



# Upton Primary Newsletter

15th October 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

Let the wise hear and increase in learning, and the one who understands obtain guidance.

*Proverbs 1:5*

This week we have continued to look at the theme of responsibility. The children in assembly looked at some famous faces who take responsibility in the world today including Gareth Southgate (England Manager) and Professor Sarah Gilbert (who invented the Covid Oxford Vaccine) and Greta Thunberg (Environmental Activist). The children were enthused and inspired by these success stories and we hope they have taken some valuable lessons about responsibility from these.

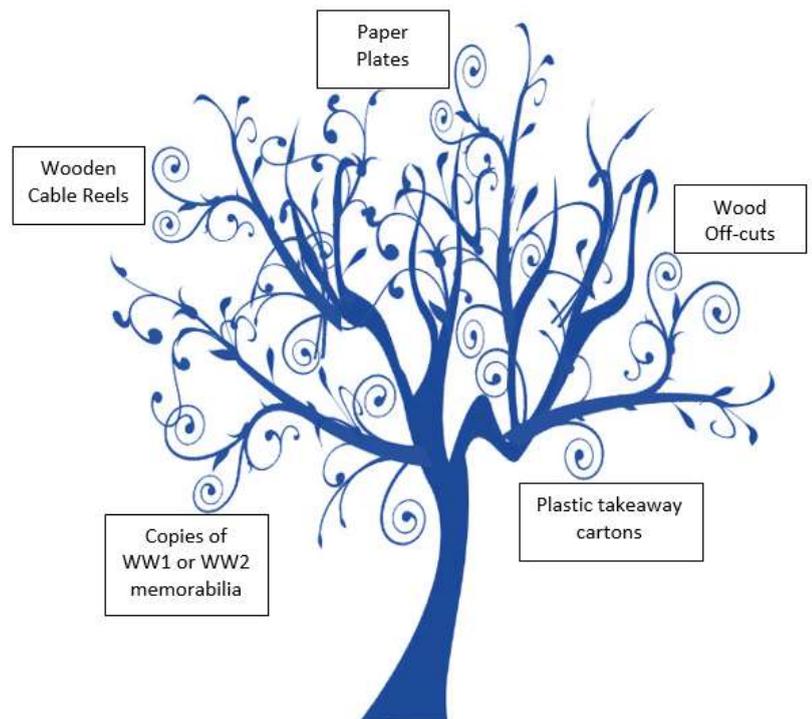


We have also commenced work on a running track around the perimeter of our school field. More details about how this will be used within our school community will be shared when we are ready to officially open it.

## WISH TREE

Today we are launching a new idea at Upton-upon-Severn CofE Primary and Pre School. The wish tree is a place where staff can make requests to parents for objects which would be useful in school. We would be very grateful for any donations.

These items do not necessarily have a huge monetary value, for example it might be boxes or bottle tops, old tyres etc. Please could any donations be taken to the office



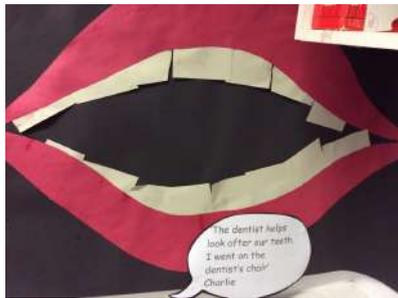
## HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

The deadline to apply for high school applications is **31st October 2021**. If you have not already done this, please do so via: [https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20099/school\\_admissions](https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20099/school_admissions)

## CELEBRATIONS OF LEARNING

### NURSERY

In Nursery this week we have been learning about the importance of looking after our teeth through reading the story 'The Selfish Crocodile'. He had a bad tooth but someone very small and brave helped him and we have talked about how although we are small in Nursery we can still help others. We have also been sorting according to size in our numeracy work and Mrs Berryman is super impressed with how fantastic we've all been at this.



### RECEPTION

Reception have had another fun packed week, learning indoors and out through play. Thank you to all those parents who attended parents' evening. It was lovely to catch up and be able to share with you the amazing progress that has been made by the children in their first weeks at school. We have been thinking about heroes again this week and have read the book 'A hero like you' which has made us think more about the heroes that are around us every day and how everyone can be a hero by showing kindness and being helpful, these are two things that we as a class had worked really hard in over the past few weeks. It has been lovely to see the whole class coming together and working well.



