



Unity Academy Primary Newsletter
28/6/2024

Your weekly roundup of all things years N -6!



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Seriously, where does the time go. Mr Tomes commented this morning that June has gone by in a flash and he was so right! Let's see what has been going on in school this week.

Teaching and Learning

Reception took part in a Squirrels taster session this week. They absolutely loved it and were so excited when I saw them. They had made binoculars, badges, decorated bug hotels and even decorated biscuits. A good time was had by all!

Phoebe in Year 3 came to visit me in my office yesterday with her handwriting book. You should have seen the smile on her face! So she very proud of herself and I could see why. She had tried so very hard and her handwriting was beautiful. Well done Phoebe!

Year 2 and 4 have been to the Rock Gardens this week, both with a different focus but as part of their Enrichment Curriculum. The staff commented that the children were all very well behaved which I was very happy to hear. I love that fact that we can use our local area to support the children's learning and always expect our children to represent our school well in public.

Miss Lee came to show me some of the books her class had made this week. Honestly, I was blown away by the high standard of writing, presentation and illustrations. We definitely have some budding authors in school! 4TC are starting theirs next week and we thought it would be nice to go and share them with our Reception classes soon.

Our behaviour curriculum continued this week in primary with a focus on 'Knowing and following rules'. The focus was more around making good choices in regard to rules. We will continue with this again next week with a view to forward thinking about the rules in our new classrooms as we take part in our transition day.

Diary Dates

- W/C 8th July - Year 3 Trip to Showtown Museum
- 3rd July - Year 4 D.T. - Make a Purse - Parent Engagement
- 3rd July - 1BW Trip to Blackpool Central Library
- 4th July - 1CBL Trip to Blackpool Central Library
- 4th July - School used as Polling Station
- 5th July All Primary Years Primary Transition Day - New Class Teachers and Classes
- 5th July New Reception 2024 - Reception Transition - Group A and B Session 3 - 9:15-11:15am
- 4th and 5th July - Year 6 - High School Transition Days
- 8th July - Year 1 - Performance/Exhibition of work to Parents
- 10th July - Year 5 - Shakespeare Play Performance
- W/c- 15th July - Reception Post Box Trip
- 17th July - Tangerine Day in memory of Chris Lickiss
- 18th July - Primary Sports day - Details to follow
- W/C 22nd July - Olympics Week
- W/C 22nd July - Primary Rewards afternoon
- 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

And finally...

I really don't know what is going on with the weather at the moment. Last night I actually put an extra blanket on the bed! Whatever it is like though, have a great weekend!

Classes for 2024-2025. Please find below the class organisation for next year.

A great deal of thought goes into this with the whole of primary in mind. Some classes have been mixed a little and letters have already gone out about this if it affects your child. If your child is being moved, please know that it is with your child's best interests at heart! You will see that there is only one class in Reception next year. This is due to a falling birth rate across the town and does not just affect Unity. With falling numbers though comes falling funding and so please, if you haven't already, fill in the form which is available from the office to see whether you are eligible for Pupil Premium. For the first time in a long time we are also only having two Year 6 classes. Teaching Assistants are still to be confirmed.

Class from previous year group	Teacher for 2024-2025	Class Name in 2024-2025
	Mrs Hanvey	RHH
RMT	Miss Lee	1CL
REB	Miss Tench	1MT
1BW	Mrs Bass/ Miss Helsby	2BH
1CBL	Miss Purdy	2AP
2KG	Miss Gleadell	3KG
2AM	Ms Brayne	3HB
3LC	Mr Cooper	4TC
3HB	Miss Blunden	4CBL
4CL	Mr Tomes	5TT
4TC	Mrs Obertelli	5NO
5TT	Mrs Bateman	6MB
5JB	Miss Ayers	6VA

Other teachers in school that may teach your child are myself, Mr Brimley, Mrs Hutt, Mrs King, Miss Bailey, Miss Whittam, Miss Boucher and Mrs Bradshaw. We also have specialist teachers from Secondary who teach subjects such as Music and P.E.

Your child will take part in our Moving Up Day on Friday 5th July. This will give them the opportunity to spend time with their new teacher and in their new classroom. We are really excited about next year and hope the children are too!

Contact us!

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	97.03	15
• REB	92.50	11

- 1CBL 87.24 8
- 1BW 96.88 10
- 2KG 94.00 7
- 2AM 94.23 14
- 3HB 93.22 6
- 3LC 93.33 7
- 4TC 99.11 12
- 4CL 95.00 14
- 5TT 94.58 21
- 5JB 90.52 8
- 6VA 90.48 17
- 6NO 93.75 23
- 6MB 97.37 5

Keeping children safe!



Celebrating Culture and Difference



Saturday 29th will see Christians celebrating the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul. It honours the Martyrdom of the two saints who were both believed to have died on that day.

