



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



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Welcome back to Summer 2 and it's a long one this time! 8 weeks and counting until the Summer holidays but we have so much to do before then.

Teaching and Learning

We had a lovely, calm return to school this week. I felt very proud as I had a wander through school and saw lots of happy children who were eager to learn. Reception were talking about Seasons and thinking back to the Seasons they had learnt about already and comparing it to the one we are in now. It's always tricky to do when the weather doesn't play fair! The children were very keen to share their answers about how they can keep themselves safe in Summer. Lots of discussion took place about the importance of sun cream and sun hats and that they need to keep hydrated.

It was very quiet in Year 1 as we had a number of children absent. This does worry me as we have the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check next week. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE if your child is unwell with a slight snuffle, send them into school next week. We will keep an eye on them and will contact you if we feel they aren't well enough to be here. The children really need to be in to show off how amazing they are with their phonics knowledge! The children were talking about treehouses when I popped in to visit them. There were some fabulous ideas

about what they would put into their dream tree house and the children enjoyed designing their own.

Year 4 were busy practising for their Multiplication Check which also takes place next week. Honestly, both rooms were silent as the children took the opportunity to practise and get used to the system they will be using next week. I know they have worked hard this year and they are very well prepared. Smash it Year 4!

Our behaviour curriculum continued this week as we focused on learning more about '**Sharing**' using the book 'Elephant learns to share' by Sue Graves and Trevor Dunton. A culture built on respect starts with how we communicate with each other. Some of our communication is not in the words we use, but our physical actions. Simple things like taking turns and sharing fairly signifies respect and consideration for each other. The children really enjoyed this story and could talk about why it is kind to share. Next week we will be focusing on '**Body Language**'. Our body language is another form of communication because our face and bodies can show how we are feeling. Sometimes this is difficult for young children to see and interpret. Hopefully next week's focus will support their understanding further. Click [here](#) for a video that will give you some simple ideas for how you could support your child at home!

Drinks

Can I ask that children do not bring in Caprisun or Ribena as their drinks for the classrooms please. We recommend water as it helps to keep the children's diet more healthy. We have had a number of occasions where drinks have been spilt around children's books which is very difficult to clean. Thank you

Diary Dates

W/c 10th June - Phonics Screening for Y1 and for children in Year 2 who did not reach the expected standard last year.

W/c 10th June - Y4 Multiplication Check

12th June - Y5 Delve into History Visitor

13/14th June - London Trip for Y5-11 Ambassadors

14th June - Nursery Zoolab Visit

18/19th June - New Reception 2024 Transition visit 1. This visit is in 2 groups. Your letter will make it clear which session your child should attend.

And finally...

I hope you all have a fabulous weekend! I don't know what is going on weather wise, it's supposed to be Summer!!!!

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	95.69	12
• REB	96.67	7

- 1CBL 78.02 7
- 1BW 91.67 12
- 2KG 98.00 12
- 2AM 91.35 11
- 3HB 98.21 8
- 3LC 92.08 14
- 4TC 90.62 16
- 4CL 96.67 16
- 5TT 95.00 17
- 5JB 88.39 1
- 6VA 95.24 9
- 6NO 95.62 13
- 6MB 100 2

Keeping children safe!



At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trained adults with the information to lead an informed conversation about online safety with their children. Should they feel it is needed, this guide focuses on one issue of many which we believe involved adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guidance, facts and tips for adults.

10 Ways You Can SHARE KINDNESS ONLINE

Last year, around one in five young people aged 10-16 in England and Wales admitted experiencing online bullying; most commonly being insulted or sworn at, or having hurtful messages sent about them. To someone who's being bullied, the world can seem like a bleak, negative place – but just one kind word can be a ray of hope: a turning point that brightens their day and refreshes their perspective. That's why 'One Kind Word' is the theme of Anti-bullying Week 2021. We're supporting this year's event by bringing you ten top tips for beating online bullying by replacing it with kindness.

