



# Upton Westlea Primary School Parents' Newsletter June 2023



Well June has not disappointed, we have had a busy month in school and we have enjoyed every minute of it! From Year 6 having a fantastic weekend away to Family member to school afternoon for most of the school.

## Year 6 Residential to Min-Y-Done

Year 6 had an incredible weekend residential at Min y Don. So impressed by the attitudes and behaviour displayed by all the children. We had a go at so many new activities including raft building and abseiling. Special mention and thanks to Miss Key, Mrs Barratt and Mr Bartlem for giving up their weekend to support the children.

We had a blast!



## Year 1 and 2's trip to Leasowe Lighthouse and the beach



Willow and Ash class had an amazing time at Leasowe Lighthouse, Bay, the Floral Pavilion and New Brighton Beach. We talked about the human and physical features, habitats and animals... and then enjoyed a play on the beach as a treat! We loved using our attendance money to enjoy a lovely ice cream!



### Year 3's Nature day with Passion for Learning to Delamere Forest



Passion for Learning organised a Nature Day for Hazel Class this half term...an exciting nature trail in Delamere Forest. We went on a Gruffalo hunt, completed some leaf rubbings, identified trees by their leaves, went on a bug hunt and we even found some tiny toadlets! It was a well-deserved rest and lunch....which even a passing dog decided to join us for.



### Poetry event at the Storyhouse

Year 5 were invited to take part in a poetry event organised by the Literacy Company. The children were tasked with writing a poem about themselves with the title This is me! The children all wrote their own poem and Lola's poem was chosen. Lola went to the Storyhouse and performed her poem beautifully to a room full of teachers, parents and children from other schools. Well done to all of Year 5 for amazing poems and to Lola for amazing confidence!



## Career's Palace at Chester Race Course



10 children from Year 5, had a wonderful day at the Career's Palace event ran by Passion for Learning. Over the course of the day, the children were able to take part in a wide range of activities with different companies and different occupations. These included activities such as making your own bath bomb, working with sporting coaches from LFC and EFC, construction activities and so much more. One of our children won a competition for designing a new character.



## Farm trip – Enrichment Club

The Enrichment club had an action packed day on a farm in Oswestry with Passion for Learning. When the children arrived at the farm to be greeted by Philippa, farmer Kate,

farmer Avril, Farmer Tony and Peggy the dog (who everyone loved). They started the morning with farmer Tony giving them a talk, he explained how the farm works, they also went with Jo to meet Wonky the bull and the cows. They then went for a walk down the lane to the bottom field, where they all had lunch together. After lunch they went on a



bug hunt which all the children enjoyed, especially catching butterflies. They then walked back to the farm where they all had the opportunity to meet the sheep, lambs and bullocks. Finally, farmer Tony and Philippa kindly gave everyone an ice lolly which we all enjoyed as it was a very warm day. It was then time to bid farewell to farmer Tony and his lovely family who kindly welcomed us into their home.

## Family Members to school



Year Two had a lovely time with their family members looking at healthy eating! We sorted food into the different food groups and then designed a healthy meal!



Year 3 wore themselves and their family members out during the Family to School afternoon! With a PE focus for sports week, Hazel Class took part in a carousel of activities which included trying to beat personal best scores, building an obstacle course, accuracy throws and distance throws. I should have put a warning on the door to beware of low-flying paper planes! We finished off the afternoon with a much-needed Peace Out.



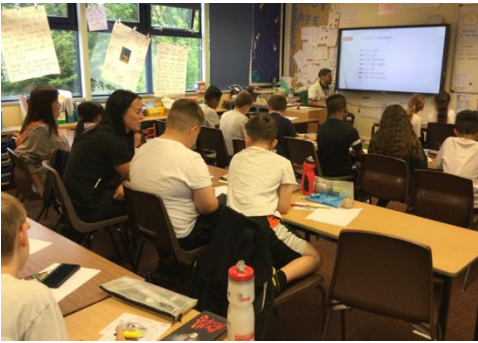
What a brilliant Family Members to School we had in Birch Class! As this Family Members to School was organised in Health and Sports Week, we focussed on what a healthy lifestyle looked like. We looked in depth at the 3 main aspects of a balanced lifestyle, including diet, sleep and exercise. After learning about each one, we found out that Mr Moss hadn't been sleeping well, eating well or exercising enough so we had to create him a healthy lifestyle timetable! We came up with some fantastic ideas including a reasonable bedtime, some quality, healthy meals and a great exercise schedule – well done, children! After we had done this, we had a sports quiz based upon the PE sessions we have taken part in this week. Thank you to all of the parents that were able to attend and for your kind feedback – it really does mean a lot.



