



Upton Westlea Primary School Parents' Newsletter October 2023



Message from Mrs Carruthers:

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

Thank you to all those parents and carers who attended our first 'Family Members to School' afternoon – we had over 100 family members attend, all participating in a 'Reading' focus. Please find below the results of the questionnaire and some lovely quotes from parents.....

	Outstanding	Very Good	Good	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Poor
Nursery	4	1				
Reception	4	3				
Year 1	4	6				
Year 2	12	6	1			
Year 3	5	4	2	1		
Year 4	6	8	1			
Year 5	4	3	1	1		
Year 6	4	6	2			
Eden	5	2	1			

'Nursery seems such a lovely warm friendly environment where the children look relaxed and happy'.

'Thank you for giving us this amazing opportunity to see our children in class'

'Great lesson and excellent teaching skills'

'Lovely opportunity to be able to spend some time with our children in the school environment'

'I loved watching my child get involved and creative'

School News:

WOW, WOW, WOW what an amazing performance we had of A Midsummer Night's Dream from the Storyhouse. The children were totally mesmerised by the vibrant set, characters and costumes. We also have some 'budding' actors as they were invited onto the stage to perform. A fantastic morning – we are SO pleased to have such strong links with the Storyhouse.

The Halloween Disco was incredible – some of the costumes were amazing and REALLY gory!!!

Class News:

Nursery: Nursery have been learning all things 'Colour'. They have been mixing colours with sponges, rollers, dabbers and large brushes with water and powder paint outside!

They have loved singing along to Pete the Cats song 'I love my white shoes!' And his 4 groovy buttons!

Reception: The children are getting on well with their phonics in reception, thank you for helping them with this at home! We had a fun reading week guessing the mystery reader each day and sharing books with the year 6 children. It was also lovely that so many of you were able to come to family member to school afternoon, the children really enjoyed sharing their activities with you.

Year 1: We have finished off our unit 'Where I live' with a local area walk. We walked around the area using a map and identifying places. We have also been writing our version of the story Lost and Found.

Year 2: During October, the children have continued to work hard! We continued to work through our learning about Troll Swap in English and really enjoyed writing our own versions of the story! We have our final forest school session coming in the final week. We have loved forest school sessions, working outside, learning about animals and their habitats and of course... the campfire! In Maths, we have been working really hard on addition of 2 2-digit numbers using the new methods we have learnt! Keep up the hard work year 2!

Year 3: Year 3 have been busy designing outfits in the style of Vivienne Westwood this month as part of their DT day. We have also been busy writing letters as part of our English unit around 'Seal Surfer'. Well done Year 3!

Year 4: In October, Birch class have enjoyed their art project. The children planned and designed a shield that represents themselves and had fun sewing their designs.

Year 5: We have been extremely busy in Year 5 this half term. The children have thoroughly enjoyed working through our English book 'The Queen of the Falls' and have produced fantastic diary entries of their own from the viewpoint of Annie Edson Taylor. In Maths, we have had lots of success looking at numbers up to one million when rounding, adding and subtracting. The children have been very interested in our Geography topic and have learnt lots of important and interesting information about rivers. Lastly, the children in Holly class produced some fantastic paintings in the style of Claude Monet. Well done year 5 and keep up the hard work!

Year 6: At the beginning of October, year 6 had a wonderful morning at the Chester Military Museum. They were able to handle and see lots of artefacts including gas masks and even had the opportunity to get into a morrison shelter. Our workshop leaders were particularly impressed by all the knowledge the children shared.

Eden: Eden have been using our 'Dreams in a jar' text that we started during parents to school afternoon and writing our own stories. These were based on the amazing dream jars we created with our parents. Our Mighty Oaks have been developing fluency for writing using the class laptops, whilst our Mini Oaks have been working hard on letter formation. Little Acorns have been enjoying bucket therapy and dough gym.

Message from 'The Treehouse' (After School Club)

Wow what a busy term we have had in the Treehouse. We have been busy creating our new display BEE Happy BEE kind, we have also welcomed new reception children to club, used our imaginations for going on holiday and enjoyed a week of Halloween fun. Miss Ramsay

Headteacher Awards this month have been awarded to...

Nathan (Y3), Poppy (Y4), Gracie-Bea (Y1), Saffie (Y4)

Special mention must go to Dilan, Zubaidah, Scarlett, Ailand, Isaac and Amelie from Year 6 who were our amazing 'tour guides' on our Open Days for prospective Reception parents September 2024 - - all the parents were impressed with their knowledge of the school, their politeness and enthusiasm - Well Done! ☺

Dates for November:

Date	Class	Event
1 st Nov 2023	Birch Class (Year 4)	Beth Tweddle Workshop
2 nd Nov 2023	KS2 classes	SCARF workshops
2 nd Nov 2023 p.m.	Holly Class (Y5)	'Life Exhibition' @ Upton Baptist Church
2 nd & 3 rd Nov 2023	Ash Class (Year 2)	Residential to Delamere
8 th Nov 2023	Whole School	National Roast Dinner Day
9 th Nov 2023	Ash Class (Year 2)	Owl Man
13 th – 17 th Nov 2023	Whole School	Anti-Bullying Week
13 th Nov		ODD Socks Day!!
14 th & 15 th Nov 2023	Whole School	Parents Evenings
21 st Nov 2023	Ash Class (Y2)	'Don't Skip Breakfast' Workshop with Healthbox
23 rd Nov 2023	Blossom (Nursery) & Apple (Reception) classes	Handwashing workshop with Healthbox
24 th Nov 2023	Whole School	Non-Uniform Day – Chocolate or Bottle donation for the Xmas Fair

Early Notice – Xmas Fair on Friday 1st December 2.30 – 4.00p.m.