



Upton Primary Newsletter

17th September 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

Casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

Peter 5:7

YEAR 6 LEAVERS 2021 POSTPONED ENTERPRISE FAIR

On Wednesday the postponed Year 6 enterprise fair took place. This fair should have been held during the last week of the summer term but unfortunately our Year 6 bubble had to be closed and therefore we were unable to run it as scheduled. In order to keep the enterprise fair as Covid safe as possible, this year we had to ensure that any products were bought and packaged according to a safety protocol. We realise this was not as eco friendly and sustainable as potentially we would have liked, however, it did ensure safety from a Covid perspective.

The current Year 6 were absolutely marvellous in their organisation and presenting of the goods, creating fabulous posters, sorting and pricing the goods to be sold.



Year 6 sold absolutely everything that had been sourced by last summer's Year 6 leavers, making a grand total of £211.70 which will be used to provide resources to enrich our school curriculum. Thank you to all the children that came along and bought the products.

AIR AMBULANCE 'SAVING LIVES BY WEARING RED'

The Midlands Air Ambulance has been a sight in the Worcestershire skies for 30 years this year. To celebrate this anniversary, we are coming together with other schools across Worcestershire to endeavour to raise a significant sum of money for this life saving charity. You will be aware that in May we ran a 'Wear Red and Yellow' day for the Air Ambulance and we are excited to build on from here working with the other schools to see how much we can raise together.

We never know when we may need this vital service and on average 12% of the 4000+ missions MAAC attends each year, is to a child in need of urgent medical care. Each critically important air ambulance mission costs the charity £2,500, which is entirely funded by charitable donations from the general public and local businesses. They do an amazing job and I hope you will support this day and send your child into school wearing something red.

The day will be called 'Saving lives by Wearing Red' as their motto is 'Saving lives by Saving time' and will take place on **Thursday 30th September** to mark their 30 years. It would be brilliant if we can get as many schools as possible to join with this to see how much impact we can have on their fundraising when we all work together.

Visit the air ambulance [website](#) to find out more about the lifesaving work our donations would help to fund.

OPERATION ENCOMPASS

Our school has been given the opportunity to take part in a national project, which is being run locally in partnership with Worcestershire Children First and West Mercia Police. Please see the attached letter for more information.

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EDUCATION APPOINTMENT

We would like to congratulate Nadhim Zahawi MP on his appointment as the new Secretary of State for Education. Following his appointment on Wednesday 15th September, he said:

“Education is a crucial part of our levelling up agenda so it’s an honour to be back at the Department for Education as Secretary of State.

Children and young people have had a tough time during this pandemic, and I’ll be listening to them and their families as we accelerate our work to build back better and fairer.

From my own experience, I know what a beacon of opportunity this country can be, and I want all children, young people and adults to have access to a brilliant education, the right qualifications and opportunities to secure good jobs. That’s both vital for them, and also our economy and is more important now than ever before.

I can’t wait to get started, working with the amazing teachers and staff in our nurseries, schools, colleges and universities as well as employers and businesses.”

CELEBRATIONS OF LEARNING

NURSERY

In Nursery we have had great fun exploring the idea of 'helping heroes' through discussions about people who help us at home, our favourite superheroes and reading 'Supertato'. We have had a visit from some cheeky peas who froze all the vegetables to blocks of ice until we managed to free them and caused chaos in the class. Fortunately, they fell for our sticky jelly trap and we used our tweezers carefully to pick them up one by one and talk to them about making better choices.



RECEPTION

This has been our first full week in school and we have worked so hard being really grown up and Mrs Johnson and Mrs Barnett have been so proud of all of us. There has been so many amazing things that we have done here are a few pictures of some of them.

YEAR ONE

Everyone in Class 1 has settled in really well and are quickly learning new routines and expectations. We've been exploring numbers to 10 in Maths, using lots of different objects and different ways of representing them. We persuaded the crayons not to quit by drawing pictures of our favourite things and discussing all the wonderful things in our world. The class have also been wowing Miss Teague with their fantastic phonics knowledge!

