



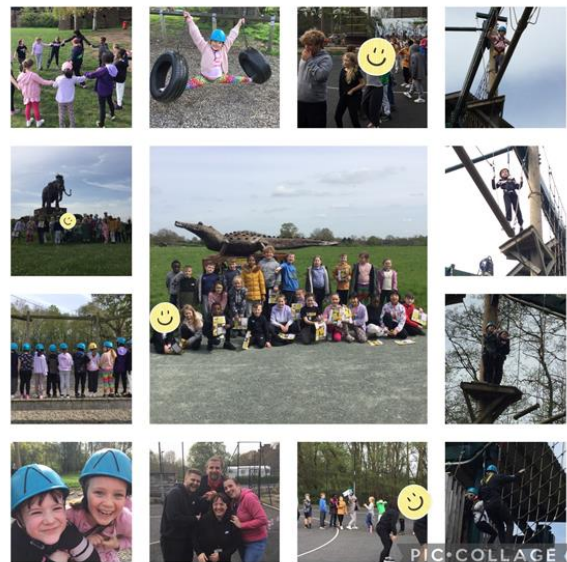
Upton Westlea Primary School Parents' Newsletter May 2023



What another busy month we have had at Westlea! From trips to the Coronation picnics. The children have worked extremely hard. I would like to include a special mention to our Year 6 and Year 2 children who have shown great resilience and perseverance in completing their SATs. Well done! I would like to take this opportunity to say 'Thank you' to all the parents, carers and family members who came to the different Sports Days. The children loved having you there cheering them all on.

Year 3 and 4 Residential trip to Condover

Hazel Class and Birch Class had a positively terrific time during their residential to Condover! We start our journey on the road to The British Ironwork Centre in Shropshire. After around a 40-minute coach ride through beautiful scenery and colourful fields of rapeseed flowers, we arrived at our destination. Strolling around the centre, we explored the incredible works of art created by talented artists that highlighted the importance of looking after our planet. However, the most favoured pieces were some Minions dressed in all sorts of different outfits! Back on the road again, we made the final leg of our journey to Condover. During our three-day stay, we took part in so many wonderful activities, it's difficult to remember all of them! However, here we go... there was a low rope activity, archery, don't crack the egg, a film night, buggy building, problem solving and teamwork activities and finally a 'tree-mendous' high rope activity called Ariel Walkway that the children were so brave on! All of the children and adults had a fantastic time with lots of laughs and smiles and even managed to get some sleep. What a blast we all had!



King's Coronation Picnic and Crown parade



On Friday 5th May, we all enjoyed making our own crowns ready to celebrate the King's Coronation! The children all enjoyed parading around the school grounds in their amazing crowns! It was beautiful sunny day and we enjoyed having a Coronation picnic on the field with all our friends. What a lovely way to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles!

Year 3's Nature day with Passion for Learning

Year 3 we're lucky enough to take part in a nature day, run by Passion for Learning. They explored the outside area, went on a colour hunt, created some nature-based artwork, including decorating clay pots with flowers and berries. A happy but mucky troop returned to class that day.



Year 6 – Knife Crime Awareness Week

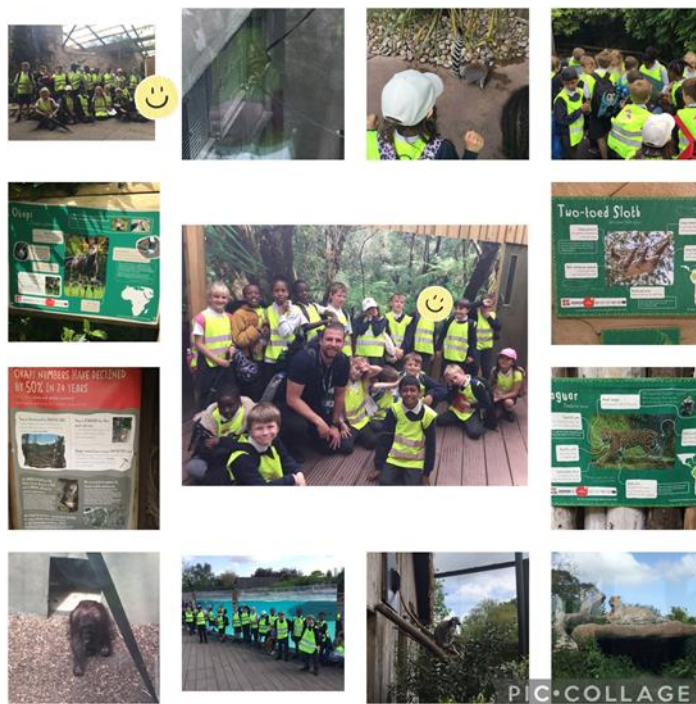
Thank you to PCSOs Eva and Linda for coming and speaking to Year 6 during Knife Crime Prevention Week. Although we hear things in the news, knife crime is rare. The children learnt some interesting statistics and asked some great questions.



