



Upton Primary Newsletter

24th 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

While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat,
and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

Genesis 8:22

HARVEST SERVICE

For one of our morning assemblies next week, weather permitting, the children are going to hold a harvest service on the playground. Each class is preparing an item to contribute towards this sharing service. We are basing this around the theme of 'Giving thanks' as there is so much for us to be thankful for, including our harvests and people who help us. Malvern Foodbank has asked if we can support them with donations of non-perishable food items and we would be grateful if you could send an item in with your child one morning next week, which we will then pass to them to distribute to local people. We know you share our disappointment in being unable to invite you to join us for this service and we look forward to a time when we can celebrate together.



REMINDER - AIR AMBULANCE 'SAVING LIVES BY WEARING RED'

On **Thursday 30th September**, to mark the 30 year anniversary of the Midlands Air Ambulance, we are coming together with other local schools to 'save lives by wearing red'. **Visit the [air ambulance website](#) to find out more about the lifesaving work our donations would help to fund.**

BIKE TO SCHOOL WEEK and BBC HEREFORD AND WORCESTER

Children's physical and mental health is so important to us as a school and we have a great opportunity to promote this next week through the National Bike to School Week project. This is a week-long event across the UK to encourage families to cycle and scoot to school. It is a great way to celebrate the huge benefits an active school run brings. This year it takes place from 27th September to 1st October 2021. We would encourage as many children as possible to be involved with this great event prior to the bikeability events that are happening with our Years 5 and 6 children later this term. More information can be found at:

<https://www.sustrans.org.uk/our-blog/projects/uk-wide/schools/bike-to-school-week>

All families that fill in their [short online form](#) to say their children will take part, will automatically be entered into a free prize draw to win a Frog bike!

In addition BBC HEREFORD AND WORCESTER will be joining us from 7.30am onwards to talk to the children as they arrive at school asking about how they have come to school. It would be brilliant if we can have as many children as possible cycling to school. The bike storage area always has spaces.

HOMEWORK

Following on from the consultation that we did with parents regarding homework we are going to trial homework approaches through reading, spelling and TTRockstars (KS2) for homework this term - you will see the spellings set on SeeSaw. We would always value and encourage learning opportunities at home, particularly around the history topics that are currently being studied, so please feel confident that if you and your child would like to participate in their own learning and research at home and bring it to school, it will be valued by their teacher. We will review this stance regularly and we appreciate the continued feedback you provide us with to help us improve.

SCHOOL GAMES MARK FRAMEWORK CERTIFICATE

We are delighted to announce that our school has been awarded the School Games Mark Framework Certificate for our ongoing engagement in the School Games for the 2020/2021 academic year. This is a special achievement, particularly due to the circumstances that we have faced relating to the pandemic.



TRAUMA INFORMED UK SCHOOLS



Over the last 12 months our SENDCo, Miss Jo Ludlow, has completed ten days of training and this week has achieved TISUK Diploma (Level 5) in Trauma and Mental Health Informed Schools and Communities. This means that Upton-upon-Severn primary now has a trained practitioner in school to support children who may have experienced or are experiencing trauma in their lives.

Over the next year we will be developing a whole school shared approach. On our training day at the beginning of the year all staff attended an introduction session and have already begun to learn some of the strategies and techniques that have been proven to help children with their social, emotional and mental health and well being.

MORRISONS - TIME TO GROW

For every £10 you spend (in store or online) at Morrisons, you will get a Grow Token to help our school get everything they need to get growing. Download the MyMorrisons app today to start collecting Grow Tokens and choose our school to donate to. Our school will then be able to exchange the Grow Tokens for FREE gardening equipment to get kids growing.



CELEBRATIONS OF LEARNING

NURSERY

In Nursery this week we have been learning about the medical profession. We have enjoyed pretending to be doctors, nurses and paramedics and explored what a doctor carries in their bag. We made our own doctor's bags and even created our own Nursery doctor!. Our word of the week was 'skeleton' and we enjoyed reading funny bones, creating our own skeleton collages and even tried a funny bones dance that we were really good at.



RECEPTION

In reception we have been thinking about the people in our community that are our heroes. We have focused lots this week on firefighters and have enjoyed sharing the story of 'Charlie the Firefighters'. We have created art work and also constructed our own fire engine. It has been another amazing week and I can't wait to see what the children create next week





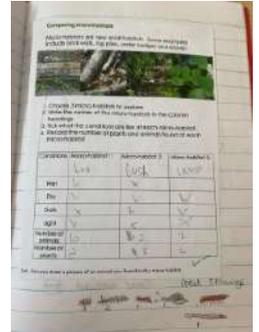
YEAR ONE

This week in Year 1 we have been reading *The Colour Monster* and thinking about feelings. We listened to different music and thought about how it made us feel. We shared some of the things that frighten us and thought about what makes us feel happy. We also examined some special objects in RE and made some predictions as to what they might be used for!



YEAR TWO

This week, Year 2 have learnt all about micro-habitats. First we identified all the microhabitats at school and then we went in hunt of minibeasts. The children were able to identify all the conditions each habitat had and why it was so good for the mini beasts.



YEAR THREE

In Year 3, we are learning about rocks. This week, our budding palaeontologists have studied fossils which we examined carefully with hand lenses, before sketching and then researching how they were formed and where they are found. Mrs. Moroni doesn't think the 'Devil's Toenail' is a very nice name for a fossil but we all agreed that they are fascinating to look at and research, and we were grateful to Harry for bringing in so many and letting us share them in class.



YEAR FOUR

Class 4 have been writing their own Greek myths this week in class and they have produced fabulous myths with some horrifying monsters! They have also learned all about the difference between living in Athens and Sparta in the ancient Greek times and many of the class were surprised by some of the rules they had to live by.



In Art, we have continued with our Greek topic and produced some detailed drawings of our own Greek amphoras with repeating patterns, scenes from the myths and the Greek Olympics! We have also continued with our cricket training which the children are thoroughly enjoying and learning new skills each week.

YEAR FIVE

This week, Year 5 have been learning about the House of Wisdom, which was in Baghdad more than 750 years ago – it was a place where people visited from all over the world and where some serious advancements were made for human civilization at the time (some of which we still use today). The class made adverts to try and sell the place to international visitors and created some pleasing results which are on their SeeSaw accounts.



YEAR SIX

This week, Year 6 have been learning how to improve their batting skills in PE. They scored points for hitting in the right direction and how far they could hit it. This half-term, KS2 have been receiving some cricket coaching from the Worcestershire County Cricket Club. It is fantastic to have coaches into school again and learn from their expertise.



COMMUNITY NOTICES



COUCH TO 5K

Rachel Nicholls, the Physical Activity and Wellbeing Officer for Malvern Hills District Council, will be running a Couch to 5K 12 week programme from our Riverboats Children's Centre every Tuesday, starting 5th October. To book a place email: getactive@malvern hills.gov.uk or telephone 01684 862250.

Rachel delivers a range of get active programmes for children, families and adults in the local community covering Malvern Hills District. To give you an idea of activities these include learn to ride, Bikeability L1 and L2, Couch to 5km, Couch to 50km amongst many other programmes.

Full details can be found on the Malvern Hills website:

<https://www.malvern hills.gov.uk/community/health-and-wellbeing/get-active>

A colorful poster for 'SUNDAYS FUNDAYS FAMILY WORSHIP'. The text reads '1st & 3rd FAMILY WORSHIP 9.30 am with FREE Bouncy castle, food, songs, games, kidsclub, Wii'. It features a cartoon illustration of a bouncy castle and a church tower. Below the main text, it says 'AUTUMN 21' and lists events: '19 SEP 17 OCT 07 NOV BREAKFAST CHURCH FAMILY WORSHIP 9.30am', '03 OCT FAMILY HARVEST PARTY 9.30 -11.30 am', '31 OCT FAMILY BRIGHTLIGHTS PARTY 5-6.30 pm', and '14 NOV REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE 10.45am'. At the bottom, it says 'TO BOOK ONTO CHILDRENS CLUBS, YOUTH CLUB, GROW GROUP, PARTIES, OPEN HOUSE FAMILY TEAS, OR TODDLERS INFO, SEE EVENTS TAB ON HOPECHURCH UPTON FACEBOOK PAGE. OR 07977975190'. There is a Facebook logo in the bottom left corner.

A poster for Aston Villa Football Club's Academy Emerging Talent Centre in Tewkesbury. It features the AVFC crest with a yellow lion and the motto 'PREPARED'. The text reads 'Aston Villa Football Club | ACADEMY Emerging Talent Centre – Tewkesbury'. Below this, there is a list of criteria for registration: 'Are you a current U7, U8, U9 or U10? (2021-22 Season)', 'Do you live within 30 minutes of Tewkesbury?', 'Do you want to attend an open training session at our Emerging Talent Centre based in Tewkesbury?', and 'Email – talentid@avfc.co.uk to register your interest.' To the right of the list, there is a white box with the text 'Open Training Sessions'.