YEAR TWO

This week, Year 2 have been learning all about how the Great Fire of London started and why it spread so quickly. We were lucky enough to have Mrs Gabriel work with us on Wednesday to recreate the fire and to teach us all about things that burn. We tried really hard to put the fire out using cups of water and a really long line to recreate the people of London trying to get water from the Thames. We will continue with our topic this half term and eventually have our own huge Fire of London.

YEAR THREE

Class 3 are learning about instructions; how they are set out and how to write them. So, Mrs Moroni wanted to test how good the class are at following instructions! It turns out the class are brilliant at this, as they read what to do and made these lovely finger puppets independently or with a little support from their peers.



YEAR FOUR

Year 4 have had an exciting few weeks starting with our topic on the ancient Greeks. We have enjoyed learning about some of the Greek mythical creatures and creating our own as well as reading some of the Greek myths. We have also been developing our knowledge of rounding and place value in Maths. During History we have been investigating primary sources by handling artefacts and discussing what they tell us about the ancient Greeks. We have also enjoyed our forest school sessions!



YEAR FIVE

Year 5 have started their academic year superbly, by getting fully involved in story writing, history work on early Islamic civilisation and improving their understanding of numbers.

We have encouraged a love of reading by making some origami style 'Monster Bookmarks' – the results were fabulous and the children have individually created something they can place on their favourite books at school.



YEAR SIX

Year 6 have had a fabulous week of learning. We have started our Science topic based on 'Classification of Living Things'. Their task this week was to create a 'zoo' using the classification skills to place animals together. Great fun was had working out where best to place each of the animals.



NEIGHBOURHOOD MATTERS

The Police have a new system to interact with its communities called Neighbourhood Matters which enables residents, businesses and community groups across Herefordshire, Worcestershire, Shropshire and Telford to find out more about what is happening in your local community. It also gives you the opportunity to contact police officers and local policing teams directly so they can raise any concerns and provide feedback.

It is a free service and those who sign up can choose to receive news and appeals, local crime information and crime prevention advice via a number of different channels.

Assistant Chief Constable Rachel Jones, said: "We are delighted to launch Neighborhood Matters as a key part of our Local Policing and Community Charter. The new messaging service will help us to work more closely with the public, build strong community relationships and both reduce and prevent crime.

"Intelligence received from our communities is vital in preventing and detecting crime and anti-social behaviour. Neighbourhood Matters will be another mechanism that people can use to pass on information and concerns, speak directly to local teams and keep up-to-date with policing in their area. By working together to share information we can make a real difference."

The messages people receive will be targeted and based on their location and preferences selected by each individual. The public can sign up for local updates from their neighbourhood policing team, or join a number of specialised community interest groups such as Business Watch, wildlife crime and crime prevention.

For further information please see: www.neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk

SPEECH AND LANGUAGE

Lots of children are starting a new setting this term. Some children speak readily in new situations but others take more time to build confidence in using language outside of home. Here are some tips to help your child if your child is reluctant to talk:

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)

How to help at home

- Let your child know you understand and are not worried about their reluctance to talk. Do not put pressure on them to talk as this can increase anxiety.
- Explain the situation to others when you are away from your child rather than in front of them.
- Encourage lots of conversation at home, and in other places where your child is comfortable, in order to develop their talking and their confidence.
- Be positive about new social situations and try to do things that you know that your child will enjoy to help them build their confidence.
- Avoid direct questions, comment instead. If you do ask a direct question, either answer it yourself or respond with a comment eg. 'Let's decide later'
- Try making comments such as 'I wonder....', 'I expect... ' which may provoke a response, but do not need one.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

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King's offers academic excellence, outstanding pastoral care and a unique programme of co-curricular opportunities to over 680 pupils, aged 3 to 18.

We warmly invite you to our next
Open Morning
Saturday 2nd October
to discover more about our Senior School, meet pupils and teachers and experience our inspiring environment for yourself.

If you would like to attend please email admissions@thekingsschool.co.uk or register via our website: www.thekingsschool.co.uk

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Independent School of the year

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OPEN MORNING
INVITATION

We invite you to visit RGS Worcester to discover how we prepare pupils for life, and learn about the amazing opportunities that we can offer your child.

2 October 2021
9.00am - 1.00pm

To book an appointment please visit www.rgsw.org.uk

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