



Upton Primary Newsletter

15th March 2019

Upton-upon-Severn CofE Primary, Nursery and Pre School and Riverboats SureStart Children's Centre, working together to support the local community

**Our School Vision is to offer inspiration to young lives
'Anything is possible, we can all succeed'
'To inspire ... To aspire'**

Bible quote for this week:

Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity.

Colossians 4:5



SUSTRANS BIG PEDAL PLEASE SUPPORT US WITH THIS

Let's see if we can have as many as possible cycle, scoot or walk to school.

On Monday 1st April to Friday 5th April, the whole school will be taking part in the BIG PEDAL 2019! This is the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking and scooting challenge inspiring pupils, staff and parents to choose human power for their journey to school. For the first time, walking will be counted alongside cycling and scooting.

On Monday 1st April Rachel Vann, the Physical Activity and Wellbeing Officer for Malvern Hills, will be offering a Dr Bike session to carry out vital checks to all bikes. The cost for this will be £3 per bike checked - please contact the school office if you would like to take up this offer. Payment for this is to be made online via the Payments4Schools system.

Rachel also runs a Couch to 5K program on Tuesday mornings from the Riverboats Children's Centre and will be working with us to plan more activities in the future.

FOREST SCHOOL - STONE AGE

On Thursday Year 3 had a wonderful opportunity to experience Stone Age tools and materials. Forest School was rained off but they still managed to get hands-on with primitive axes, bows, arrows and spears. The children also had the opportunity to cut leather with flint and attempt to sew it by making holes and threading with bone needles, as well as having a go at flint knapping. The children had an amazing time and experienced how hard life would have been back in the Stone Age.

Tel: 01684 592259

Email: office@uptonuponsevern.worcs.sch.uk

Web: uptonprimaryschool.education

Twitter: 'UptonSevernPrimary' '@Uu7CofEPrimary'



We would like to give special thanks to Alex McAllister-Lunt who came and led the session and who also gave each Year 3 child a Stone Age goody bag. We would also like to thank the mums who braved the torrential rain to clear our forest school area while we all took shelter indoors.

SCIENCE DAY

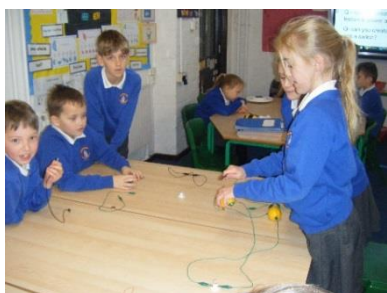
On Monday morning, the whole school took part in science experiments as part of British Science Week. Throughout the whole school, children could be heard questioning, exploring and having a fabulous time with all things scientific. The day started with Mrs Malpass leading an assembly where the children explored the journey that slime-making takes.

Reception class were busy learning about bean growing. Year 1 were busy sorting animals, bird and reptiles into given criteria. In year 2 the children were having a 'whale of a time' learning about the ways whales have adapted to living in the ocean. Year 3 children were busy identifying the properties of rocks whilst Year 4 explored the scientific properties of lemons to be able to power a circuit. Year 5 spent their morning researching the gestation periods of the smallest to largest mammals. Year 6 studied Darwinism and completed an experiment to identify how animals have adapted over time.



A fabulously scientific morning was had by all.

Please could all science selfie entries be handed in or emailed to school no later than **Monday 18th March**.



STAFF TRAINING

Mrs Wills has attended the workshop with all the Heads of Malvern schools developing partnership working and supporting positive educational initiatives for expanding our children's development.

The Teaching Assistants have been working through a linguistic program to support children's language skills and delivering specific support to help in this area. Miss Ludlow has been overseeing this.

Tel: 01684 592259

Email: office@uptonuponsevern.worcs.sch.uk

Web: uptonprimaryschool.education

Twitter: 'UptonSevernPrimary' '@Uu7CofEPrimary'

During the staff meeting this week we looked at our current staff development plan to ensure we are driving our school forwards and will be planning a workshop with parents in the summer term to facilitate this work further.

PARENTS EVENING - COFFEE AND CHAT

Mrs Julie Wills will be holding a drop-in session in her room with Mrs Caren Fereday, our family support worker, throughout both the parents evenings providing teas, coffees and refreshments. Please call in either before or after your children's appointments to discuss any areas of concern you may have, any innovative ideas for school development or just to have some refreshments.



Jessica and Madison (Year 3) for achieving 10 out of 10 on their spellings for ten consecutive weeks.

They will be invited to a Headteacher's tea party.

DATES FOR DIARY

YEAR 2 - SATs MEETING

Tuesday 19th March - 3.15pm. Mrs Johnson will supervise the year 2 children in her room while parents attend this brief meeting in the year 2 classroom.

PARENTS EVENINGS

Wednesday 27th March - 3.30pm to 6.20pm

Thursday 28th March - 3.30pm to 6.20pm

CELEBRATIONS OF LEARNING CLASS ASSEMBLY

Year 3 - Wednesday 20th March at 2.30pm

Reception - Friday 22nd March at 2.30pm

Year 4 - Wednesday 3rd April at 2.30pm

Year 6 - Friday 5th April at 2.30pm

We look forward to warmly welcoming your family and friends to your child's class assembly.



Race Night - Friday 5th April, 6.00pm to 8.00pm

Not quite the Gold Cup, but please see the poster at the end of this Newsletter and the letters that were sent home in book bags today for details about our very own fun filled Race Night event. This is a new fundraising activity for the Friends and we would love to see as many of you as possible there for a sociable evening and the chance to win cash prizes!

Can you help?

We are looking to source some paving slabs to go under our new shed (10' x 4'). If anybody can donate or help us source some please speak to a member of the Friends Committee.

Silent Auction at Summer Fete

Some really fabulous prizes have started coming in for this, thank you to everybody who has arranged or donated something. Please keep them coming!

COMMUNITY

During her Bootcamp this morning, Naomi held a plank challenge in aid of Comic Relief Red Nose Day and raised £52. The challenge was to 'Beat Pete' in holding a plank position for longer than him. Pete gave in at 3 minutes 32 seconds, whereas the boot campers could have gone on for longer - and even some of our Year 6 children!

Naomi is also hoping to raise further funds for Comic Relief in this evening's Bootcamp session. Evening sessions run every Monday, Wednesday and Friday in the school hall from 6.30pm to 7.00pm.



Tel: 01684 592259

Email: office@uptonuponsevern.worcs.sch.uk

Web: uptonprimaryschool.education

Twitter: 'UptonSevernPrimary' '@Uu7CofEPrimary'

THE FRIENDS OF
UPTON PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTS



RACENIGHT

6.00-8.00PM 5TH APRIL 2019

UPTON PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL

ADULT £5 • CHILDREN: £1

ticket price includes
a meal of chilli and jacket potato.
bring your own drinks and glasses
alcohol is permitted

please bring **cash** on the night to
place your **bets** on the **horses**

50p
PER
HORSE

To purchase tickets please fill out the form that went out
in the book bags and return with payment to school by Friday 29th March

Tel: 01684 592259

Email: office@uptonuponsevern.worcs.sch.uk

Web: uptonprimaryschool.education

Twitter: 'UptonSevernPrimary' '@Uu7CofEPrimary'