



Upton Primary Newsletter

11th June 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

When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.

Psalm 56:3

THIS HALF-TERM'S THEME IS COURAGE



WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to the final half-term of this academic year. It was wonderful to have a bright sunny morning and we were able to have our entire school outside under our social distancing Covid regulations.

The assembly theme is courage and we have used our school's Tall Ship to introduce the theme. We use the ship as a theme for our team ethos. You cannot be captain of a ship unless there is everybody on board pulling the ropes in the right direction, at the right time, at the right point. As a school we take this team ethos and always endeavour to work together. At times in life we all need courage and we discussed how the sailors must feel when they have to climb up the mast to hoist the sails. Over the coming weeks we will be using the ship to develop our courage theme.



NUT FREE SCHOOL

Please can we ask that you **DO NOT** send any nut products in packed lunches. We have a number of children who have severe nut allergies in school and we are endeavouring to make our school nut free.

CONTACT AND MEDICAL INFORMATION

Please let the school office know if there are any changes to contact details, e.g. address/telephone number or any medical condition/medication changes.

It is vital that we are notified of these changes to ensure our records stay up to date in the event of us needing to make contact in an emergency.

HEAD LICE

May we please remind you to check your child's hair regularly for head lice and treat if necessary.



CELEBRATIONS OF LEARNING

RECEPTION

We have had a fun first week back in the sunshine and have begun our 'Take a Walk on the Wild Side' topic by looking at our oceans and all the animals that live there. For maths we have been consolidating our knowledge of 2D shapes, ready to explore 3D shapes next week! Whilst in Forest school we came across an enormous Stag Beetle. We gave Mrs Barnett 10 brave points for moving the beetle to a safe spot. Our caterpillars have arrived this week too, and we cannot wait to watch them grow!



YEAR ONE

Year I have had a great first week back. The sun has been shining and the atmosphere in our class has been amazing. We are starting this term thinking about superheroes and the children have been thinking about what their superpowers are. It has turned out that we are all superheroes and we help everyone in our school. We have also been enjoying the sun outside doing some lovely races.

YEAR TWO

Year two have started the topic of Explorers and have talked about what explorers did in the past. Where we have explored as a human race and came up with a few names of famous people we know. We look forward to finding out more.



YEAR THREE

This week year 3 began an exciting DT project. We are designing and making greenhouses. Initially we thought about a concept design and made some initial drawings. Ghyll was particularly imaginative with his top hat design. Over the next weeks we will do scaled drawing, building and evaluating our project,

YEAR FOUR

This term, our theme is Potions and Lotions. First off we have started reading 'The Wizards of Once' - the children are really enjoying it. In English, we have been understanding newspaper layouts as well as breaking down headlines to find out the story. In Maths this week, we carried on with time and all children have made progress with their ability to tell the time. In Science, we have started to learn about solids, liquids and gases. In this, the children demonstrated how particles move in all three states. The children started doing javelin in P.E, which they all seem to love and showed progression throughout the lesson. Lastly, the children have been saying how excited they are for bell-boating this Friday!



YEAR FIVE

On Thursday morning, Year 5 had a fabulous Forest School session at Clive's Fruit Farm. Mrs Gabriel set up lots of fun activities, which were linked to our learning about plants, including flower bashing (making an imprint of leaves or flowers by hitting the plant inside fabric with a mallet) and making mini sketchbooks of plants. We identified our finds through using keys, charts, books and a clever identification app. It was lovely to be in the forest, so close to nature and we had a great time.



YEAR SIX - the start of the final term for Year 6

As part of the dioceses virtual leavers' service, the class worked together to learn, perform and record a recital of the famous poem 'If' by Rudyard Kipling

A great example of the super goose ethos in Year 6



SPEECH AND LANGUAGE

There are so many words to describe math operations! Here is a sorting activity to see which words older children understand. The resource can be downloaded from www.hacw.nhs.uk/childrens-speech-and-language-resources - look under 'Visual Support for Maths'.

Number Word Sorting

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Number Word Sorting

increase	and	add	together
more	plus	total	sum
difference between	subtract	decrease	less
reduce	take away	take from	fewer
minus			
multiply	groups of	lots of	product
times	multiplied by		
share	divide	divided by	divisible by
share equally	group		

And there is a demo video to watch at:

https://youtu.be/dgN5Cck_kkU

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



SOUTH WORCESTERSHIRE ADDITIONAL NEEDS SUPPORT GROUP

***We are happy to announce we are doing our first
FACE TO FACE meeting Next Friday June 18th at
1.30pm on the green to the right of Pershore Abbey.***

Please contact Hollie on

hollie.carver@actionforchildren.org.uk

***to secure a place and let her know you are coming
along. Everyone is welcome, even if you do not yet
have a diagnosis or are at the very start of your
journey.***



PUBLIC CONSULTATION INTO A MAJOR NEW SECONDARY SCHOOL IN WORCESTER

Worcestershire County Council has started seeking the views of residents after approving a 600-place school, expected to cost around £35million, back in February.

A month-long public consultation is being launched to find out what matters most to residents in the delivery of a new school for their children.

As part of the plans, the school will be run by an academy sponsor, which will be appointed in the autumn term of 2021.

The reason for the school is to cope with an increasing demand for school places following the approval of a number of large housing developments in and around Worcester.

Cllr Marcus Hart, cabinet member with responsibility for education and skills, said: "Making sure children across the county have access to good quality education is a long-term priority for the County Council.

We really want to hear the public and stakeholder views of what is important to you about this exciting project. Over the past five years, we have invested in developing facilities at the existing secondary schools in Worcester.

The level of additional places required now provides us with an opportunity to consider the delivery of a new school. The location of the site of any new school will consider several factors including reducing pressure from oversubscribed schools and helping parents to fulfil their preference in choice of secondary school for their children."

Public responses to the consultation will be used by the council to decide on the exact specifications of the school and what will be needed to help the academy organisation establish it.

The survey runs from 11th May to 11th June and residents can submit their responses online at:

www.worcestershire.gov.uk/newsecondaryschool