



Huntingdon Academy
A L.E.A.D. Academy

Newsletter

As always, the second part of the spring term brings with it lots of exciting new learning opportunities for our children.

At Huntingdon Academy, we strongly believe that the learning environment plays a key part in the academic progress and wellbeing of our pupils. We are extremely proud of this aspect of school and have some wonderful new displays carefully prepared by our talented staff team which will enhance the learning of our pupils during the spring term, please take a look when you get a chance.

Your continued support of all we do here at Huntingdon Academy is vital and valued. From attending performances and class assemblies, supporting our wider curriculum with your attendance on educational visits and experience days to giving such positive feedback about our new child-led parents' evenings, all forms of support are truly appreciated. As always, if there is anything we can do to help, please do not hesitate to speak to Mr Middleton, Mrs Riley or Miss Want who are regularly visible near the Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 playgrounds in the morning and the afternoon.

Mr R. Middleton

Dates for your Diary



World Book Day



Key Stage 2 Writing Morning



Key Stage 1 Writing Morning



Early Years Writing Morning

For more information and dates, visit our website.

Life at Huntingdon Academy

We have worked with Engaging Education to film a promotional video showcasing life in the Academy. You can find the film at www.huntingdonacademy.co.uk on the homepage under the 'Message from Headteacher' heading. We are all delighted with the results as it showcases the pupils talking about and enjoying their learning as well as the school's vibrant learning environment

Message from the Headteacher



Specialist Leaders of Education

Congratulations to Miss Want, Mrs Vaughan, Mrs Shaw, Miss Wraight and Mrs Riley who have all been selected to be a Specialist Leader of Education for L.E.A.D Academy Trust. This means that whilst working at Huntingdon Academy, all five members of staff will support other schools in the Trust within their different areas of expertise:

Miss Want – English including Reading, Writing, Phonics and Oracy. Senior Leadership

Mrs Vaughan – Mathematics and Student Mentoring

Mrs Shaw – Behaviour Management, Teaching and Learning in KS2.

Miss Wraight – Upper KS2 Maths and English

Mrs Riley – Behaviour Management, Development of Teaching Assistants, Coaching and Middle Leadership Development

Congratulations to the Catering Team!

I am delighted to say that the school's catering team recently had a hygiene inspection and have maintained the rating of 5/5. This is a fantastic achievement and recognition of the hard work they put in every day to maintain high standards.

Swimming

Each year, school invests in sending children to swimming lessons. As swimming is part of the National Curriculum, it is a mandatory school activity. Therefore, it is essential that all children participate in all swimming lessons. Children can sometimes be a little apprehensive at first but always enjoy themselves in the end and make great progress. Please do all you can to encourage their participation and allay any fears.

Safeguarding Newsletters

As you know, each term we send our 'Safeguarding Newsletter' to parents / carers. We have received very positive feedback about this addition to the information we share with our families and hope that this remains useful. If there are any topics you would like to see covered in our safeguarding newsletter, please do let us know, as we strive to make this as useful as possible.

Independence Skills

At Huntingdon Academy, we are always trying to find opportunities to develop the pupils' independence skills. As always, your support in this would be greatly appreciated and we firmly believe that by working together, we can achieve better outcomes for all. Below are some suggestions to consider in relation to independence that will complement the work happening in school:

- Encouraging children to recall the items needed for their day e.g. Water bottle, lunchbox and book bag.
- Encouraging children to carry their own belongings to and from school.
- Problem solving e.g. You've lost a glove, what should you do next?

Green Screen Technology

As part of Year 5's space topic, the children researched what it would be like to be an astronaut. Supported by Mr Hopkins, the children used green screen technology to interview each other. The interviews were then used as part of their final space presentations.



Exciting Art Project

The Nottingham Contemporary Art Museum has presented us with a very special opportunity to work in close partnership with a professional artist, Sian Taylor-Watson. Sian, will work with teachers and children at Huntingdon Academy and we are incredibly excited by the opportunities this partnership offers. Sian has already started working with the teachers and children in class 3V. The aims of the project include developing the children's understanding of the different ways that they learn and developing creative ways to overcome barriers to learning.

Towards the end of the year, we will be exhibiting the work that we have undertaken together in a space within the Nottingham Contemporary. The project will continue over three years and will grow to include the whole school and wider community.



We value **your voice** and would like you to join us on our journey of improvement.



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