- 1 PRAISE WHERE IT'S DUE**
Sometimes a friend or relative might post online about something they're proud to have achieved: maybe an exam they've passed, a new skill they've learned or a task they've completed. Celebrate their hard work and determination by being kind enough to praise them for it publicly.
- 2 REACH OUT**
It's not always easy to tell what kind of mood someone is in just from what they post online. Simply dropping somebody a message to say "hi", to ask if they're OK, or to tell them that you're thinking of them could totally make their day.
- 3 RECOMMEND FUN THINGS**
If there's something you enjoy doing online – perhaps you play a particular game, or you've found a really cool site – share it with someone you think will enjoy it. Even recommending a film or TV show you think they'll like can bring a little happiness to someone who really needs it.
- 4 OFFER TO HELP**
Sometimes you might see a friend or family member posting a question online or asking for help with something they can't do themselves. Don't just ignore it – if you can help, get in touch with something that's difficult for them might be no trouble for you!
- 5 POST POSITIVELY**
Lots of people seem to go online purely to complain about things or be negative. Just because you're communicating online (and not face to face) doesn't mean you can't be positive, though! Post about things that make you happy and that you're thankful for. It could brighten someone else's day.
- 6 SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION**
If somebody that you know has done something positive or shown kindness themselves, go online and thank them with a message or a post. Expressing your gratitude costs nothing and showing someone that you appreciate them will really make them feel good.
- 7 BE UNDERSTANDING**
Showing empathy towards others is an act of online kindness which often gets overlooked. If you notice that someone you know is upset, drop them a message. Sometimes people just need someone else to listen to them and understand their situation.
- 8 SHARE INSPIRATIONAL POSTS**
When you see something online that inspires you or makes you feel happy, share it with people you know. A spot-on quotation, a beautiful photo or an uplifting video can lift someone's spirits and help them to feel better about life.
- 9 THINK BEFORE COMMENTING**
Thinking before we act can be just as important as acting in the first place. Taking a second to consider what you're saying in a comment could stop you from posting something negative, hurtful or offensive – even if you don't mean it, it's better to post positively or not post at all.
- 10 LIKE, LOVE AND ENGAGE**
If somebody posts something that you like on social media, don't just scroll past – take the time to like it, love it or leave an appreciative comment! Reacting positively to other people's posts might seem like a small gesture but could mean a lot to them.

Meet Our Expert
Cathy Pope is an experienced technology journalist with more than 10 years' experience in the industry. She's the author of two books: The Spies, Cathy is now a freelance technology journalist, writer and consultant.

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Celebrating Culture and Difference





Tuesday 11th is the start of Shavuot. It is the Jewish celebration of harvest and of the giving of the Torah. [Click here to learn more](#)



Friday the 14th of June is the first day of the Hajj, the annual pilgrimage made by Muslims to the holy city of Mecca in Saudi Arabia, in the Middle East. Every year, millions of Muslims from across the world make the journey to Mecca from wherever they live. [Click here to learn more](#)

Elmer's Big Parade



Thank you so much for your continued support raising funds for Brian House as part of the Elmer the elephant trail. We are pleased to announce, together we have raised £456. This will go to the very important work of our local children's hospice. Thank you

Nursery



This week in nursery we have been learning all about summer, we have read the story 'Cubs First Summer.' We have discussed how the weather will change and the differences we will see in our environment. The children have then drawn a picture of what they enjoy doing the summer months and some children have written the initial sounds for their pictures and some have written labels. We have been recapping our knowledge of shapes this week and showing each other what we can remember about their properties.

Over the half term break the caterpillars have hatched out of their cocoons, we had one left to release this week, the children spoke about where they think the butterfly will fly to, what it may eat and if it will find its friends.



Reception



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

In Literacy, the children loved reading the story 'Hello Summer' and recognised some of the characters from previous 'Hello' stories. The children have wowed us this week with their effort towards their independent writing. Many of the children have written fantastic sentences all by themselves using their phonics knowledge and ensuring they use finger spaces and full stops. We are very proud!

