



Upton Primary Newsletter

21st May 2021

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'
Providing enriching experiences to foster aspiration
'To inspire ... To aspire'

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (*Philippians 4:13*)

WEEKLY BIBLE QUOTE

In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and I remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said 'It is more blessed to give than to receive'

Act 20:35

TANZANIAN TUESDAY

On Tuesday, children across the school came dressed in the colours of the Tanzanian flag. The day was full of activities from drumming to art, from letter writing to learning Swahili. It was a really fun day and a chance to remember our friends in the Changa English School in Tanzania. We will be continuing our fund raising efforts for Changa School and hope soon to be able to send them money for their new Well.

EARLY HELP OFFER

The Early Help offer is a group of services designed to support parents when things are difficult and you need a bit of support. Services range from parenting classes, financial help, and support with bereavement and food banks. There is a newly updated list of all the services in this local area on our website. Please follow the link for further details: <https://uptonprimaryschool.education/early-help-offer/>

If you need to discuss any aspects of Early Help or you would like some additional information or support please contact Mrs Davies at your convenience.



MARVELLOUS MONDAY (24th May)

On Monday 24th May children can come to school with wacky hair (uniform to be worn as normal) to support our 'Marvellous Monday'.

Mrs Julie Oliver (Teaching Assistant) is also taking part in a sponsored hair shave to raise money for our link school in Tanzania. As you can see from the pictures, Mrs Oliver's hair is quite long and that the length of it will be donated to the Princess's Trust. Her hair will then be cut on a number 4!



Should you wish to support this fundraising then donations can be sent in on Monday or online via the following just giving page: https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/julie-oliver-1?utm_id=1&utm_term=MNa8k7zMk

CELEBRATIONS OF LEARNING



THE MOORINGS

Rain did not stop play this week at The Moorings. We were busy with the Hama Beads! Check out all these awesome creations!



RIVER ROOM

This week the River Room explored life on a farm! We loved getting stuck into our sensory farm trays, investigating all the different textures and using our imaginations to create a story with all the characters. We also learnt a song called '5 Little Tractors' and we just cannot stop singing it!



NURSERY

In Nursery, we had a busy week based around the story 'Titch'. We have been busy observing our caterpillars getting fatter and starting to transform to chrysalises, explored things that start with the 'C' sound and planted sunflower seeds. We have also created some beautiful observational art based on Van Gogh's famous 'Sunflowers' painting and 'Tinga Tanga' Tanzanian style painting.



RECEPTION

Reception completed some amazing maths work this week! Miss Adamson thinks that we are all going to be mathematicians because we love exploring numbers and we are brilliant at it. We used playdough and Numicon to explore the construction of teen numbers (11, 12, 13...) and we were fantastic at recalling our number bonds to 5. Miss Adamson has taught us some rhymes to help us to recall our number bonds to 10... 8 + 2 CHICKEN POO is a firm favourite!



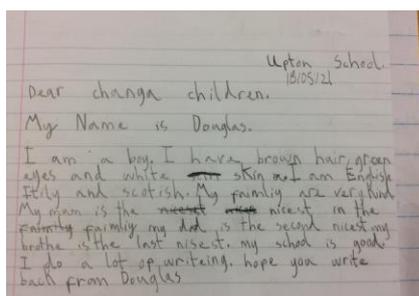
YEAR ONE

Year 1 had a great week linking their topic book 'The Tin Forest' with Tanzanian Tuesday. We have created lots of art this week based on the Tinga Tanga style where we used dots to create colourful creatures that we might find in our own tin forest.



YEAR TWO

Year 2 enjoyed Tanzanian Tuesday by writing letters to the children in Changa School and making African necklaces. We also looked at some Tinga Tanga Art.



YEAR THREE

This week Year 3 worked on writing from a film called 'Once in a Lifetime'. We looked at unusual characters and unusual settings and wrote a diary entry from the point of the explorer. In addition, we were lucky enough to have a visit from Mrs Oliver's chicks. Each child was able to hold a chick and the class named three of them – Quackamole, Beauty and Donald.



YEAR FOUR

This week Year 4 have been watching the chicks growing!

We had lots of fun on Tanzanian Tuesday writing letters to Changa, playing the drums and doing some Tinga Tinga artwork. We even did some work in Maths using Swahili numbers!

We have carried on with our spy topic too this week, investigating a crime! We have quite a few suspects now, but have we found the thief?



YEAR FIVE

We are having a fun time with a great unit of work on using body percussion to explore rhythms. Some of the rhythms are really challenging and this week we learnt about syncopation!



YEAR SIX

As part of our Tanzanian Tuesday work, the class learnt about the history of tinga art and how it is still an extremely popular form of art. Using a book called 'We all went on a safari' the children learnt to count to ten in Swahili and also some animal names. Did you know that lion in Swahili is 'simba'? Some fabulous artwork has been created.



THE FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

Over the years, our school has benefited hugely from The Friends Association who raise thousands of pounds every year for the school. School trips, Year 6 leavers' events, discos, summer fetes, Christmas presents and pantos, and many extra-curricular experiences would not have been possible without this integral part of the Upton family. During lockdown, the committee's functions have been extremely limited and we are now looking to re-launch the association. We will be holding the delayed AGM during the summer term and would like to invite anybody who would like to find out more, or who may be interested in being a part of the new committee, to attend. Should you require further information please call Shirley Dobbins in the school office As a member of the school staff and previous Chair of The Friends Association, she is well placed to advise potential members.

NATIONAL ONLINE SAFETY - TECH RELATED COMMUNICATION

Language is constantly evolving. The words, phrases and even emoji's used on social media have transformed how young people communicate. Many children now use memes and gifs to express how they feel and sometimes it can feel like young people are speaking a completely different language to adults. Not only are acronyms present, but words have literally changed meaning, and the use of emoji's, memes and gifs have almost made technology related communication a viable alternative language. Please see the attached factsheet for more helpful information on this.

SPEECH AND LANGUAGE - LISTENING

Years 1 and 2 are still enjoying the activities from the 'Teaching Children to Listen' programme, which helps children to develop their attention and listening skills. Here is a new listening game to play at home:

Listen for the punch line

At the start of TV programme each person chooses a punch line or word to listen out for. When each person hears their word they shout out. You can tally them up and be as competitive as you wish.

If you have any concerns about your child's communication skills, please phone or email the school office (office@uptonuponsevern.worcs.sch.uk), and I will call you back on my next visit into school. You can also contact me directly on 01562 752749.

Keren Somers (Speech and Language Therapist)

COMMUNITY NOTICES



FILLING THE
HOLIDAYS WITH
FUN AND FOOD!

Half Term Holiday
delivered on Friday 28th May

Tasty, fresh food, delivered free of charge to children in low income families in Upton and surrounding areas during the Half Term.

To register please click [here](https://forms.gle/7GfXYrULwCGWc4wdA) or visit
<https://forms.gle/7GfXYrULwCGWc4wdA>
Please register each child separately
Registration closes 26th May 2021