Year 4's Chester Zoo trip

Birch Class had fantastic time at the Zoo exploring the wonders of nature! Although we had everything crossed that it wouldn't rain, we woke up to a very rainy Chester. Fortunately, the rain started to subside at around 9:30am which meant we were off! We arrived at the Zoo just in time for our 'Around the World' workshop which looked at classification, led by Jess. Jess told us all about some fascinating animals including Komodo Dragons and some brilliant birds. We used our knowledge of rainforests to answer Jess's questions superbly.

After lunch, we toured the Zoo in search of some rainforest creatures that we're exploring in our topic and English lessons. We saw beautiful butterflies, oily okapis, obscure orangutans, slow sloths and tried to find the joyous jaguar but unfortunately, he was hiding! Mr Moss ended the day on 19,000 steps so we absolutely got our exercise in for the day as well – a pretty successful day if you ask me! The children engaged so well, were so inquisitive and interested in everything which was lovely to see. Well done, Birch Class!



PSCO – E-Safety talk

On Monday 22nd May, we were lucky to have our local PCSO's into school to talk about being safe online. Year 5 and Year 6 listened carefully to the key messages given about how to keep themselves safe online and also the top tips to help them when using the Internet and Social media sites. One of the most important being:



Parents were also invited to a Parent meeting. Thank you to those parents who attended. Parents were given the opportunity to ask questions. Don't worry if you couldn't attend, please look out for the weekly newsletters for E-Safety and a Parenting booklet coming out soon.

What's been happening in club?

During May in The Tree House, we have been busy making a new display for the King's Coronation, we then drew pictures for the King and sent them to Buckingham Palace with a letter to the King asking him some good questions, we hope he replies! We have also completed an obstacle course and made smoothies which were both requested in our club council meeting. We also enjoyed some junk modelling. We are all looking forward to next half term and who knows maybe a reply from the King!



Attendance Awards

Attendance continues to feature high on the school agenda. I am pleased to tell you that the winners of the attendance awards for the Summer 1 half term are: 96%+ winners – Sophia (Y1), Esme (Y3) and George (Y5) – Well done! They all received a £10 token.

Key Stage 1 Sports Day

Key stage one had a fantastic time during sports day! We had a sprint race, egg and spoon, sack race, beanbag shuttle and even a toddler race! We had a great time racing, but also cheering our friends on! A big thank you to all our spectators for cheering for us all too. Congratulations to Mars who won the key stage 1 sports day!



Eden's Sports Day

Eden had a wonderful sports day in the glorious sunshine. Our Seedlings did their first sports day with us and impressed family members with their running skills, before games and ice lollies in the Eden garden. The Little Acorns, Mini Oaks and Mighty Oaks enjoyed a series of races and had so much fun. Then it was back to Eden for ice lollies and certificates for everyone. All children showed incredible skills at their own individual level and persisted to finish each race, no matter what.



Key Stage 2 Sports Day



Key Stage 2 had an amazing Sports Day, with the children showing great resilience and perseverance in the races they took part in. The sack race and the egg and spoon were some of our favourite races. The children worked hard to earn points for their houses. Well done to Venus for winning the most points!!



Early Years Sports Day

Sports day was full of our children doing their best. There were a few false starts but we had a lovely morning before it got too hot. Hopefully the toddlers enjoyed their race too. Thanks to families and carers who came.



Information for Parents

Swap Shop

As the end of this academic year is fast approaching and parents will be thinking about uniform for next year, I would like to hold a Swap shop for everyone. This gives everyone the opportunity to swap the uniform that their children have grown out of and hopefully find next year's uniform. Please look out for letter next half term with more information and dates on. If you have any questions or queries, please speak to me on the playground.

Scopay

Please can all parents check their Scopay accounts regularly and keep track of school dinners that need to be paid for as we have a considerable amount outstanding.

June dates at a glance:

Date	Class	Event
5 th June 2023	All classes	Inset Day – School is closed to pupils
6 th June 2023	All classes	School reopens to Pupils
6 th June 2023	Reception and Year 6	Height and weight checks
7 th June 2023	All classes	Class photographs
12 th June 2023	All classes	Clubs restart
16 th – 19 th June 2023	Year 6	Min-Y-Don Residential
21 st June 2023	New Reception class	New Parents Reception Meeting – 6pm
27 th June 2023	Year 3	Nature Day 2 at Countess of Chester Country Park
26 th -30 th June 2023	All classes	Sport's Week
28 th June 2023	All classes	Family member to school

Look out for the write ups for Art Days on the next newsletter. I hope you all have a lovely half term. Thank you for your continued support.

V Field

To: Upton Westlea Primary School

I am in receipt of the January 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 regards to school life.

Signed:

Child's Name: Class:

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