g. pop, sizzle, cuckoo. Not only had the children been using onomatopoeia vocabulary but they had used the words in a poem. Two incredibly difficult concepts but the children smashed it! Well done to everyone but especially Lola, Wynter and Tommy and also to Kendal who shared hers in assembly this morning.

I was genuinely gutted to miss our Year 5 children perform The Highwayman poem in assembly last week and again to their parents afterwards. It is a dramatic and challenging text as it explores character perspective and it also shifts in time between the past, present and future. The concept of the poem is that each paragraph is told from a different character's perspective. I have been told that the children enjoyed performing it and did so with confidence - brilliant!

The Reception children went on an Autumn walk this week and then shared their knowledge of Autumn back in the classroom and Year 3 wrapped up and headed off into the school grounds yesterday to look at the older and newer parts of school. I love seeing the children using the school grounds. Nothing beats learning by experiencing! If it snows, my hope is that the staff take the children outside - you can't write about cold snow unless you have felt it so please make sure your child has a warm coat in school every day!

I taught handwriting this week to some children across Reception to Year 4 who are in one of our Read, Write Inc phonics groups. Handwriting is so important and is something that really needs a close focus to make sure the children are forming individual letters correctly. If a letter isn't formed correctly, it makes it difficult to produce cursive writing when they are older as they have to almost relearn it. Often handwriting is a task that is done first thing in the morning so please make sure your child is in school on time, every day so that they don't miss their handwriting lesson!

Our Behaviour Curriculum focused on moving safely and sensibly in and around school this week. We talked about how important it is to keep ourselves and other people safe and how holding doors open for people shows kindness and respect. We then discussed the different areas in school and how the rules of a particular space may be slightly different e.g. The sports hall, library, classroom, playground, drama hall. The children could confidently talk about the differences. Next week we will be talking about 'Belonging' using the story 'A Little Spot of Belonging' By Diane Alber. This is a story about the importance of including others and being kind.

Pantomime Trip

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Children in Need

Last Friday was our Children In Need Day and the children were invited to wear something spotty to school. I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who contributed to this worthy cause! We raised £166 for the charity.

Diary Dates

We have recently shared our Autumn 2 diary dates with you so that you can see what is coming up. Christmas Lunch was added to ParentPay this week for those children who don't normally have a school dinner. If you would like your child to have a school dinner on 17th December, please pay via ParentPay by Thursday 5th December at the very latest! Thank you

- 25th November N-Y6 Elf Run Assembly
- 25th November Flu Vaccine for Years 7-11
- 25th November Primary Tour for Reception 2025 starters 10am
- 26th November Y3 Stone Age Day
- 26th November 4JB Times Table Rockstars Competition
- 28th November Year 3 Parental Engagement Stone Age Cave Art
- 28th November Choir Performance at Abingdon Street Market
- 5th December Final date for ordering a school Christmas Dinner
- 9th December Y1, Y5, Y6 Christmas pantomime Lowther Pavilion (Snow White) -Please pay via ParentPay
- 10th December Rec, Y2, Y3, Y4 Christmas pantomime Lowther Pavilion (Snow White) - Please pay via ParentPay

I have made a slight switch around on our Christmas Diary Dates that we shared recently. I have moved the date of when the Big, Red man visits to the 19th December instead of the 18th. This is due to his availability, it is a busy time of year for him after all! :-) This means the Christmas party day will now be on the 18th December instead. Children are invited to wear Christmas jumpers on this day. I will get the dates changed on the Christmas Diary Dates sheet and have it reissued ASAP.

And finally...

Annie, my best friend from University is visiting this weekend with her family. We have known each other for over 25 years and despite her visiting Blackpool often in our younger days, she has never seen the Illuminations so it looks like I've got a weekend of being a tourist ahead! Wish me luck! Have a great weekend everyone!