Nursery



This week in nursery we have enjoyed reading the story 'The Smeds and the Smoos.' The children have spoken about the differences they can see between Bill and Janet and drawn a picture of one of them and some of us have wrote about the differences we can see. The child have spoken about how the characters feel about not being allowed to play together. The children have identified many differences they can see between their friends and themselves and some similarities.

We have also been counting 2 groups of objects and compared the, to see which group has the most/least and we have written some of our numbers. The children have also drawn pictures of themselves now and have spoken about what they have enjoyed most about being in nursery.

Reception



What a lovely week we have had in Reception! This week we have learnt about all things minibeasts to celebrate National Insect Week! We began by reading the story 'Mad About Minibeasts'. The children thoroughly enjoyed listening to this story; observing various types of minibeasts and learning interesting facts about them. We developed our learning further throughout the week by learning more in-depth facts about a variety of insects. We then utilised this learning by creating our own class books all about minibeasts. The children really wowed us with their fabulous recalling of facts, we really think this will be a book that the children will treasure throughout their time with us.

We continued our learning during provision through creating detailed observational drawings of minibeasts in our Creative Area, alongside honeycomb beehive pictures using paint and bubble wrap. We rescued minibeasts in our Funky Fingers Area and went on minibeast hunts in our outdoor area to see which bugs like to live in our outdoor space.

On Thursday we had an absolutely fantastic time at our Squirrel's Taster Session. We took part in a large range of activities including, planting, making binoculars, biscuit decorating, target throwing, badge making and decorating our own bug hotel. All of the children were so

calm and focused during the entirety of the session and most importantly all had huge smiles on their faces!

We look forward to next week when our learning focus is Handa's Surprise. If you have not already, please use the QR code sent home to access a form surrounding fruit tasting next week.

We hope you have a lovely weekend, The Reception Team

Year 1



We have had a fantastic week in Year 1! We began the week by having a beach themed afternoon on Monday. We mixed with the reception classes and enjoyed lots of fun activities outside. We had sandcastle building, boat racing in water, a puppet show, den building and

reading in the glorious sunshine to name a few things. The excitement on the children's faces was lovely to see! In Geography, we have looked at the climate in Peru and compared the seasons to our seasons in the UK. We then designed suitable clothing for a holiday in Peru. In Maths, we have been learning about money recognising coins and counting in pence. We will continue this next week.

Library trip - We have our library trips next week: 1BW - Wednesday and 1CBL - Thursday. If you have not yet returned your permission slips please do so on Monday at the latest.

Performance - On Monday 8th July, Year 1 will be doing their performance. Please support them by practicing their lines, song and dance. They are working extremely hard on this.





Year 2



We have had an incredibly busy week in Year two. Our favorite part though was going to the Rock Gardens as part of our Enrichment Curriculum. Whilst there we bird watched and did some tallying to count how many we could see. We also did some live drawings of the environment. We had a great time and the children behaved excellently!

We looked at slippery shoes in Science as part of our Crest Awards. The children were really good at identifying the different types of grips which led onto a conversation about shoes suitable for different purposes.

In English, we have been looking at the Gingerbread Man and have been learning to use speech marks correctly.

Have a great weekend everyone!

Year 3



What another fabulous week in Year 3! This week, in Music, 3HB have been comparing "Three Little Birds" by Bob Marley to other reggae songs. They have also been playing some notes on the glockenspiel in tune to Bob Marley's song. They really impressed Mrs Hutt with their timing and it sounded wonderful! In French, 3LC have continued to learn new words and phrases. In RE we have continued exploring the importance of the River Ganges to the Hindu faith. The children have also looked at a map of India and identified its location.

In English, we have been reading Roald Dahl's 'The Twits' and had a very good laugh at the hilarious descriptions of Mrs and Mrs Twit. We have written adjectives and then expanded noun phrases about both characters, then turned these into very imaginative sentences such

as: "Although Mr Twit has a toothbrush, it never goes in his mouth!" and "If you saw Mrs Twit, you'd run for your life!"

In Maths, we have come to the end of our Money topic. We have worked really hard on understanding the value of coins, adding and subtracting, find and giving change. We even had our own mini shop this week where we could 'purchase' different items. We were given a shopping list and a small budget and found it very difficult to buy everything!

In Computing, we are continuing with Scratch to code different sprites and build a game. Additionally, we have begun our Enrichment of creating a board game in the classroom - we have linked this to our money topic- and had some fantastic games produced so far!

On Monday, year 3 will be taking part in a 'Art-draw-a-long' to look at how to capture detail in their drawings. For the final piece they can bring in a one small item to draw like a small soft toy, a memento or a book. This will need to be kept in their school bag during the rest of the day so we ask that it is small and that they will be responsible for the item so they will need to carefully consider which item to bring.