In Mathematics, the children learnt how to share amounts alongside odd and even. The children enjoyed playing the free online game 'Fair Shares' and practised sharing objects between toy animals. Here is a link to the game to support your child at home, if you would like to access it: <https://pbskids.org/curiousgeorge/busyday/dogs/>

In the classroom, the children explored fruit scented playdough and enjoyed making lemonade in the water tray. The children noticed the sweet lemon smell filling the air. In the Creative Area, the children created ice cream paintings using sponges and also created observational drawings of sunflowers, focusing on ensuring their drawings were detailed and realistic.

In PSHE, the children extended their knowledge of their bodies by exercising and noticing the changes after exercising. The children recalled key vocabulary such as, brain, veins and bones. Mrs Shaw was very impressed with the children's enthusiasm for learning!

Well done Reception, you have had a fantastic first week back! Miss Bond and Miss Tench.

Year 1



This week in Year 1 has been fun...

English - In English, the children loved reading the story 'Embarked' and thinking about what makes a good treehouse, as do the characters in the story. The children tried really hard with their writing this week and particularly enjoyed designing their dream treehouse. We loved seeing them express their creative ideas!

Mathematics - In mathematics, the children have been looking at directional language such as forwards, backwards, left, right, up, down, anti-clockwise and clockwise. This has been challenging, but the children have been superstars!

Our new topic is 'Flight'. Pioneers of aviation from the Wright Brothers, to Rockets and planes, to Amy Johnson! We will be having fun this term learning all about things that fly, including the first flight!

In RE, we are continuing to learn about Judaism and looking forward learning more about Shabbat.

Important - Phonics news!

Phonics Screening Check for year 1 is next week, so please ensure children are in school, on time, every day as always.

Please ensure you are practising reading as always. A healthy breakfast is a great way to support your child over the next 2 weeks too so they are alert and ready for their phonics screening check.

Have a lovely weekend, Well done Year 1, you have had a fantastic first week back! Mr Wainwright and Miss Blunden



1 - The Wright Brothers

Year 2



What an exciting start to Summer 2!

This week in English, children have been learning about adverbs. Children have created their own story boards for their own exciting stories about a visit into space!

In Math's this week we have been learning how to tell the time. Children have learned o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to. They have really enjoyed doing this practically this week with their own clocks!

In Art this week children have been looking at the artist Karl Blossfeldt. They have looked at some of his photographs and spoken about the detail that they can see in the pictures. They have then chosen their favourite pictures and drawn these.

In R.E this week, we have started our topic Islam. Children have spoken about the Quran and have thought about what books are special to them.

Please remember to read with your child 3x a week.

We hope you have a lovely weekend, The Year 2 Team.

Year 3



A busy, but wonderful, week in Year 3!

We have begun many new topics this week with great enthusiasm! Starting with our new Geography topic all about the country of Greenland. We discovered it's capital city, continent, oceans, neighbouring countries and much more. We also found out that, despite it's name, there is not much *green* to be seen!

In History, we started looking at inventors. We began our topic with a challenging game of pairs, matching up inventions to inventors! We found out what an invention is and what it means to be an inventor, then put on our own thinking caps to find an inventive solution to a problem we have! We heard some wonderful inventions such as the 'magic chair' that pushes you back up if you try and swing, the 'comfy pencil' which stops your hand from hurting when writing and even the 'colour changing shoes' that change to black in school and any other design when you leave! Very creative!

Our History also linked to our book 'So You Want to be an Inventor' where we discovered *even more* clever people and their inventions! We chose one and began our research in preparation to write a newspaper report.

In Art, we looked at the artist Georgia O'Keeffe and her beautiful work with nature. We wrote a short fact file about her in preparation to create our own nature and flower paintings *maybe* even using natural resources as painting utensils...

Please continue to read 3 times weekly and ensure books and reading records are in school every day.

