

# Academy Newsletter

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022  
Spring Term  
Issue: 25



We had beautiful sunshine this week, and with the weather now improving, the children are enjoying the outdoor spaces in the school, so please make sure that your children's uniform is named. You will stand a much better chance of being reunited with it should your child misplace any items of uniform.

We had two more Free Range Assemblies this week, with the children from Year 1 and Year 2. It is amazing to see the work that they have produced and see the children talking confidently about their learning. Thank you to the parents who stayed to do their own learning about the Key Stage 1 SATs or the Year 1 phonics screening check.

EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils were entertained by a Charlie and the Chocolate Factory workshop on Wednesday, which looked like lots of fun.

I would like to say a special thank you to the Year 3 pupils and the staff this week. Mr. Rowe had the challenge of teaching from home and was teaching through the interactive whiteboard in the classroom. The pupils continued to work hard and were supported fantastically by our Teaching Assistants. We have certainly come a long way in the last two years.



## School Website

We have been working hard to update the Academy website in response to the parent questionnaire we sent out. Hopefully you will find more up to date information and photographs on the class pages, including the curriculum maps for the present and upcoming term. More information about what the children learn can also be found in the 'Our Curriculum' section on the main menu. Each subject has its own page, and a long-term plan can be located at the bottom of each one. Hopefully this will give you more of an insight of what your children have and will be learning. We are also updating the 'Latest News' section to inform you of upcoming events. There are still more improvements to come, but we hope you find the website more usable and informative.



## Seedlings Nursery

Places still available!

Please email the office for details and to secure your child's place





Imogen – Year 3

Thanos – Year 3

Jennifer – Year 6

Michael – Year 6



I wrote to you this week regarding our last INSET day. This will be taking place on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April. I apologies if this is short notice, however it is very important that the staff receive First Aid training on this day. This does however fall on the Friday before the Bank Holiday Monday (Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022) and so will give you a long weekend with your families.

## Eggshibition

This year's eggshibition will be entitled 'Your Eggcellence' in recognition of Her Majesty The Queen. On 6<sup>th</sup> February this year Her Majesty The Queen became the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, marking 70 years of service to the people of the United Kingdom, the Realms and the Commonwealth. We would like you to represent this using real blown eggs or pretend ones. Prizes will be given for the best entries and all entries will receive a small token for taking part. **Entries need to be brought in school on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March ready for judging.** I am sure you will have some eggcellent ideas!



Nursery	Hans
EYFS	Albie
Year 1	Nathan
Year 2	Lyla
Year 3	Isadora
Year 4	Sheldon
Year 5	Alfie
Year 6	Jayden

## Attendance

EYFS	97.33%
Year 1	97.14%
Year 2	95.67%
Year 3	89.06%
Year 4	90.67%
Year 5	91.47%
Year 6	85.4%
Whole School	92.03%

The winning class this week was **EYFS** gaining 2 stars in the space race and **Year 1** gained 1 Star for achieving over 97%.

## Collections

If somebody else is collecting your child from school, please contact the school office before 2.15pm. This will enable us to get the messages to the children in time.





## Absence

When reporting your child absent please state their symptoms so we can record their absence accurately.

**ABSENT**

## Outstanding Balances

Please ensure all your invoices/debts are paid. If there is a debt on your child's account, we may not be able to provide them with a hot meal.

**IMPORTANT  
NOTICE**

## Enterprise Sale and Jubilee Celebrations

Those of you who keep a keen eye on the newsletter will have noticed that we have removed the upcoming enterprise sale on the dates section. We have decided to move this event to coincide with our Jubilee celebrations, so classes will be making and selling products linked to this special event. We are looking at holding a Jubilee Day on the last day of the May half term, Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May. More information will follow, but we are planning a red, white and blue day, an afternoon of games and fun with the children and some fundraising stalls provided by the PTA. Please pencil this date into your diary as it will be lovely to celebrate this as a community.



## Year 2 – Free Range Assembly





## Year 1 – Free Range Assembly



## Citizens Course

Children on the 'Sports and Young Citizen' course this week enjoyed a great climax to the five-week project with a visit from former Olympic 100 metres sprint finalist, Donovan Reid. Mr Reid showed two of the medals he won as an Olympian, and spoke about the Olympic Games, the Olympic Flame, and the Torch Relay, not to mention a few points on his now field of expertise - internet safety. The children even got to hold a real Olympic Torch, which was carried by PTA Chair John Powell just before the London Olympics in 2012. This being the final session of the course, it is hoped that the children will be presented with various awards for their efforts during the first week of next term.



## PE Uniform

We are seeing many different varieties of PE kit on the children's PE days. PE kit is now part of the Academy uniform and I must insist that children are wearing the correct PE kit on these days. Please make sure that your child is wearing a bottle green tracksuit with a gold t-shirt. Now the weather is getting warmer the children can wear green shorts. PE shoes should be plain black or white. If your child is wearing black trainers as part of their uniform, these should be completely black, with no logos or white soles. It is important that we take pride in our uniform and look as smart as possible.



## Easter Passion

Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3 and 4) will be presenting their Easter Passion on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 9:30am. Parent/Carers are welcome; however, we will be limiting it to two people per family. Tickets will be sent out on Monday. I hope you can understand our reasoning as we are trying to prevent overcrowding, especially with Covid cases on the rise. We look forward to sharing this special performance with you at this important time of the year.



## Mothering Sunday

This Sunday, we celebrate Mothering Sunday. Its origins actually lie in the Middle Ages, when children who had left their families to work in domestic service were allowed to go to their home – or "mother" – church. However, now we recognise the important women in our lives and give them thanks. Wishing all of you a fantastic day.

Look at the beautiful bouquets that Year 2 have made.



## Diary Dates

Please note the lists of dates below are subject to change and we encourage you to look each week for any changes.  
Amendments are in **Blue** and Cancellations are in **Red**.

### Spring Term 2022

Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2022	Lower Key Stage 2 Easter Passion 9:30am
<b>Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022</b>	<b>Key Stage 1 Easter Bunny Run</b>
<b>Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022</b>	<b>Eggshibitions to be in for judging.</b>
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2022	Mass – Pupils only
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2022	Last day of term – Stars finish at 4.30pm
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022</b>	<b>HAF Sports Camp</b>
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2022</b>	<b>HAF Sports Camp</b>
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022</b>	<b>HAF Sports Camp</b>
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022</b>	<b>HAF Sports Camp</b>

### Summer Term 1 2022

Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	First day of term
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022</b>	<b>Jungle Book Day – More Information to Follow</b>
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	INSET Day
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2022	Bank Holiday
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2022</b>	<b>Crowning of Our Lady – Year 2 Parents Invited – More information to Follow</b>
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022</b>	<b>Polling Day. Gym used as Polling station – Academy open</b>
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022</b>	<b>Start of Key Stage 2 SATs week</b>
<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>Year 3 and 4 Inter-Schools Cross Country</b>
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	Last day of half term - Stars finish at 4.30pm



**Summer Term 2 2022**

Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	May Replacement Bank Holiday for Queen's Jubilee
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2022	Half Term Break
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	First day of half term
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Year 6 School Journey - Thriftwood
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2022	Last day of term - Stars finish at 4.30pm