



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'
'To inspire ... To aspire'

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. *Philippians 4:13*

10th June 2022

WEEKLY BIBLE QUOTE

If you faint in the day of adversity, your strength is small

Proverbs 24:10

OUR VALUE FOR THIS TERM IS 'COURAGE'



QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Over the half term holiday we were able to join in the historic celebrations for the Queen's platinum jubilee. The whole country joined together in unison to celebrate this momentous occasion. Princess Elizabeth on 6th February 1952, following the death of her father King George VI, became Queen with her coronation taking place on 2nd June 1953. During the celebrations we saw many different and impressive displays of pageantry. Each year the Queen's birthday is officially celebrated with the Trooping of the Colour. This year was a particularly special event with over fourteen hundred officers and soldiers on parade, two hundred horses and four hundred musicians. The Red Arrows were part of a seventy plane flypast which lasted for more than six minutes. This impressive event took place on Thursday 2nd June which was the start of the jubilee bank holiday weekend. Over the next three days there were many more special events and culminating in the very unique and special moment of Paddington Bear joining the Queen at Buckingham Palace for tea. In assembly on Monday our children were presented with a slide show in which we shared some of the historic events of the jubilee weekend. The Queen shows tremendous courage in keeping her dedication to serve her country. She is an inspiration to us all. Congratulations to her Royal Highness the Queen as we mark this incredible moment in her reign. A link for the assembly presentation is available here: <https://youtu.be/ELEDXdc2dt4>



FLAGS

We hope you will have noticed that there are now two flagpoles attached to our school building. On one we have been flying the Union Jack and on the other the special Queen's jubilee flag. We are delighted to have these flagpoles as a commemoration of the Queen's platinum jubilee and we do have our own school flag that was designed by a child who left our school in the summer of 2020 at the height of the covid pandemic. We had run a competition for the Year 6's to design a school flag and Ben Cox won the competition and his flag will be flying soon.



UPTON JAZZ FESTIVAL - 25th and 26th JUNE 2022

This year Upton upon Severn will be celebrating their 35th Jazz Festival. The festival came 'Back into Town' in 2018 and again for a free Day of Jazz in October 2021 as they hoped that it would be good for the town and for the Jazz; that the atmosphere will be better, and that they would attract new and younger people to the event. They have 3 events in one:

- a high quality programme of concerts - the sold out notices went up in May
- a full programme of free to all gigs in pubs clubs and cafes
- our 4th Upton Jazz Fringe at the Swan Hotel

Plus Upton Jazz Rising Stars are back and within the festival itself. The organisers know just how tough the last two years have been for talented young people and teachers and welcome parents and relatives who just want to see them play. They hope that you will enjoy the two days of jazz with tunes - with a beat - and a smile.

There will not be a parade this year as there are simply not enough team members to organise this, however, they would like to invite you to gather Down by the Riverside at 11.00am on Saturday 25th June.

Umbrellas for children

Everyone is invited to decorate umbrellas, as is the jazz tradition and there will be prizes for the best umbrellas decorated by children aged up to 9 and another prize for children aged 10 to 14 years.

We have sourced 23 umbrellas to sell to those who would like to decorate one at home to enter in the competition. These children will also be required to attend the Jazz Festival at the opening on Saturday 25th June with their fantastically decorated umbrella. The umbrellas are available to purchase from school at the special price of £5.50 and, if you would like one, please contact the school office as soon as possible as these will be offered on a first come first served basis, following payment. This is an occasion to go overboard with decorating!

School Choir

Our school choir will be singing at 11.00am (details to follow) to open the festival. We are delighted to have been invited and hope many of you will be there to support us.



FOCUS ON READING AT HOME

Reading at home is by far the most important activity you can do to support your child learning in school. We encourage children to read daily and for an adult to record this in their home liaison book. To support your reading with your child, please watch the video and also read the top tips from The Book Trust - see links below:

- <https://youtu.be/-OG2Q6pPOYw>
- <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/tips-and-advice/reading-tips/>

CELEBRATIONS OF LEARNING

THE MOORINGS

We have had a great first week back at The Moorings. The children enjoyed dressing up and engaging in imaginative play. Lots of the children have been fascinated in learning about aquatic creatures, the mudskipper being particularly popular. On Wednesday we enjoyed a tasting session of cakes from Mcquills catering who will be providing our school lunches from September.



NURSERY

What a great week we have had in nursery this week. We have been working hard in maths and having a go at looking at what a number is made up of rather than what it looks like. With that, the dice have been rolling every day and we have been exploring what we can find around the classroom that matches the dots on the dice.



RECEPTION

Reception had a great first week back after half term. We have continued our work on 'To infinity and beyond' and have been looking at 'Commotion in the Ocean' this week. It is amazing thinking about all the creatures that live in the sea. We have had great fun considering what they look like and describing them to our friends. We have created amazing art work and been very creative in our construction areas too.