Please be reminded that P.E. kits should be in school and will stay here until the end of term. (3HB - Monday and Tuesday, 3LC Monday and Wednesday)

Have a lovely weekend!

Year 4



A reminder that children in Year 4 will be sitting the Multiplication Check during the course of next week. Please encourage your child to complete the sound check and garage sections of TT Rockstar's regularly over the weekend and each day next week.

The information for parents leaflet has been re-issued and brought home with all children today.

Year 5



****English:****

The children have started to learn their lines for "A Midsummer Night's Dream." We are so impressed with how many already know them by heart. Please mark your calendars for the performance on **Wednesday, 10th July.**

****Maths:****

This week, the children have continued their exploration of shapes and have been learning to use protractors to measure and draw angles.

****Design Technology (DT):****

This half term, our topic is Greek food. We will be creating a Greek salad and some Greek flatbread. This week, the children researched additional ingredients for their Greek salad. Next week, we will have a food tasting session.

****Art:****

This half term, our art projects are linked to our English lessons. The children will be creating show masks and a piece of set for their scene in "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

****Reminders:****

PE days are Tuesday and Thursday, so please ensure a full PE kit is brought in on both days.

****Spellings:****

On a Friday, the children will be given a short spelling test. The spellings for next week are:

1. develop
2. environment
3. muscle
4. queue
5. twelfth
6. attached
7. ancient
8. harass
9. vegetable
10. nuisance

Have a lovely weekend, The Year 5 Team

Year 6



Year 6 have had a great start back to this half-term. We have been busy writing stories in English, bringing all the skills we have learnt together to create exciting, emotional and dramatic scenes for our readers. We have been looking at motivation in RE and started Sports for Champions with Blackpool Football club.- next week we will be fruit tasting. In Science, we have started to research a range of plants to compare and categorise, finding out many interesting facts along the way. We continue our history topic on the Maya civilisation, this week looking at the food types that were important to them - cocoa and honey to name a couple. We are continuing with our transition work preparing for September and the children have asked lots of exciting questions and are looking forward to visiting different classrooms over the coming weeks.

Star of the Week



RMT - Chandini - For confidently applying her knowledge of odds and evens during independent provision!

REB - Willow-Rose - For her brilliant independent writing.

1CBL - Jaxon - For working hard on his phonics and comprehension.

1BW - Oscar-George - For making huge improvements in his behaviour and for brilliant writing in English this week.

2KG - Milan - For his fantastic work in Maths on our new Time topic!

2AM - Athena - For excellent effort in R.E this week. Well done!

3HB - Evania - For coming back to school with a positive and ready attitude to learning!

3LC - Lucious - For his positive attitude towards learning, being very respectful and kind-hearted to all! You have really shone this week Lucious. Keep up the good work.

4TC - Roopan - For increasing confidence in class and in own abilities.

4CL - Isaac - For being an always child, a fantastic role model to everyone and for standing out this week for his kindness to others. Well done you!

5TT - Mae - For being ready to learn in every lesson and showing resilience when learning to use a protractor.

5JB - Kayte - For her resilience in Maths when learning how to use protractors.

6NO - Madison - For her fantastic effort with writing a story this week!

6VA - Sylar - For his enthusiastic approach to writing and editing his work.

6MB - Kacey - For amazing dedication to her writing this week.

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

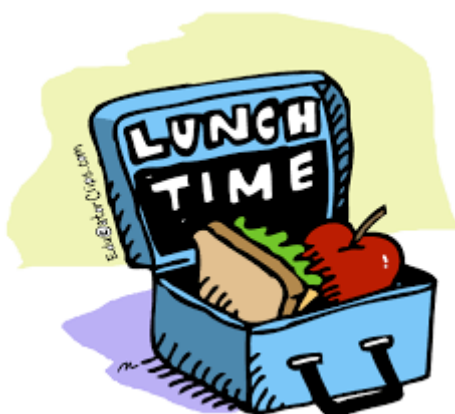
Black Pumps

Optional Items - Unity Tracksuit or plain black tracksuit

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
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