



Unsworth
Primary School

Newsletter

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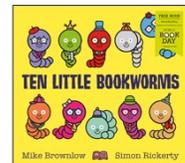
Over the last few weeks, the admin and leadership teams from each of our partner schools have been carrying out due diligence exercises on each school. We have been looking at our structures in terms of governance and we have been working with our new trustees to consider how we will work together.

On conversion both myself and Mrs Parkinson, the Head Teacher from Elms Bank, will be taking on Executive Head Teacher roles. Mrs Parkinson will assume the role as CEO (Chief Executive Officer) of the trust and I will take on the role as Director of School Improvement across all three schools in the trust.

This will mean that there will be some changes to my role at Unsworth. After Easter I will be working with the teams from all three schools including Unsworth. The operational role of Head Teacher at Unsworth will be assumed by Mr Rhodes. I am looking forward to this next step of our journey with our partners. Mrs Reynolds.

World Book Day

We all enjoyed sharing stories in different places on World Book Day and we loved seeing the pictures on our Twitter feed of everyone joining in the Reading Star Challenge. Don't forget to download your certificate via <https://www.worldbookday.com/reading-stars/>.



E-Safety Information

There are some great e-safety leaflets for parents all designed around use of the Internet for different aged children, which are available for download on www.internetmatters.org. These helpful guides provide some useful tips about safe search engines and some checklists on different aspects to consider.

Easter Playscheme

We still have places available for our Easter playscheme which runs from 1st to 5th April. The playscheme is on from 8am to 5pm each day and includes lots of fun activities. For more information go to <http://unsworth-primary.co.uk/easter-and-summer-playschemes/>.



Class News

Reception started our new topic with a letter from the Queen! She challenged them to build a castle using different resources, both indoor and out. We have lots of new costumes and puppets to imagine the roles of knights, princesses, dragons and queens in our castle role play area. We have now started phase four in our focused phonic sessions which introduce and develop consonant blends. We will continue to secure phase three digraphs and tri-graphs in both reading and writing. Thank you for the phonic work you are doing with your child at home, it really does make a difference! Miss Ashton.



Year 1 are enjoying using different apps to explore healthy lifestyles. We have also been collecting data around this topic and have been learning about how to record information in pictograms, bar charts and tally charts. This week we will begin our new Geography enquiry 'Around the World' where we will compare hot and cold places including the North and South Pole and Africa. We will also use mapping skills to locate different countries and the equator. In Science we will be thinking about the weather and seasons, making observations and describing how the weather changes. Miss Dooley.

In **Year 2** we are about to start our new History enquiry 'Fame' all about the lives of Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. We are also starting a Science enquiry about plants. In Literacy we have been working towards writing our own fantasy stories. The children have enjoyed reading different stories and taking part in drama activities. We can't wait to see their finished pieces. Miss Garvin.



Year 3 have enjoyed the 'Happy and Healthy' enquiry. We have been dancing and moving to the 'Feel Good Groove' as well as learning some yoga moves with the Super Stretch Yoga app. The children have also developed their ICT skills and are much more confident cropping, resizing and publishing images and creating various graphs. Miss Sinclair.

Year 4 are continuing their Forest School sessions this half term. Their last one will be on Monday 18th March. In Science, they are continuing working on circuits and in Geography will be carrying on working on the Europe Topic. They will start the History topic about the Titanic once that has finished. In P.E. they are currently doing dodgeball with a sports coach. Please ensure all spellings, times tables and reading books are brought in to school daily. Mr Garside.

We have been working hard in **Year 5** and finding out about our new enquiry themes which are Volcanoes and Earthquakes and Growing Old. We can't wait to share our photographs of family members and looking at how we change as we grow older. Mrs Ali.

Year 6 have been demonstrating their knowledge and skills in a variety of apps this week as part of our whole school computing enquiry. I have been really impressed with their levels of independence and ability to cooperate and collaborate in small groups. In addition to this great work, they have been working extremely hard with their learning surrounding fractions, percentages and decimals. Finally, the children have been demonstrating great efforts towards their literacy work. They have been crafting and editing persuasive letters within small groups and have now started to write their independent letters to persuade the Sealife Centre to refrain from keeping orca whales in captivity. I look forward to our progress evenings at the end of the month to discuss your child's personal achievements for this term. Mrs McLoughlin.

Sports News



Well done to the athletics, swimming, cross country, tag rugby, netball and football teams who have represented the school in the last few weeks. The next few weeks will see our school compete in football and cross country. Please encourage your children to participate in the clubs on offer in school.

Parent Pay

In April we are introducing a new school payment system. Parent Pay enables you to pay for dinner money, out of school club, trips, milk, fruit, ties and book bags via a highly secure payment site. It is quick and easy to use and gives you a history of all the payments you have made. Parent Pay is already used successfully in several schools across Bury and will replace the current E-Payment system, cash and cheque payments. An activation letter will be sent home in due course to enable you to log in to Parent Pay.



PTA News



Our next event is the Easter Egg Bingo on Saturday 23rd March, 2-4pm. We are having a non-uniform day on Thursday 14th March and instead of money we are asking children to bring in an Easter Egg for this event. Tickets are limited so please order quickly to avoid disappointment. If you are available to help either with organisation of the event or on the day please let Mrs Wagman know or the school office.

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event or Activity	More information
12th March	Year 6 visit Crucial Crew	12noon—3.15pm
13th March	Year 6 Communitree curriculum day	
14th March	Non-uniform day for Easter Egg Bingo	
21st March	Year R assembly	9.10am in the school hall
23rd March	Communitree Easter family sessions	10am—1pm
23rd March	PTA Easter Egg Bingo	2-4pm
25th/ 26th March	Progress meetings for parents Y1-Y6	3.30pm—6.30pm
29th March	School closes for spring break	3.30pm (after school club will run as usual)
1st—5th April	Easter Playscheme	8am—5pm each day Contact school office to book
15th April	School opens	9am
19th April	School closed—Good Friday	
22nd April	School closed—Easter Monday	