



Unsworth
Primary School

Newsletter

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Welcome to our first newsletter of the new school year! We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all new members of the school community to Unsworth Primary. We look forward to working together with you this year.

Just a reminder about our morning procedures:

- The school gate opens at 8.50am;
- The whistle is blown a few minutes before 9am to ensure that children are lined up and going into school for a 9am start;
- The school gate is locked by a member of staff by 9.05am to allow time for parents/carers to leave;
- Anyone arriving after 9am should register via the main entrance;
- Staff on the gate will notify the school office of children arriving late after 9am via the playground gate.



School Councillors

Congratulations to the following children who were chosen to represent their class as School Councillors:

Year 2: Layla, Blake **Year 3:** Erin, Riley **Year 4:** Dexter, William, Tiana

Year 5: Ezzah, Ben **Year 6:** Mollie, Hashim, Charlie, Dominic

Digital Leaders

Our new KS2 Digital Leaders for this academic year have been appointed and they will have their first meeting next week to start to learn about their roles and responsibilities. Digital Leaders help support and develop our curriculum through gathering ideas from their peers and passing on information to their classes and to our younger children in KS1 and EYFS. They have their own page on the school website and will Tweet half termly about what they have been up to!



Forest School

This term has seen the start of forest school sessions. Y3 have been attending Monday mornings and Y2 in the afternoons. The aim of these sessions is to give children ownership of their learning, choosing what they want to do and develop their knowledge and skills based on their interests. It has been a pleasure to see children developing their self esteem, awareness of others and the environment, communication skills, physical skills, creativity and many other aspects of learning. As the sessions continue, the children will experience using tools, building dens and shelters, using knots and cooking on a fire. The children seem to be really enjoying the sessions!

Class News

In **Reception** the children are settling in nicely to their new routines. Throughout autumn we will be using natural resources to create patterns, pictures and small worlds including a woodland with a bear cave! Miss Ashton.



Year 1 have made a great start! We are thinking about familiar settings in English and labelling characters and retelling stories. In Maths we are working on securing number bonds to 10. Our enquiry is 'Homes in the past.' We are thinking about how our homes have changed from how they used to be. Miss Dooley.

In **Year 2** we have been learning how to write our own adventure stories in the style of Jonny Duddle in English and in Maths we have been using concrete materials for addition and subtraction. We have just started our new topic 'Island Hoppers' in Geography and we are also really enjoying our Forest School sessions on Monday afternoons. Miss Garvin.

Year 3 have made a good start to life in the juniors. We are working on exploring 3 digit numbers and are creating our own reports in Literacy. Our enquiry topics are finding out about the North West and the life cycle of a plant. Some children are showing they are ready for pen licences and we will begin to hand these out shortly. Our forest school and recorder sessions are also very popular. Miss Sinclair.

Year 4 have been working hard with the written methods of addition and subtraction this half term in Maths and have been working on information texts in English. They will be planning and doing an investigation about teeth in Science and are finding out about Roman Britain in History. For P.E., the children have impressed with their efforts in gymnastics and swimming. Please carry on commenting in the home reading books and ensuring that homework is handed in on time. Mr Garside.

What a fantastic term we have had so far in **Year 5!** In History we have been busy learning about Anglo Saxons and in Science we have found out about how and why water changes state...really technical stuff. A quick reminder about learning our multiplication facts and weekly spellings. Thank you, Mrs Ali.

Year 6 had a fabulous time at the Stockport Air Raid Shelters last week. The children got to experience what it would have been like to live as an evacuee during the 1940s. The children have thoroughly enjoyed finding out about the impact of the Battle of Britain on civilians and look forward to showcasing their learning in our class assembly on 18th October. Mrs McLoughlin.

Sports News

Unsworth has started this term with a plethora of clubs for the children to attend including: football, netball, tag rugby and dodgeball to name a few. It has been great to see so many children interested in sport and attending the clubs. We have entered in competitions against other schools in football, netball, tag rugby, cross country and indoor athletics up to now, and will enter others throughout the year as and when they become available. We look forward to offering a wide variety of clubs and sport throughout the year and please encourage your child to attend.



We hope you will come along to our book fair next week for a chance to buy books at greatly discounted prices. Our School will receive commission from every book sold which will be used to buy more books. The book fair runs from Tuesday 9th October to Friday 12th October both before and after school in the hall. If you can't make it you can still order books by filling in the flyer that was sent home this week and returning it to school with your payment.

PTA News

Our new committee was elected at our recent coffee morning and we welcome Meg Wagman as Chair and Jane Moran as our new Treasurer. You can find a copy of the minutes of the meeting via <http://unsworth-primary.co.uk/community/pta/>. Look out for our PTA Facebook page which is due to be launched very soon. This will be a great way for parents to find out what's going on and to contribute ideas and information.



This year we plan to raise money for a new outdoor sound system for the school and an interactive whiteboard for Reception class. This is in addition to continuing to fund Communitree sessions and transport for school trips. Our next event coming up is the Infant and Junior Discos on Friday 3rd November. A letter will be coming home soon and tickets need to be ordered before the half term.

You may be thinking about Christmas shopping at this time of the year. Please take a moment to register with Easyfundraising. You can shop online and raise money for our school at the same time without it costing you a penny! To register simply follow the link www.easyfundraising.org.uk/unsworthpta.

School Events

You will be invited to various events during school time such as class assemblies or school plays. We will always remind you beforehand of the procedure in the event of a fire alarm. However, we would ask all parents and carers that in the unlikely event of this happening, they should leave immediately by the nearest fire exit. During the school day the children are our responsibility and we have procedures in place to ensure they are evacuated safely to the school yard where we can check that all children are present.

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event or Activity	More information
9th—12th October	Book Fair	8.30am—8.50am, 3.30pm-4pm in the school hall
15th & 16th October	Progress meetings Y1-Y6	Appointment times will be given
16th October	Photographer in school	Individual and family photos
18th October	Year 6 Class Assembly	9.10am in the school hall
18th October	School closes for half term	3.30pm (after school club will run as usual)
29th October	School opens	9am
1st November	Photographer in school	Individual and family photos
2nd November	PTA Infant and Junior Discos	Infants 4.30—6pm Juniors 6.30—8pm