



Upton Westlea Primary School Parents Newsletter June 2019



Welcome

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

What's been going on in After School Club?

'Greetings and salutations everybody! From all of us at club, we hope you're spiffing and looking forward to the summer holidays. As I mentioned in my last input (and I'm pretty sure every input I've done), another month has gone like a flash and we're very nearly there... the summer holidays are fast approaching – YAY! Although, with the recent weather, it doesn't feel much like summer! Maybe I should plan a sun dance activity? Here's to hoping eh!

With the weather, lack of summer and sun in mind, we started the month celebrating World Environment Day. We discussed the importance of keeping our world healthy and how we can do this. After this, we went outside to explore the beauty of our planet. The children were given sheets with exciting things from nature to find. They also had to use nature to mark off the things they'd found by using flower rubbings, mud on a stick, making holes in the paper with spiky things etc. We finished our activity with a game of guess the herb. We made use of our forest school area by using our little noses to sniff and guess the herb. Lots of fun was had by all! We must remember to keep our world healthy and well and that every little helps. So let's cut down on those single use plastics, walk and cycle more and save the planet one step at a time!

As well as saving the planet, we've been big sheet doodling, coming up with our own plays, playing Pictionary, making bookmarks and using our origami skills to create some fortune tellers (sorry parents and carers)! We've been very creative this month, none more so than one of our little reception children who came to us with a game she wanted to play! The game was a little like dodgeball. One person was on (throwing the ball), with the rest of the children were running away. If you got hit, that equals one burpee. Mr Moss and Miss Ramsay had great fun being on! We love it when the children come to us with ideas, so keep them coming kids!

We've also been keeping fit during Health and Sport Week. We've had multi-sports, dodgeball, a less competitive sports day and a sports film. Well done to all the children for

*keeping motivated and energetic during the whole of this week, especially after school!
What are you guys eating?! I want some!*

Right, well I'll sign off here then. As always, any suggestions for our club are always more than welcome. Thank you for reading and see you next month for another instalment of 'What's been going on at Club?!'

Mr M.'

JUNE HIGHLIGHTS

Year 4 British Values Workshop



Birch class had a wonderful time with Altru Drama. Developing their acting skills, they created a brilliant performance about British Values to the rest of the school. All children worked well together displaying confidence and maturity throughout. Every child gained a good understanding of Mutual respect, rule of law, individual liberty and democracy.

National Fish and Chip Day



Some of our Year 6 children helped our local 'Chippy' celebrate 'National Fish and Chip Day' on Friday 7th June. They enjoyed a gorgeous meal and played 'Fish and Chip' Top Trumps with some of Uptons older residents. A lovely lunchtime.



EID celebration

To celebrate the end of Ramadan we had a special menu on Thursday 6th June. Reha prepared Chicken Biryani, Chicken Samosas, a variety of filled sandwiches followed by Cookies, Chocolate fingers and Ice Cream – it was very tasty!!

Plastic Recycling Competition



Some of our children entered a competition related to recycling plastic. Above are some of our entries, one has even got to the last 6 – we'll let you know how it gets on!!

Dress as an Animal Day



A super idea from our School Council following the fire at Chester Zoo. All the money raised has been donated to the zoo – Thanks to all the children, parents and staff for supporting the event. All the children and staff looked amazing 😊

Year 6 residential to Min-y-Don

Pearl wrote 'When we were at Min-Y-Don, we had a lot of fun. We took part in a range of exciting activities including kayaking /canoeing, rock climbing , abseiling , ropes course/low ropes , archery , crate climbing , zip wire and many games of our own . In addition, I liked kayaking the most because it was funny when I capsized. There were three groups named A, B and C and they did different activities on different day. Although I was in one group, sometimes we would go with different groups. Our maximum time to go to sleep was around ten o' clock because the epilogue was at nine o' clock. We went there for a weekend but we got to know the instructors very well. They were very entertaining and kind. We had so much fun whilst we were at Min-Y-Don.' ~ Pearl Reynolds Y6



Democracy Workshop at J H Godwin

Millie (Year 6) wrote 'On Thursday 13th June the Year 5 and 6 School Council went to JH Godwin in Blacon, to talk about democracy with several other schools. We talked about laws and fairness and many other topics like this. At the end, we had a debate, where we were either 'for' or 'against'. The 'against' side were talking about how freedom of speech may open innocent people up to inappropriate things or let people be offensive and get away with it. The 'for' side were saying that we need freedom of speech, because everyone should have the right to say what they want. My favourite part of the day was at the end where we did a secret vote on freedom of speech. The day was really good because we talked about a lot of thing I didn't know about and they were all very interesting.'



July dates at a glance

Date	Class	Event
4 th July 2019	Whole Class	'WestFest' Summer Carnival and Fair
5 th July 2019	Birch Class – Year 4	Global Challenge @ Upton High
5 th July 2019	Optional Event	Walk to Zambia Sponsored Event
9 th July 2019	Willow Class – Year 1	Trip to Leasowe Lighthouse
9 th July 2019	Westlea Band Members	Recital to Parents
10 th July 2019	Whole School	Upton Westlea's Got Talent
11 th July 2019	Whole School	Transition Morning
12 th July 2019	Holly Class – Year 5	'Smoke Tent' with Cheshire Fire Brigade
16 th July 2019	Holly Class – Year 5	Harry Potter Day @ Upton High
17 th July 2019	Ash (Year 2) & Willow (Year 1)	Trip to the Ice Cream Farm
17 th July 2019	Oak Class – Year 6	Bowling and Meal @ Cheshire Oaks
18 th July 2019	Nursery – Blossom	Nursery Graduation Ceremony
18 th July 2019	Oak Class – Year 6	Presentation Evening
19 th July 2019	Oak Class – Year 6	Year 6 Leavers Lunch
22 nd July 2019	Oak Class – Year 6	Year 6 Leavers Assembly to Parents

Family Member to School

This is the third opportunity of the year for family members to join the children in school. Any family member whether it's mum, dad, nan, grandad, aunty, uncle etc. can participate in some fun events. **One** member of your family can join the children on the following dates:

Year 3 – Monday 8th July @ 1.30p.m.

Year 2 – Tuesday 9th July @ 1.30p.m.

Nursery – Wednesday 10th July @ 10.15a.m.

Year 5 and Eden – Wednesday 10th July @ 1.30p.m.

Year 4 – Thursday 11th July @ 1.30p.m.

Year 1 and Year 6 – Monday 15th July @ 1.30p.m.

Reception – Thursday 18th July @ 1.30p.m.

Important Notice - School will finish at 1.00p.m. on Tuesday 23rd July 2019.

Thank you for your continued support.

K Carruthers

To: Upton Westlea Primary School

I am in receipt of the June 2019 Newsletter. We value your comments:

Although the school is not able to respond to every comment, all comments are read. Please feel free to comment on any aspect with regard to school life.

Signed:

Child's Name: Class:

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