### YEAR ONE

Year one have been working (and playing!) hard this week. They have written lost posters to help the Queen find her hat, learned about Queen Victoria and had a go at making their own Victorian toys; peg doll soldiers and an optical illusion trick. In Maths we have been using part-whole models to help us write our own additional sentences, which we found tricky at first but are now more confident with!



### YEAR TWO

On Tuesday Year 2 had 'the best day ever!' to quote Harry B. As part of our work on instructional texts, we made jam sandwiches. This was met with lots of enthusiastic buttering and jam splodging and finally a chance to eat them!. The children did really well and this was a great stimulus for writing our instructions using time connectives and bossy verbs.



### YEAR THREE

We have been exploring life using the Stone Age and looking at what is left behind from this time. We learnt about Stonehenge and created our own mini versions, using materials from our classroom in similar structures.



### YEAR FOUR

On Tuesday, Year 4 had their very own ancient Greek Olympics! In the morning the children performed their Olympic oaths for the Greek god Zeus. Then we made city state posters for their different cities, they were split into Spartans, Athenians, Corinthians and Megarians. We created our own winners' laurel wreaths and talked about the different sports we would try. In the afternoon each team competed in sprinting, javelin, discus and chariot racing! Megarians were our winners but we had some great fun in the process. We have continued to create our Greek vases and we have finished the week learning all about ancient Greek foods – especially the importance of olives and honey. We even had a go at using our cutting skills in DT to create our own Greek Salad!



### YEAR FIVE

In RE this week Year 5 have thought about questions about the creation story in Genesis and the beginning of the universe and life. We sorted these questions into those that are better answered by science and those by religious text. The children reflected on whether science and religion complement each other or are in conflict. The children thought deeply about some of their questions such as; How was the Big Bang created? Did the first cell just come out of nowhere? How were the other planets made? Why did God create the Earth? Did God cause evolution? If God created Adam and Eve where do the dinosaurs come in? What if God made the Big Bang happen? What if it is just a story?



We have also started work on an art project this week to make gigantic jewellery using mod-roc; the creativity and concentration was fantastic.

### YEAR SIX

Year 6 have been enjoying using the new apparatus which was installed in the hall at the end of the summer. We have a brand new wall bar which features adjusting angled ladders and hoops to climb through. The children loved attaching the bar for somersaults and also climbed the new ropes. The 'Sports Stars' have been trained to get out and put away the apparatus.



# HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

Clare (Year 5) for superb poetry writing

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

May we please remind parents to ensure that all items of your child's uniform from jumpers/cardigans to shoes have your **child's name and class number** clearly marked in them - this can easily be done with a permanent marker. This is to ensure that any misplaced items can be returned efficiently and dramatically reduce the amount of lost property in school.

## SPEECH AND LANGUAGE

We store words by knowing their meaning but also the sounds in them. Here's a game to play at home thinking about the category of words and their first sound:

### Alphabet lists

Choose a category, it might be something like clothes, food or TV programmes. Then choose a letter. See how many words you can think of from that category that start with the letter. E.g.: clothes starting with 's': scarf, socks, sweatshirt.

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 to school. You can also contact me directly on 01562 752749. **Keren Somers (Speech and Language Therapist)**

## COMMUNITY NOTICES



**Bright Lights PARTY!**  
Sunday October 31 5-6:30pm  
at Upton Parish Church

★ A fun family alternative to Halloween especially for ages 4-11.  
Bouncy castle . glowsticks . party games . craft . Hot dog tea . video games . prizes  
Wear your brightest, sparkliest clothes! Prize for best costume.

Tickets £3 per child if bought in advance. £4 on the night. Supervising adult to attend party too  
Information and tickets via HopechurchUpton Facebook Page and Eventbrite

 **Hope Church Family**  
The Church of England parishes of Upton with the Hook, Ripple, Earls, Troons, with Hill Cottage and Shenham, Hineley Castle with Hineley Swan and Westcott.

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