



Upton Primary Newsletter

2nd July 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

Judge not, that you be not judged

Matthew 7:1

SPECIAL HIGHLIGHT'S FROM THIS WEEK

This week we have seen two examples of courage within difficult circumstances.



This week would have been the 60th birthday of Princess Diana who died in August 1997. Prince William and Prince Harry were both very young at the time of her death but have always shown resilience and strength in dealing with their loss. Their mother's love reaches out to them through the years and the unveiling of the very beautiful statue on Thursday 1st July was testament to the love that she spread throughout her life.

The other item in the news this week was the historic win for England over Germany in the Euro 2020 tournament. This is the first time since 1966 that England have beaten Germany in a knockout stage. Gareth Southgate, the Manager, has shown courageous leadership throughout his time as manager. This win is historically important and we wish them every success in their match on Saturday night against Ukraine.



POSITIVITY AND WELLBEING

Class 4 have recently hatched, within their classroom, a set of ducklings. Late one evening, as I was locking the school with Miss Ludlow, we heard a strange noise and on investigating the incubator we saw one of the eggs had started to crack. Watching carefully we were there as Chance hatched out. She is an absolutely adorable duck and is being brought up as a 'house duck' with Mrs Oliver.



Chance was brought into school today and the children enjoyed watching her and seeing how she follows Mrs Oliver everywhere. These experiences are very important for our children as they extend their emotional wellbeing and give them a different perspective on relationship building. The bond that the duck has with Mrs Oliver is rather interesting to watch and is based on the fact the duck trusts and respects the care that Mrs Oliver provides.

We are exploring different avenues of development for our children to enhance their emotional wellbeing to lessen any impact from the Covid crisis we have all been living through. It is vital we talk about what our children have gained through this as opposed to what children have lost because there have been experiences and events for them that will

have impacted their emotional development. As a school we want to build for the future and give our children as much holistic support as is possible. A separate questionnaire will be sent to you to have parental input on some ideas that we have for future school development. We can only improve with your support and to build our school development plan for next year I would ask for your responses to this form.

THE MOORINGS

	Mon 5 th July	Tues 6 th July	Weds 7 th July	Thurs 8 th July	Friday 9 th July
Activity	Assault course	Adventure playground	Junk modelling	Bingo	Chalk collages
We always offer lots of physical activities for the children, including football, cricket, rounders, tennis and much more!					
Tea	Mac & Cheese	Jacket Potatoes & Veg sticks	Chicken burgers with salad	Enchiladas	Fish fingers, chips & peas

	Mon 12 th July	Tues 13 th July	Weds 14 th July	Thurs 15 th July	Friday 16 th July
Activity	Talent show	Hide & Seek on the field	Handprint painting	Adventure playground	Emoji Day (design an emoji)
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Tea	Cheese & Beans pastries	Chicken curry	Fish cakes, waffles & sweetcorn	Cowboy pie	Tomato soup

	Mon 19 th July	Tues 20 th July	Weds 21 st July	Thurs	Friday
Activity	Movie Monday	Moon Day (celebrating the day man landed on the moon)	Party	Summer Holidays	Summer Holidays
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Tea	Pizza & corn on the cob	Chicken goujons, chips & peas	A special treat!		

CELEBRATIONS OF LEARNING

RIVER ROOM

We had a very sporty week this week in the River Room. We have been running, throwing, balancing, jumping and climbing, and it has been so much fun!



NURSERY

This week in Nursery we have been cheering on the Euro football teams ,designing our own football shirts and playing a great football numeral recognition game. We have also been 'sporty' ourselves having a go at a variety of sporty activities including football, skittles, hoopla, beanbag distance throwing and some traditional running races. We all joined in really well and rewarded ourselves by making some shiny medals!



RECEPTION

We are having a great time exploring the Amazon rainforest! We have started creating our rainforest shoe boxes (LOTS of green paint involved) which we can't wait for you to see once they are finished, and we have been thinking of lots of questions we would want to ask the indigenise children. In maths we have been continuing exploring written number problems and in literacy we have been exploring the use of conjunctions to extend our writing.



YEAR ONE

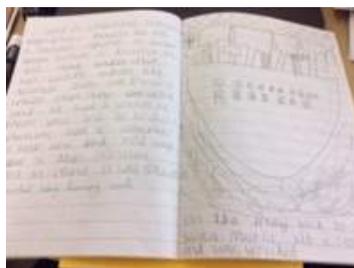
Year 1 have been busy preparing for their superhero day by investigating materials, talking about their special powers and making masks.

They really enjoyed using the computers this week and made pizzas using the Scratch programme.



YEAR TWO

Children in Year 2 researched different explorers including Amelia Earheart and Christopher Columbus. They used the laptops and learning cards to find the facts. Here is some of their great work.



YEAR THREE

This week year 3 began a book called 'The incredible book eating boy' by Oliver Jeffers. We are exploring how to build effective sentences to write a comedy story. In maths we ventured outside to do some practical work on capacity. We found all sorts of containers and filled them with water. We then chose an effective way of measuring the water in them.



Year 3 also had a most exciting Friday at forest school at Clive's Fruit Farm. The children had great fun making slides and dens and climbing ropes. It was so great to be able to have some outdoor fun and let the children explore the nature around our town.



YEAR FOUR

This week Year 4 have been doing some creative writing all about forests using similes and expanded noun phrases. In Science this week we carried out an investigation about conduction. Our experiment did not quite go to plan but it gave us lots to discuss afterwards about fair testing. In Maths, we have been developing our knowledge of different types of angles including acute, obtuse and right angles. We also had lots of fun making bath bombs in class, we then looked at how this links to our Science learning about states of matter. Whilst doing this project, the children worked brilliantly as teams together and showcased their great measuring skills. Also, we have started tennis in PE, lots of children demonstrated their great ball control and enthusiasm for the sport.



YEAR FIVE

We have had two fantastic days of outdoor adventurous activity at Boundless Outdoors in Malvern. After a long walk to the summit of the Beacon of the Malvern Hills, we challenged ourselves on the zip wire and climbing wall. On the second day, we took part in lots of team-building activities, including tunnels and pole climbing, and loved archery too. We stretched ourselves mentally as well as physically, exploring our personal boundaries and stretching them. We were all so proud of our achievements!



YEAR SIX

Year 6 have started on their production. Wow what a year! Lots of fun was had by all as we learnt lines and dance moves. Our favourite song is called HERO, a tribute to all the heroes of the pandemic



SPEECH AND LANGUAGE

Everyone will be moving classes in September and some children will be moving into Reception! Here is a reminder of the advice for supporting transition.

If you have any concerns about your child's communication skills, please phone or email the school office 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)

5 ways to support children's transition



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When you buy selected Co-op products and services from the Co-op and use your rewards card, 2p from every £1 spent goes into your Co-op membership account. The Co-op will then also give the same amount to support community organisations and local causes. This year our school is lucky enough to have been chosen as one of their community organisations that they will donate funds to.

If you do not currently have a rewards card you can either collect a temporary card from the school reception office or sign up online at: <https://www.coop.co.uk/membership>



RARING2GO MAGAZINE

The summer Raring2Go magazine is out now, crammed full of ideas of things locally for you to do. Please do take a look, via the following link:

<https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/herefordandworcester/summer/>