



Upton Westlea Primary and Nursery School

Parents' Newsletter June 2024



Message from Mrs Carruthers:

A very warm welcome to the penultimate newsletter of the 2023-24 academic year for the parents and families of Upton Westlea Primary and Nursery School.

I'd like to share with you the teacher staffing arrangements for September 2024..

Blossom Class (Nursery) – Mrs Davies

Apple Class (Reception) – Mrs Clements and Mrs Holmes

Willow Class (Year 1) – Mrs McCracken

Ash Class (Year 2) – Miss Dalton

Hazel Class (Year 3) – Mrs Jones (Mr Moss on Mondays)

Birch Class (Year 4) – Miss Costelloe

Holly Class (Year 5) – Mr Rimmer

Oak Class (Year 6) – