



Upton Primary Newsletter

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*)

29th April 2022

WEEKLY BIBLE QUOTE

By your endurance you will gain your lives

Luke 21:19

WELCOME TO THE SUMMER TERM



As we start the summer term we are focussing on the value of 'Perseverance' for this term. This is vital to all we do throughout school, it is through persevering with our work that we can achieve at whatever age we are. We introduced the theme to the children using a clip showing some ducklings trying to follow their mother up some steps. We discussed with the children what the ducklings were doing and how important it is to keep on trying when things seem impossible to achieve. This is a vital key to building resilience in life that we will all need and we will be developing the theme throughout this half term.

WORKING WITH OUR COMMUNITY

As the local primary school, we have always enjoyed working with our local community and this year marks a particularly special time, as we prepare for our Queen's forthcoming platinum jubilee.

Amy Wearing from the Baptist Church has recently visited school to ask the children to be involved in a design for a placemat. This is for a rather special event that all the children at Upton upon Severn Primary will be invited to. A grand street party on Sunday June 5th to celebrate the platinum jubilee is being planned and the children will all have the opportunity to gain a ticket for this special event. They are asked to design a placemat for the platinum jubilee street party and the best three jubilee placemats will be chosen and duplicated for all the children to use on the day.



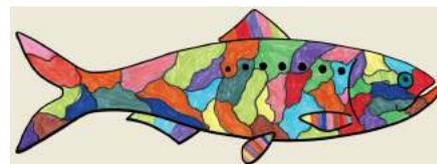
As we approach this very special time, we have been reflecting on the number of pupils who have gone through Upton primary since the coronation on June 2nd 1952. This is where we ask for your help. Can you help us make a special platinum jubilee celebration exhibition for our school?

Do you have any old photographs or books, old school uniform or school artefacts that may be of interest to us now that span the years back to 1953? We would like to invite all the community to send us some of their thoughts and memories of their time in school. We will make a special display and this will all be clearly labelled to enable the items to be safely loaned to us. We do have a number of historic items in school that date back many years which we will put into a display and this will be available in the school hall the week after the jubilee celebrations each afternoon from 2.00pm to 4.00pm and refreshments will also be available during this time. Please email the office@uptonuponsevern.worcs.sch.uk for further information.

We do have many other ideas planned for the week and these will be shared with you over the next few weeks.

SHAD WINNER

Recently we informed you about the Shad fish competition. We would like to say a big thank you (to you all) for the fantastic shad designs that were submitted for the shad flag competition. They are delighted to inform us that a design by one of our pupils has been selected to feature on the commemorative flag. This was the entry by Katie in Year 5.



In total they had over 1,000 entries, largely from school children attending schools near the River Severn, and they were absolutely overwhelmed by the quality of the entries. It was an extremely hard task for them to select just a few of so very many brilliant entries. They made an initial shortlist selection from which the final selection was made, based on selecting a shoal of fish that would work well together on the flag.

They hope that many local children have been inspired to go and make a visit to the fish pass at Diglis in Worcester during May when the shad fish are on the river. Full details of how to book a visit, plus other events and special open days are available on our website at www.unlockingthesevern.co.uk.

STAFFING

We would like to welcome Mr Adam Kent (Deputy Head), Miss Charlotte Gillson (Teacher) and Miss Tamzin Murphy (Preschool Teaching Assistant) to the Upton team.

SCHOOL PAYMENTS

As some of you may be aware, over the last couple of months there have been issues with the Payments4Schools system regarding payments for trips and events. As this is a continuing issue we have set up a new payments system with Teachers2Parents. Those that already have the Teachers2Parents App installed on their phones will see (in the side drop down menu ☰) an extra menu showing payment links. Guidance information will be sent out next week regarding this.

CELEBRATIONS OF LEARNING

THE MOORINGS

This week we have been busy constructing things from junk modelling to create some masterpiece buildings from spaghetti and marshmallows. We have also been making the most of the sunshine with outdoor games, including dodgeball.

NURSERY

What an amazing first week back we have had in nursery. Everyone has returned with excitement and it is lovely how well engaged everyone is. This week we carried out some experiments in science to see which items float and which sank. We also had a special moon slime delivery; we think it came straight from a spaceman. Lots of sticky fun was had using it!



RECEPTION

Welcome back to the Summer term. What an amazing start to the term we have had looking at our new topic 'To infinity and beyond'. This week we have been travelling 'up up up in a balloon' and seeing what adventures we can have on the way. We have looked at the different types of transport that we know and when we use them.



We have started a new school theme of perseverance and all the children have thought about something that they are going to try hard to achieve by the end of the term. In forest school this week we made space play dough and added flowers to make different smells.

YEAR ONE



Year 1 had a great week. We shared and wrote up our holiday adventures using time connectives, investigated past and present tense verbs and made discoveries about healthy food choices and learnt about weight and mass, having lots of fun finding different items to weigh - discussing which items are lighter/heavier or the same. Today we finished off the week by sharing the superb story 'The Snail and the Whale'. Our challenge was to complete a series of globetrotting - continent crossing and rather adventurous English, Maths and Geography activities in class!



YEAR TWO



Year 2 have come back to school with great enthusiasm for their learning. This week began a new English unit on Goldilocks, looking at both the traditional tale and also those with a twist. The children sequenced the story and enjoyed practising their sending and receiving skills in PE. The children have very much enjoyed creating their entries for the Warners cake competition and hope to be successful with their entries.



YEAR THREE



Our science work is about growing plants. The children planted runner beans in plastic bags and they hope to see some roots and shoots soon. There are so many interesting things to discover about plants and the children found many facts online. For example, do you know how long plants can live or if plants can get ill? Year 3 do!



YEAR FOUR



This week in year 4, we attended "Spy School". We created ID cards, looked at the characteristics of a spy and thought about who we would like to spy on (and why). We learnt the importance of tailing and spy language, as well as exploring changing appearance. We had secret passwords for the classroom and Sidney, our class sloth, joined in the fun by going undercover and hiding every evening.



YEAR FIVE



In Year 5 we have shown great enthusiasm for our new topic of 'Earth and Space'. The children have shown some excellent and impressive knowledge of our solar system and what may lie within it. In our English lessons we have been analysing emotive speeches from Mars and considering whether we should colonise other planets. To help visualise our solar system, the children calculated the distance between each planet using a scale and then measured how far each planet is from the sun using a trundle wheel.



YEAR SIX

Year 6 have deployed the value of perseverance during their STEM workshop. Using K'nex, they were presented with the challenge of making a device to sort recycling rubbish. The whole class worked superbly, supporting, encouraging and applauding the team declared the winners - Hector and Dougal.



Did you know recycling one shampoo bottle provides enough energy to toast three slices of bread. The video that was shared with the class can be found at www.Severnwaste.com/envirosort/the-process.

SPEECH AND LANGUAGE

This is one for older children! Some children need help to learn how to have to-and-fro conversations. Here are the rules for conversations that you can share and practise.

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

Worcestershire's Family Learning courses are due to start in the next week or so and there are still places available - all the courses are **FREE** for all parents/carers to attend.

Family Learning Courses

APRIL - JULY 2022

To book visit: www.worcestershire.gov.uk/adultlearning or call 01905 728537



Courses are **FREE** for everyone under the 'Your Turn to Learn' **FREE** campaign

Adult only courses

The Ultimate Art Package

Online | Tues, 3rd May 2022 (12 Weeks)

Writing for Wellbeing

Kidderminster Lib | Sat, 4th June (1 Week)
St John's Lib | Sat, 11th June (1 Week)

Experimental Acrylics

Fairfield Learning Centre | Fri, 20th May (8 Week)

The Ultimate Craft Package

Oasis Warndon Hub | Thurs, 28th April (12 Weeks)
The Pod | Wed, 27th April (12 Weeks)

Watercolour Experimentation Course

St Johns | Wed, 6th April (6 Weeks)
Alvechurch Lib | Tues, 3rd May (10 Weeks)

Drawing Experimentation Course

The Hive | Wed, 18th May (10 Weeks)

Mixed Media Experimentation Course

Fairfield Learning Centre | Fri, 29th April (10 Weeks)
Malvern Lib | Wed, 11th May (10 Weeks)

Drawing with Ink

Kidderminster Lib | Sat, 21st May (1 Weeks)

Ultimate Craft

Fairfield Learning Centre | Tues, 26th April (10 Weeks)
The Pod | Wed, 27th April (10 Weeks)

Adult only courses

Art & Self-help

Oasis Warndon Hub | Thurs, 28th April (10 Weeks)

Art & Wellbeing

Fairfield Learning Centre | Sat, 7th May (6 Weeks)

Moodmaster

Online | Wed, 4th May (12 Weeks)

Mindfulness & Meditation

Online | Thurs, 5th May (6 Weeks)

Becoming a Volunteer

The Pod | Fri, 6th May (3 Weeks)

Moodmaster (Men only)

Online | Thurs, 8th April (12 Weeks)

Mental Wellness for Adults

Fairfield Learning Centre | Wed, 8th June (7 Weeks)

Coaching your Growth Mindset

Fairfield Learning Centre | Thurs, 12th May (4 Weeks)
Droitwich Lib | Sat, 14th May (4 Weeks)
Fairfield Learning Centre | Thurs, 9th June (4 Weeks)

Our courses are in-venues or online. We offer support in joining us via; phone, tablet, ipad or laptop.

Please book onto each course by searching for the course title at: www.worcestershire.gov.uk/adultlearning or call 01905 728537

Adult only courses

Maths in the Early Years and Key Stage 1 for Parents

Online | Thurs, 5th May (8 Weeks)

Phonics, Literacy & English in Early Years

Online | Tues, 26th April (8 Weeks)

Maths & English in Key Stage 2 & 3

Online | Thurs, 28th April (5 Weeks)

E-safety for Parents - Keeping Safe Online

Online | Thurs, 5th May (8 Weeks)

Family Wellness Course for Parents and Carers

Online | Mon, 25th April (5 Weeks)

Family Learning Courses bring your child

STEM in Key Stage 1 & 2 for Families

Online | Thurs, 5th May (8 Weeks)

Cook with your Family for Parents and Children

Online | Sunday, 1st May (10 weeks)

Sign-a-story Course for Families

Fairfield Learning Centre | Tues, 7th June (4 weeks)

Adult only courses

SEND - Managing Mindfulness

Fairfield Learning Centre | Tues, 3rd May (8 Weeks)

SEND - Understanding Dyslexia

Online | Mon, 25th April (6 weeks)
Online | Mon, 6th June (4 weeks)

SEND - Understanding Dementia

Fairfield Learning Centre | Wed, 8th June

SEND - Nurture for Parents and Carers

Fairfield Learning Centre | Thurs, 5th May (10 Weeks)

SEND - Strategies for Positive Behaviour

Fairfield Learning Centre | Tues, 3rd May (8 Weeks)

Signalong Workshop for Adults

Online | Thurs, 28th April (8 Weeks)
Fairfield Learning Centre | Tues, 3rd May (5 Weeks)

