



NEWSLETTER

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Message from the Principal:

Dear Parents,

This half term is already racing towards Christmas at a rapid pace! The children have been fantastic this term already and I can hear Christmas songs through the corridors, see dances being practiced with delight on the playground and in the hall and see the very engaging nature of learning taking place. Our school is a great place to be and we are proud to see our children making the most of every day.

The dates include the Christmas Performances for parents to join us for – please do ask if you are not sure. The staff are more than happy to ‘speak’ to you via Dojo, particularly at this busy time.

As the weather has turned more towards what is seasonal, cold and sometimes very wet, please do make sure your child is clothed appropriately, and has a warm, showerproof coat. Gloves and a hat are a great idea too, If your child can tolerate these items, but PLEASE do name them (a sharpie pen is a great investment!). If it is drizzling lightly, we will still go outside for a break, providing the children have a coat, as it is so good for them to move around.

You many have seen in the news that we have a new Ofsted Framework for inspection which includes the following areas, which will be inspected, and which we will now evaluate ourselves in our routine monitoring: Inclusion, Curriculum and Teaching, Achievement, Attendance and Behaviour, Personal Development and Well-being, Leadership and Governance, Safeguarding and Early Years. These areas are under constant scrutiny and our leadership teams, including subject leadership, are working hard on plans to develop each area.

Our Academy development plan this year is focused on Trust led targets, to help our whole Trust achievement and promote what we do, collectively. Our target areas are as follows:

Inclusion and behaviour: (looking at behaviour for learning, pupil leadership, evaluation of our on-line safety practices, reviewing core skills across other subjects, and evaluating the use of all spaces in school to ensure we have sufficient support for all children, **Attainment:** focusing on improving our key result areas, particularly in reading (hence our big push to use apps like Fonetti), redeveloping our whole reading strategy and providing links to other projects across the school, such as enterprise, **School Readiness:** looking at transitions across all phases, working with partners, and working on the feeling of belonging and being proud of who and where we are, and finally, **Attendance:** to reduce absence where possible, and improve attendance so that we are up to national levels.

Thank you to many of you who we have worked more closely with recently, in helping to shape the future of our children’s lives and for flagging any issues. Please know we are always happy to explain and give you context for our work, and will happily book appointments to discuss any issues.

Finally, we are delighted with the results from the recent parent questionnaires, which were collected throughout October: 100% of parents responding said their children are happy and safe, 99% of parents said children are well behaved at this school and feel their child does well, 91% feel we deal with issues in a timely manner, 98% say we have high expectations, and 99 % of you would recommend our school to others. These are amazing responses – thank you so very much, from the whole staff team!

Kind regards,

Mrs Huntington 😊



Class Updates - Autumn 1 Term

Year R

Reception Class has been focusing on 'all about me' for the first half term. We looked at our family, where we live, our immediate surroundings, our community and people who help us in our community. We have been learning how to use all the equipment in our area and share with each other. In phonics we have been learning lots of new sounds; s,a,t,p,i,n,m,d,g,o,c,k,ck, e,u,r,h,b,f,l. We have also been learning how to blend these sounds together to form words. In maths we have been practicing counting and recognising 2D and 3D shapes.

Year 1

In art we painted with the primary colours, using good brush technique, being careful not to mix the colours. and looked at Mondrian's painting *Composition in Red, Yellow and Blue* (1930). Mondrian was a Dutch artist born in 1872.

In Geography we learnt the concept of aerial perspective. Through exploration, the children can begin to understand how our view of an object can change depending on which way we are looking at it. Maps show us a simple representation of an aerial view, helping us to identify where things are located.

During our science lessons we learnt some scientific terminology associated with bodies and senses.

The children were using verbs, adjectives and an *onomatopoeia* in their chunks of writing. We also looked at part whole models and addition within 10 during maths.

Year 2

In our first half term in Year 2, we have focused on developing our place value knowledge and consolidated upon our phase 5 sounds in phonics. Year 2 have also investigated into the human body. Focusing on the cardiovascular system, digestive system and how to stay healthy and look after ourselves. Year 2 also participated in a 'Mini Medics' session, where we developed these skills into learning about first aid and CPR. Year 2 have engaged positively throughout our class challenges and are currently working hard to beat their own personal record and climb our '100 square challenge leaderboard'. Mrs Skate and Mrs Orviss have been welcome challengers too, I wonder who Year 2 will challenge next?