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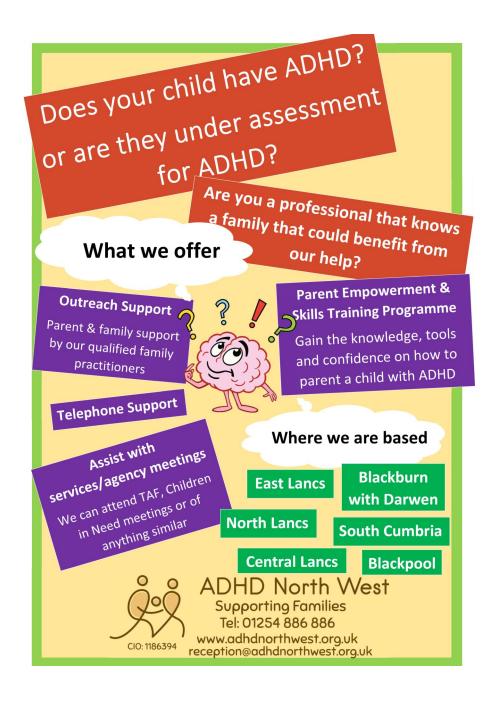
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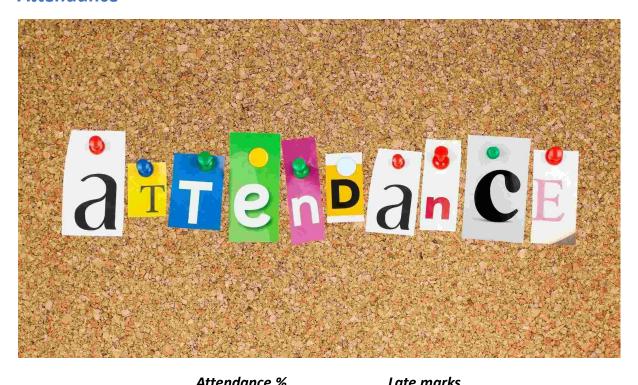
Contact us!



If you wish to contact a teacher within school please use this link <u>Parental Messages / Queries (Non-urgent)</u>. 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
•	RHH	86.11	4
•	1CL	8836	6
•	1MT	93.53	14
•	2BH	97.92	11
•	2AP	92.26	4
•	ЗКС	91.50	10
•	3НВ	89.90	13
•	4JB	87.96	4
•	4CBL	97.50	10
•	5TT	93.22	2

•	5NO	94.83	5
•	6MB	90.83	4
•	6VA	93.10	7

Keeping children safe!







Celebrating Culture and Difference





On Sunday Roman Catholic Christians will recognise the Solemnity of Christ the King. A festival in the honour of Jesus Christ. <u>Click here to learn more</u>

Nursery



This week in nursery we have enjoyed reading the story 'The Rainbow Fish.' The children have spoken about what makes a kind friend and how we can help each other. We have completed our own colour by number rainbow fish, created our own rainbow fish using tissue paper for scales, counted the scales on the fish and used numbered pegs to match numeral to quantity, explored the coloured rice and used the pipettes in the water.

Reception



We have continued to focus on Autumn this week and have been on a walk in the school grounds. The children could recognise some different signs that Autumn is here and could confidently articulate these. They enjoyed doing some hand printing using Autumnal colours with Mrs Shaw on Wednesday and shared their knowledge in a one on one conversation. We are always looking for opportunities for the children to talk and take part in a conversation as it develops their speaking and listening skills.

The children have worked so hard this week with their writing. I was over the moon with what the children produced as they tried hard to write a word to match the picture. Most children could hear the initial sounds and some could even hear the end sound too. Blending to read and write is such a tricky thing to do so any support you can give them at home will definitely help!

Have a fabulous weekend everyone, The Reception Team

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Year 1



What a lovely week in Year 1!

After the excitement of our dragon eggs hatching last week, we thought it was time that we get some help with the sneaky dragons around school. We worked incredibly hard to write some letters to Mr Cooke and Mrs Shaw asking for their support with the dragons. We are are really looking forward to seeing if our efforts were worth it and the dragon is found!