Mrs Johnson has been very impressed with how well we have been getting on with our phonics and wants us to continue to use phonics in our writing to have a go at some unfamiliar words. The unsettled weather has not stopped us having a great time in forest school and in our outdoor classroom which has been as busy as ever with large construction and of course the dinosaurs.



YEAR ONE

Year 1 had a brilliant first week back. We have been focussing on our art work. This half-term, we will be printmaking using different materials. We used our hands to print. We then used a pencil and pen to draw our flowers. After, we filled in the background using chalk. The finished pieces look incredible! We are looking forward to our art lesson next week!



YEAR TWO

This week Year 2 have begun their outdoor learning lessons which tie into their new topic of plants. In these lessons the children will be learning about trees and flowers, growing and wildlife. This week we focussed very much on the huge Sweet Chestnut tree in our grounds. The children learnt how to identify the tree and how leaves can provide clues to the trees around us. We finished the session creating natural areas using the resources from forest school.



YEAR THREE

Our Sports Superstars led the warm-up for PE, Douglas led a follow-the-leader activity around the running track and Alice demonstrated some stretches for the class to copy. After that, we played a game of three-ball rounders, which resulted in a draw, 45 points to each side.



YEAR FOUR

This week Year 4 started reading 'The Wizards of Once', the book our English work will be based on. An exciting story of a young boy wizard and a young girl warrior brought up as enemies. We look forward to creating some interesting work over the coming weeks. In maths, we are still getting to grips with time. We can now tell the time to the nearest minute and use a.m. and p.m.

We are continuing with swimming and our outdoor PE is moving on to athletics. We started this unit on Wednesday by looking at the best technique for running. It really surprised us how our arms play such an important role in increasing speed.



YEAR FIVE

In Year 5 we've really enjoyed being back! We've read lots of our class book 'Matilda' by Roald Dahl and are preparing to draft a letter complaining about Miss Trunchbull's evil actions. The children have already started to notice Matilda's courage (our current core value) and how she inspires those around her. In science we are starting our new topic of 'Animals including humans' and the human life cycle. It would be lovely if the children could bring in a picture of themselves in a named envelope to see if we can see how the children have changed over the past 9-10 years.



YEAR SIX

It's been a lovely start to our last term of Year 6! We have spent time considering this term's value, courage. As part of this work we considered what is courage? When have we needed courage? What does the dictionary define courage to be? The work they produced was lovely and we hope to share some of it in assembly on Monday.



Year 6 had a fabulous time bell boating this morning. The weather was good to us, they paddled through a light wind with the sun shining down on them and enjoyed their well earned lunch at the Marina before walking back to school. They are an absolute credit to the school.



SPORTS EVENTS



On Wednesday afternoon Mrs Malpass and Mrs Davies took a rounders team to take part in a tournament at Hanley Castle High School. The team consisted of children attending the after-school rounders club. The matches were hard fought and the children played really well, winning four out of five matches declaring us overall winners.



It is so nice to finally be able to return to some competitive sport against other schools and the children represented Upton brilliantly. We would also like to thank parents for their enthusiastic support on the sidelines.

SPEECH AND LANGUAGE

Here is a game for younger children to practise listening skills!

Noisy treasure hunt.

In another room hide something that makes a noise such as an old clock that makes a ticking noise. Ask your child to find the object. An alternative is to set a quiet ring tone on your mobile, hide it and then call it from another phone.

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

Open Farm Sunday
HAYGROVE NEWENT (GL18 1EB)
12 JUNE 2022 (11AM - 4PM)

We look forward to welcoming you to Open Farm Sunday. Always a great day!

Tractor rides • Bouncy castle • Face painting • BBQ • Fruit sales • Wine tasting • Guided walking tours around our farm.

Doors open 11am.
FREE ENTRY

Haygrove

FUN CRICKET FOR BOYS AND GIRLS OF ALL ABILITIES AGE 7 TO 15

MATCHES
 TECHNICAL DRILLS
 COMPETITIONS AND GAMES
 BOWLING MACHINES
 HIGH QUALITY COACHING

England Cricket Board Level 3 and Level 2 Coaches
 All DBF certified
 Level first aiders

SUMMER CRICKET CAMP 2022

Tuesday 2nd August (9am - 4pm)
 Wednesday 3rd August (9am - 4pm)
 Thursday 4th August (9am - 4pm)
 Friday 5th August (9am - 4pm)
 Early drop off available on request

VENUE: FLAGGE MEADOW WORCESTER

£35 PER DAY

10% SIBLING DISCOUNT AVAILABLE

BOOK ALL 4 DAYS BEFORE 1 JULY 2022 FOR A FREE ACC SPORTS T-SHIRT

PLACES ARE LIMITED TO BOOK, PLEASE EMAIL: allencricketcoaching@gmail.com

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