Year 3

In year 3, we were excited to welcome all of the children into KS2. They have been delighted about moving to a new corridor with the older children in the school. We read a very silly book called, "The Incredible Book Eating Boy" in English and the children used it as inspiration to write their own silly stories about a child who eats computer games. We learned about place value and addition and subtraction in Maths. In Science we learned all about systems in the human body and how our bodies work. In French (MFL) we learned some language basics like saying hello, saying what your name is and asking somebody what their



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name is and saying how you feel. The children loved our Music unit about ballads and especially loved listening and singing along to "Space Oddity" by David Bowie. In History, we went back thousands of years to see how people lived during the Stone, Bronze and Iron Age. We learned that this is a period called 'Pre-History'. In Geography, we did some comparison work on two very different cities - San Francisco and Peterborough! The children have adjusted really well to being in KS2 and are keen to show off their work.

Year 4

Class 4 have had a fantastic start to the school year, we started by drawing the Iron Man on the playground before we began our writing unit, the children produced some great stories. In science we looked at how different substances affected our teeth, this involved egg shells and 3 liquids, we were not surprised that coke and lemon juice had the worse reactions, this would be the same reaction on our teeth! We have had fun in PE and boogie bounce was fab! Class 4 also supported and raised a staggering amount of money for MacMillan Cancer in our coffee morning.



Year 5

The children have settled well into year 5. They have already participated in Level 3 bikeability and have had the opportunity to cook. In art, we created abstract pieces which the children were able to use to inspire their final pieces on canvases. They have been enjoying our first chapter Friday, funny Thursdays and times table challenge. We also enjoy our 'fact of the day' segment which promotes interesting discussions. The children have been busy earning Dojo points in preparation to spend in the Dojo shop which recently opened. Children also recently had the opportunity to have brass instrument taster session and lots signed up to play a cornet, trumpet, trombone or french horn! We have lots more fun and opportunities planned for this year!

Year 6

Last half term we did lots of learning! Here's a snapshot.

In Science we learnt about the human body and about the heart and that oxygenated blood goes to all of the body and that deoxygenated blood goes to the lungs to collect oxygen where it becomes oxygenated. In History we learnt about how WW1 was sparked because of conflicts and empire building in Europe. We discovered all about time zones in Geography and that, guess what, every time you travel to Peterborough you cross over the Prime Meridian! This is the imaginary line of longitude that separates the east and west hemispheres. In English we have written stories based on Varmints. This is a small amount of what we have learnt about.

By Olivia and Elida



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Dates for your Diary

November	
21 st Nov	Bikeability Year 4
21 st Nov	Whole school flu immunisation – Nursing Team
27 th Nov	Disco FOSA KS1 4.30 – 5.30. KS2 5.45 – 6.45
28 th Nov	Clothes collection FOSA
December	
4 th Dec	Christmas Fair
5 th Dec	Flu immunisation follow up date
10 th Dec	Year R, 1 and 2 carol concert, school hall 9.30 – 10.00 am -
11 th Dec	Year R, 1 and 2 carol concert, school hall, 2.00 – 2.30 pm
16 th Dec	Year 3,4,5,6 Carol concert at the Church 1.45 – 2.45 pm
18 th Dec	Christmas Lunch - Menu on Select please order as normal
18 th Dec	Children can wear Christmas Jumpers (NO money collection but feel free to make your own donations on line to this charity)
19 th Dec	Last Day before Christmas Holidays -Break up at 3.15pm
January 2026	
5 th Jan	INSET day
6 th Jan	Back to School
February	
12 th Feb	Starlincs – class 2 and 5
16 th – 20 th Feb	Half term – Break up at 3.15pm
March	
27 th March	Last Day of school – Break up at 3.15pm
30 th Mar – 13 th April	Easter holidays
April	
13 th April	INSET day
14 th April	Children back in school
May	
4 th May	Bank Holiday
w/c 11 th May	Year 6 SATS
22 nd May	Last Day at school – Break up at 3.15pm
25 th – 29 th May	Half term
June	
1 st June	Children back in school
July	
17 th July	Last day of school – Break up at 3.15
20 th July	INSET – training day for staff – School closed for children



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Our school website: <https://www.emnethacademy.co.uk/>

Another useful link is for the Eastern Multi Academy Trust; you can find out information about the Trust

that we are part of. <https://www.eastern-mat.co.uk/>

If you would like to contact our Governing Body, please contact the school office and we will pass on your details for them to contact you.



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