



Upton Westlea Primary School Parents' Newsletter September 2023



Message from Mrs Carruthers:

A very warm welcome to the first newsletter of the new academic year for the parents and families of Upton Westlea Primary School.

At Upton Westlea we take the views of the pupils seriously. To ensure the pupils have a voice we have six groups. They are the 'School Council', 'Eco-Council', 'E-Safety Council', the 'Behaviour Champions', Art Ambassadors and Sports Ambassadors. I am delighted to inform you that the following children have been chosen to represent their classes:

School Council – Dilan, Zubaidah, Zoe, Reuben, Abigail, Varispreet, Ella, Cleo, Sophia, Leo, Ellie J, Jake W, Logan, Archie

Schools Forum – TBC

Behaviour Champions – Brooke, Maruf, Azra, Pa, Aggie, Jasmine, Alfie, Alma, Phoebe, Harry, Olivia C-M, Samuel

Eco-Council – Lily, Lola, Oliver J, Romeo, Dionne, Elisa, Clarissa, Nathan, Oliwia, Olivia C, Aranya, Sami,

E-Safety – Zhyar, Sam, Oliver F, Eric, Jannat, Ailan, Illiyyun, Reagan

Sports Ambassadors – Freddie, Mikey, Bobby, Lewa, Esmee, Poppy, Harper, Joey

Art Ambassadors – Ailand, Deone, Jaydell, Junior, James, Buba, Lilly, Nnamdi

Junior Safety Officers – Scarlett and Mosese

School News:

Friday 22nd September saw children and adults come to school in something denim to show their support for 'Jeans for Genes' day. This is a national charity that helps children with genetic disorders. I am delighted to say the children had an enjoyable day, they felt proud and privileged to be able to help others and we raised a super £108.80 – Thank you so much 😊

Friday 29th September – A massive THANK YOU to all of you who donated and bought cakes at our cake sale supporting MacMillan Cancer on Friday 29th September. Together we raised over £220.00 – AMAZING 😊

Class News:

Nursery: Blossom Class have settled really well into Nursery. They have enjoyed looking at the 'Colour Monster' and making their own monsters with paper, sticks, paper and glue!!!

Reception: Apple Class have settled brilliantly into their new learning environment. They are gradually getting used to our routines and the structure of a long day in school!!

Year 1: Willow Class have settled well in to the new routine. We have been revisiting learning our numbers to 10 making sure we write our digits the correct way round. In English, we have been writing our own sentences

using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. Willow class looked at where school is and in science learning about our body. The class are enjoying and doing a great job on their weekly Rainbow Challenges.

Year 2: Ash Class have settled into Year 2 so well! During September we gradually introduced lots of new things such as cursive handwriting practise, times table rockstars, voting for the star of the week and... writing the long date 😊 The children have enjoyed Forest School sessions and are learning all about suitable habitats for animals. We have started our geography unit comparing Chester with a rural village in Zambia by discussing the key features of Chester and where Upton is.

Year 3: Hazel Class have kick-started the year by honing their sketching and shading skills. They have created some wonderful drawings of seal pups and other sea creatures.

Year 4: In September, Birch class have had fun with their new science topic 'Sound'. We have investigated how to change the sound that different instruments make and created our own straw pan pipes to see how the different lengths changed the pitch.

Year 5: Since returning to school, the children have been very happy to see each other and excited to share all their stories from over the holidays. They have come back excited to learn our new topics and have enjoyed starting our English book 'The Queen of the Falls'.

Year 6: Oak Class have fully immersed themselves in their Second World War work – they have been cooking using the idea of rationing and will be visiting Chester Military Museum on 4th October.

Eden: Eden class have been settling back in and learning their rules and routines. We've been thinking about emotions and The Zones of Regulation. Our Year 6 children have started horse riding and all children have been enjoying Forest School.

Headteacher Awards this month have been awarded to...

Every class for returning back to school with lots of smiles and positive attitudes towards the academic year ahead.

Erin (Reception), Felicity (Y2), Harper (Y1), Evelyn (Y1), Alma (Y3), Buba (Y4)

Dates for October:

Date	Class	Event
2 nd – 6 th October	Whole School	Reading Week
3 rd October a.m.	Years 2 – 6	'A MidSummer Nights Dream' performance by the Storyhouse
3 rd October	Whole School	10.30 Nursery Parents to School 1.30 Reception – Year 6 Parents to School Reading Focus in all classes
4 th October	Oak Class (Y6)	Visit to the Military Museum, Chester
5 th October	Whole School	'Build a Burger' for lunch (Change to lunch menu)
6 th October	Whole School	PJ Day (£1.00 donation)
11 th October	Willow Class (Y1)	Walk around the locality
16 th October	Reception to Year 6	Flu Vaccinations
17 th October	Willow Class (Y1)	Packed Lunch Pals with Healthbox
19 th October	Reception to Year 6	Halloween Disco TBC
20 th October	Whole School	INSET DAY – School closed to pupils

