



**Unsworth**  
Primary School

# Newsletter

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## Danceathon

During the first week of May we will all be taking part in a sponsored 'Danceathon' in aid of the NSPCC. Each class will take turns to join in so that the dancing continues all day long! Last week the children learned all about the work of the NSPCC in a special assembly. They learned how to stay safe and to get help if they had any worries. Sponsor forms were sent home and we would appreciate your support in helping your child to collect sponsors from family and friends. The exact date of the Danceathon will be confirmed via Parent Hub together with the date for return of the sponsor forms.



## Spelling Bee Winners



Congratulations to our team of 6 children from Year 5 who took part in the Spelling Bee competition at Castlebrook High School this week against 2 other local primary schools. The children were tested on a set of words they had been given to learn and also some additional words that they did not know about. The children did amazingly well to win the competition by following our school motto and 'working together.' They were presented with a trophy which will be displayed in our school hall.

## Online Gaming Advice

Online gaming is fast becoming the way that children and young people interact with each other and on a weekly basis new games appear. It is really important that we keep up to date with how best to support children and young people with how to act appropriately online. Also, it is important to regularly monitor the information around the age ratings for games, as these ratings provide valuable information about why games are not always appropriate for children of different ages. The Pan European Game Information Ratings (PEGI) that appear on all games have a great website that explains how the ratings work and how games are linked to a rating, it can be found at <https://pegi.info/page/pegi-age-ratings> and internet matters (<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/online-gaming/>) also provide a great resource bank of links to different articles and fact sheets about online gaming.

## Summer Playscheme



Do you need to arrange childcare cover for the summer holidays? We are taking bookings for our summer playscheme which runs from 23rd July to 10th August. For more information go to <http://unsworth-primary.co.uk/easter-and-summer-playschemes/>.

## Class News

In **Reception** this term we are focusing on the signs of spring. We will be using technology to collect signs of spring from our school environment and will be venturing into the wider community as we visit the Communitree area and 'Chaddy fields' to create some spring nature art. Miss Ashton.



In our History enquiry **Year 1** will be learning about seaside holidays. We will compare holidays in the Victorian times to now and will focus on Blackpool. In Science we will be thinking about plants and trees and labelling the structure of a plant. We also look forward to our class assembly on 21st June. Miss Dooley.

Over the next half term in **Year 2** we will be learning about Australia in our Geography topic. This will link to our Science, in which we will be learning about animals and their habitats. In English, we will be writing non-chronological reports about Australian animals and recapping non-fiction features. Our Maths work will be looking at different measures and recapping some number work. Please continue to practise the 0, 2, 5 and 10 times tables at home. We will have a sports coach in PE and will be learning how to street dance. Miss Robinson

**Year 3** have an exciting term ahead with lots of new learning coming up. In Science we will be exploring the different purposes of our skeleton and in our historical enquiry we will be comparing the rich and the poor societies in Victorian Britain. I have been really impressed with how hard everybody has been working. In Maths please keep practising your times tables! Mrs McLoughlin.



It was great to see **Year 4's** parents and carers last week, sharing all the positive comments and work of the Year 4 children. This half term will see the children learning about rainforests in Geography and states of matter in Science. The children will be doing striking and fielding sessions in PE as well as the swimming. Mr Garside.

Over the next term **Year 5** will be working on some exciting enquiries. We will be looking at how plants grow in Science and will be growing various vegetables and fruits. The children will need to get their wellies on for digging up the edible garden ready for planting! Mrs Ali.

This week **Year 6** have begun to write a persuasive letter to the children's author David Walliams. The children will have a PE coach for dance and cricket skills this half term. They are also busy each day revising number and literacy facts for their SAT tests in May. After SATs we have a trip to Ingleton caves and a Viking Communitree day to look forward to before the half term. Miss Sinclair.

## Sports News

The boys football team have a quarter final to look forward to at home on Friday 27th April as well as a semi final at Bury Grammar on Thursday 3rd May. We wish the boys the best of luck. There will be a wide range of clubs on a lunchtime over the next term so please encourage your children to join. It was also great to see children trying the Olympic sport of judo!



## Junior cricket in your area

Unsworth Cricket Club will be running it's fun cricket Fridays starting on 13th April at 6.30pm, and continuing every week through to August. It's ideal from age 6 upwards and just £3 per week. Visit [www.unsworthcc.co.uk](http://www.unsworthcc.co.uk) for more details.

Stand Cricket Club run junior coaching sessions every Friday from April though to August. The sessions are suitable for children aged 6 and above and cost £2 per week. The sessions are from 6.15pm to 8pm. No need to book, just turn up and play. Bar open and food available to buy. Contact Pete Hurst for more details [Peteahurst@virginmedia.com](mailto:Peteahurst@virginmedia.com).

## PTA News

Thank you for supporting our Easter Egg Bingo event which raised £500! The next event is the Party in the Playground on Sunday 1st July. Please let us know if you have any ideas for this event and especially if you are able to help organise them. We will be holding a planning meeting later on this term ( we will let you know the date via Parent Hub.)

Don't forget if you shop online you can raise money for our school without it costing you a penny. It is a simple process to register and then the retailers donate a small percentage of what you spend to Unsworth Primary PTA as a thank you for shopping with them. So far our school community have raised £413 via Easyfundraising! To register simply go to <http://unsworth-primary.co.uk/easyfundraising/>.



## Dates for your Diary

Date	Event or Activity	More information
27th April	School photographer in for class photos	9am—11am
3rd May	Year 3 Class Assembly	9.10am in the school hall
7th May	Bank Holiday	School closed
14th—17th May	Y6 SATS	
18th May	Year 6 visit Ingleton Caves	
24th May	Year 4 class Assembly	9.10am in the school hall
25th May	School closes for half term	3.30pm (after school club will run as usual)
4th June	School opens	9am
30th June	Communitree summer family day	Letter will come home with more details after half term
3rd July	Summer concert	2pm -3.30pm For those children in the choir or who are learning to play a musical instrument in school