Year 4



What a fantastic week we have had in Year 4! This week 4CL have been absolutely working their socks off creating their own children's books. They have been authors and illustrators, the work they have produced is truly outstanding. We are looking forward to arranging a date to go and read them to Reception. They really have shown pride in their work and it has made me so proud. 4TC will be starting theirs next week and I have high expectations for these too!

In Computing, the children have been using Scratch. They have been exploring how a shark game was designed and then changing parts of the design. Some children added more sharks, others added different sea creatures!! Mrs Hutt was very impressed with what they achieved

We have all been across to the Rock Gardens for a litter picking project as part of our English enrichment, we had a great time walking across in the sunshine, going on a woodland walk and looking after our environment.

In French this week, the children have been revising previously taught French so they are more confident with French numbers, colours and days of the week. This helped those who participated in the French parental engagement. A big thank you to Mrs Hutt this week for her amazing parental engagement session and thank you to those parents who could attend. The children enjoyed showing off everything they have been learning in school and it is so lovely to have parents in so you can all see what we get up to!

Another big thank you to Miss Tully who is leaving us this week. She has successfully completed her teacher training, CONGRATULATIONS, we wish her all the best in her career and it has been a delight to have her as a part of our Year 4 team.

Have a lovely weekend, Year 4 :)



What a fantastic week we've had in Year 5! In Maths, we have begun our unit on converting lengths. We've been exploring millimetres, centimetres, metres, millilitres, litres, and kilometres, learning how to convert between them.

In English, we have continued rehearsing our play, "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Thank you to those who have returned their forms indicating the number of attendees and to those who have already brought in costumes.

In Science, we examined the changes that occur as we age. In Geography, our study of the USA continued, focusing on various locations within different states and their geographical positions within the country.

Spellings

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Year 6



This week has been the start of Forest schools with year 6 and they have shown a real interest in nature and their environment. They have completed a Crest Award for science, carefully observing the range of bees on the allotment and the important work they do pollinating flowers. Connected to this and their science topic on plants they have sketched a range of plants growing in our school environment to use back in the classroom when looking at classification of plants. They have also supported in caring for their environment which included a group gardening and one litter picking, as well as discovering a wide range of mini-beasts that live in the log circle - there were a lot of wood lice!

We have continued with Sports for Champions and have started the outdoor activities that go along side this. Please could we ask that all children bring in their PE kits on a Tuesday and Thursday each week.

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Star of the Week



RMT - Amelia - For always having such a positive attitude and for flourishing in confidence during your time in Reception!

REB - Elliot - For working hard and taking pride in his creations in the creative area.

1CBL - Sneha - For a fantastic start and having a positive attitude !

1BW - Harvey - For showing such wonderful progress, especially in English and Phonics. Well done!

2KG - Tilya-Jane - For having a responsible attitude on our school trip to the Rock Gardens & asking lots of interesting questions!

2AM - Blaire - For trying her very best in PSHE and showing a sensible attitude. Well done!

3HB - Sophie - For trying her best in all subjects but particularly during our tricky topic of Money in Maths!

3LC - Georgia - For showing resilience within her learning, following the school rules and being a role model.

4TC - Donteale - For working hard in class this half term and having a determination to succeed in his learning

4CL - Summer - For a massive change in attitude in school recently, she has been outstandingly amazing and produced some fantastic work in all subjects.

5TT - Amelia - For all her efforts learning and performing her part in A Midsummer Night's Dream

5JB - Ruby - For her resilience in Maths lessons and improving her end of unit scores over the last few topics

6NO - Mohamed - For his commitments to extra curricular sports clubs.

6VA - Bobby-Rose - For her effort and contribution to Sports 4 Champions

6MB - Charlie - For super effort shown.

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

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



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Holiday Activity and Food

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.

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- Games Consoles
- Dodgeball
- Cricket
- Plus more activities!

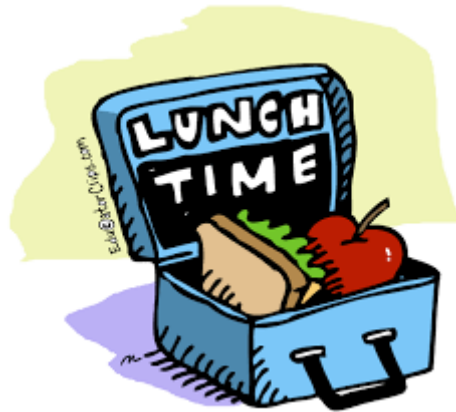
MULTIPLE VENUES AND DATES

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR MORE INFO OR TO BOOK A PLACE!

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The poster is orange and blue with a wavy top edge. It features the Blackpool FC Community Trust logo, a stylized 'Holiday Activity and Food' logo, and a QR code. The text is in white and blue, with some icons like a paint palette and a game controller.

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