



**Unsworth**  
Primary School

# Newsletter

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## Summer Term

This is an exciting time for Unsworth as we have now officially converted to Academy status as part of The Oak Learning Partnership. Last week Mrs Reynolds held an assembly to talk to the children about it and to answer any questions. Both Mrs Reynolds and Mr Rhodes are settling in to their new roles. You can read Mr Rhodes' first Headteacher's Blog on the school website [here](#).

The school office are busy organising the school trips that take place during this term. A letter will be sent via Parent Hub for each trip; consent and payments will then be collected via the new Parent Pay system. This takes away the need to return slips of paper and money to school making it much more convenient for parents.

We have been encouraged by the positive response we have received from parents about Parent Pay. There are only a small number of parents now who are not yet registered and we would encourage those to do so as soon as possible. Admin staff are available to help if needed.



## E-Aware

After half term we will be introducing our children to e-aware, which will enhance our children's digital awareness and further expand our e-safety curriculum. It will allow us to assess the understanding our pupils have and provide us with a greater range of resources to support the work that we do. We look forward to sharing more information about e-aware when we launch it after the next half term.

## Sports News

Well done to all the children who are still attending clubs such as judo, football, netball and running. The children continue to represent the school well in a variety of sports. Unsworth are one of the top performing schools in Bury regarding the amount of different sports they have competed in. Over the summer term, the children will be offered the chance to join new clubs such as cricket, athletics and rounders. Competitions available will be in tag rugby, netball, cricket, rounders, athletics, boys football and girls football.



# Class News

Our new topic this term in **Reception** is Traditional Tales and the children will be hearing lots of stories. Our focus is to develop story telling, imaginative play and story writing. The role play area had been transformed to a mixed up traditional tale including a beanstalk, three chairs and a poisonous apple! In our focused writing sessions, the children will be introduced to fiction openers to begin their writing e.g. 'One day'. As we begin our last term in Reception, our guided sessions have become a little more structured as part of our transition support into Year 1. Any work sent home helps secure your child's learning e.g. reading books, maths key facts and phonic words. Please also check your child's observations on Tapestry to see the learning that is taking place throughout the week and continue to send observations of this learning from home. Many thanks.  
Miss Ashton.

**Year 1** have started their new Science enquiry 'Enchanted Woodlands' where we are learning about the parts of a plant and naming common garden plants and trees. We will also be planting beans and observing closely to look at how they grow and change. In Geography this half term we will be starting our new enquiry 'The United Kingdom' where we will use maps to locate and name the four countries of the UK. We will also look at and compare the features of different places including a capital city and a city. Alongside this we are looking at reports in English and will write our own reports about plants and trees. In Maths we have been focussing on fractions, finding halves and quarters of real life objects and quantities. Miss Dooley.



In **Year 2** we are excited to start our new Geography enquiry "The Other Side of the World" all about Australia. We will also be starting our new Science enquiry about animal habitats. The children have been sharing lots of interesting facts that they already know and they are keen to learn more. In P.E. we are working on striking and fielding skills and the improving weather means we can now enjoy these lessons outside. We are looking forward to a busy and fun half term. Miss Garvin.



Well done **Year 3** on a fabulous assembly last week. They were brilliant and looked amazing. This half term we will be working on finding out more about the Stone Age as well as starting our next Science topic about rocks. In Maths we will begin working on fractions. We will also start work on creating mystery stories. Miss Sinclair.

Well done to **Year 4** for representing the school well when we visited Hollins last week. They really enjoyed the day working with Hollins' reception class, learning outdoors in their forest school area. We will continue to learn about the Titanic this half term in History and states of matter in Science. In P.E. the children will be learning the skills of striking and fielding games which takes place on Thursday and Fridays. In English, the children are focussing on the features of explanations texts and in art, the children are moving on to creating collages. Mr Garside.

It's another busy term in **Year 5**. We've been enjoying our forest school sessions each week and the children have improved with their tree climbing and den building skills. The children are really excited about our next enquiry in History about the Ancient Egyptians and you will soon be able to see some of the great work we create via the Twitter page. Mrs Ali.



I couldn't be any prouder of **Year 6's** efforts and attitude towards their learning over the past term. They have worked extra hard on their Viking non-chronological report and have produced another fabulous piece of writing, all about 'A Day in the Life of a Viking.' In PE, they have demonstrated great team-building skills whilst playing both rounders and cricket. Finally I have been really impressed with their resilience and determination towards some tricky problem solving questions in Maths. Keep on going Year 6, your hard work is paying off!  
Mrs McLoughlin.

# Summer Playscheme

The dates have now been confirmed for the summer playscheme and more information can be found via <http://unsworth-primary.co.uk/easter-and-summer-playschemes/>. Please email your requirements as soon as possible to [Unsworth@bury.gov.uk](mailto:Unsworth@bury.gov.uk) and once availability is confirmed you can make payment via Parent Pay.



## PTA News

Our Easter Egg Bingo was a big success. Thank you to everyone for coming along and we hope you enjoyed the chocolate!

We are already making plans for the Party in the Playground. Do you have an idea for an activity or a stall that could be easily organised. We are having a short planning meeting on Tuesday 14th May at 6.30pm in the Queen Anne pub, Hollins. Please come along and offer your support. If you can't make the meeting you can email Meg at [unsworthPTA@gmail.com](mailto:unsworthPTA@gmail.com) and keep up with what's going on by visiting the PTA Facebook page @UnsworthPrimary.



## Dates for your Diary

Date	Event or Activity	More information
8th May	Year 2 visit Manchester Jewish Museum	Leaving school at 12noon and returning for 3pm
13th—16th May	Year 6 SATs	
17th May	Year 6 visit White Scar Caves, Ingleton	Leaving school at 9am prompt
22nd May	Year R Communitree curriculum day	
23rd May	Year 4 class assembly	9.10am in the school hall
24th May	School closes for half term	3.30pm (after school club will run as usual)
3rd June	School opens	9am
12th June	Infant Olympics	1.45pm—3.30pm
19th June	Junior Sports	1.30pm—3.30pm
18th July	Year 6 final assembly	9.10am in the school hall
23rd July	School closes for summer	2.15pm