Year 1 enjoyed a lovely afternoon with family members. We learnt all about healthy eating and enjoyed sharing our playtime with them.



Reception's theme for the afternoon was the story, Zog. We made megaphones and roared like dragons. We built towers and rescued the princess; we made split pin dragons. We had dragons and the first aid kit in the castle. When all our challenges were complete, we made ourselves a golden star!



During Year 5's parents to school day, we looked at physical activity and the importance of having a healthy lifestyle. The children and adults interacted in discussions around healthy living and a healthy lifestyle and how this looked. We discussed lots of factors such as the amount of sleep, exercise and different foods you eat and how they can all have an effect on your physical, mental and emotional well-being. The children then completed a 'healthy day in the life' which consisted of what they should be eating and when. This was to show that the children understood the importance of a balanced diet. The class then took part in a PE quiz and tried to answer questions based on all of our PE topics this year. We all had an enjoyable afternoon and the children had some fantastic discussions.

### Sports Week

Hazel Class enjoyed a fun game of handball during Sports Week. Introducing one new skill at a time, progression and competitive spirit increased dramatically with our specialist coach leading the way. Well done Year 3 for such great teamwork and perseverance.



Birch Class really enjoyed their Health and Sports Week! In addition to our usual PE sessions, we took part in a few extras. Every morning at 9am, we all 'Jumped into June' with Mr Morris and Mr Glendenning from Mill View Primary School, who provided a 15-minute warm up to the day to release some endorphins and get us ready for a day of learning. As well as this, we had a fantastic intra-school dodgeball game with Year 3. All of

the points gained from the games were accumulated and count towards house points for our respective houses – we're not sure of the winners yet, so we're excited for this! Our final session of the week was with Mr Booth from TLG PE who gave us a taster of handball. We were able to go outside and play some quick games as we learnt and perfected the rules of handball – thank you Mr Booth! Finally, we would like to thank Mrs Jones for organising a brilliant Health and Sports Week.

### What's been happening in club?

This term at the treehouse we finished off our salt dough creations by giving them some colour, we had a colourful lighthouse, batman sign and a goat! At our club council meeting the children requested pizza rolls, and a change of snack options so we added scotch pancakes, watermelon, pineapple and mango. With the weather being nicer we have also been outside and doing some just dance and fitness runs to celebrate sports week. We also have children's choice week coming up this is where the children choose what we do in afterschool club, we are all looking forwards to this.



### Information for Parents

#### Uniform Swap Shop

The Uniform Swap shop is fast approaching, please donate any items of uniform by 6<sup>th</sup> July. We will then open the hall on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 2:30pm for Parents and carers to come and browse the uniform we have to offer. Please note you do not need to donate in order to come and select some uniform from the hall and there is no charge for any items taken.

#### Scopay

Please can all parents check their Scopay accounts and clear any outstanding amounts before Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July. This does include Before and After School club payments. As a

school we have a considerable amount of money owing for dinners, trips and clubs that is still outstanding. If you have any queries, please come and speak to the office staff. Thank you for your ongoing support.

July dates at a glance:

Date	Class	Event
4 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	Year 6	Family member to school – Forest School
4 <sup>th</sup> July 2023 5 – 7pm	Reception – Year 6	Film night – PTA event – The Lorax
5 <sup>th</sup> and 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	All classes	School is closed to pupils for Industrial Action
6 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	Reception – Year 5	Transition morning
6 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	Choir	Amazing event at Chester Football club
11 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	Year 6	Queensberry Project workshop
12 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	Year 6	Drugs and Alcohol workshop with Health Box
14 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	All classes	School reports to parents
14 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	Year 6	Visit Art Exhibition at Upton High
17 <sup>th</sup> and 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2023 2:30pm	All classes	Uniform Swap Shop in the school hall
18 <sup>th</sup> July 2023 9:30am	Year 6	Leaver's Assembly for parents and family members
18 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	Year 6	Presentation Evening
19 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	Year 6	Leavers Lunch
20 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	Nursery	Graduation Ceremony
20 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	Years 1 to 6	Art Exhibition
21 <sup>st</sup> July 2023	Whole school	Last day of term/year School closes at 1pm.

As you can see from the above list, we still have lots of events and activities planned before we break up for the summer. We will be sending out more information for some of the activities. Thank you for your continued support.

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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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