In Maths the children have really impressed us with their Maths learning. We have been continuing our learning on addition and subtraction, focusing on writing subtraction number sentences. We were especially proud of the children's presentation in their Maths bookswell done Year 1!

We hope you have a lovely weekend, Miss Tench and Miss Lee

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We have had a fantastic week in Year 2!

In English the children have been writing their own poems all about bonfire night using their senses and including onomatopoeia into their writing. We are so proud of all of Year 2 for putting 100% effort into their poems. In Maths we have continued looking at addition and subtraction and focused on 10 more and 10 less. In DT we have started our sewing topic and practice different stitches. In Geography we have been looking at the human features of Iceland including ports, Harpa concert hall and the capital city Reykjavík.

We have also had some very special visitors in school on Thursday. The fire service came in and spoke to us all about fire safety and we got to ask them lots of questions for them to answer.

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Year 3



A busy, but great, week in year 3!

This week we have been looking at tense, pronouns and features of a diary in English. This is all in preparation for our upcoming diary entries all about the book Stone Age Boy.

In Maths, we have looked at compliments to 100, rounding numbers and making estimates. We have continued to work on our addition skills and number bonds to 10 and 100.

In Science this week, we braved the cold weather to look at different parts of the school. We compared newer and older buildings and discussed how weathering had affected them over time.

Please be reminded, Tuesday is our Stone Age day. Children are invited to dress in stone age themed outfits or wear their school uniform as normal.

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Year 4



What another fabulous week!

This week, we've completed our book *Romans on the Rampage* and are ready to dive into something very exciting next week—there's even a chance we'll have some published authors in Year 4! In Maths, we've started exploring the concept of area, learning what it means and practising by counting squares. Meanwhile, in Geography, we've been studying Romania, focusing on its fascinating physical and human features. Next week, we will continue our focus on the 3 times tables.

Reminder

Don't forget, on Tuesday after school, the adults of 4JB have the chance to challenge the children at Times Table Rockstars! There will be a prize for the winning adult and child, and the event will run straight after school until 4 pm.

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Have a lovely weekend, The Year 4 Team



Well, firstly can I say a massive thank you to all the adults who came to watch our performance of The Highwayman last Friday, I think it was the best supported performance I have seen so thank you all. It is a really difficult thing to do, to stand and perform in front of an audience and myself and Mrs Obertelli were extremely proud of all the children for all their practicing and their resilience to get it right. Well done year 5.

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Year 6



This week, Year 6 students have been writing some creepy stories about a pair of 'Hairy Hands'! The children have been engrossed in their work, describing the setting, character(s) and atmosphere. In PSHE we have been thinking about 'belonging' and which groups or communities we belong to. It might be nice to discuss as a family this weekend!

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Have a lovely weekend, The Year 6 team

Star of the Week



RHH - Tommy - For fantastic writing and letter formation!

1CL - Alexandru - For a positive attitude to learning, trying hard in all his lessons and for being such a kind friend.

1MT - Ennis - For wowing me with your determination and enthusiasm during maths.

2BH - Dara - For excelling in reading and producing fantastic writing to create a firework poem.

2AP - Lola-Snow - For always trying really hard in everything she does and writing a fantastic bonfire poem.

3KG - Riley - For having a positive attitude to learning.

3HB - Archie - For ALWAYS contributing to class discussions with great enthusiasm!

4JB - Matilda - For being one of our ALWAYS children

4CBL - Niyon - For the effort he has put into every single piece of work this week!

5TT - Bailey - For a fabulous character description in describing her Demon Headmaster

5NO - Hudson - For showing excellent progress in his Computing skills

6MB - Scarlett - For her super focus and concentration when completing long division calculations.

6VA - Rachel - Three members of staff have commented separately on how fantastic Rachel has been this week - well done - a great attitude!

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



Lunch time menu for this week

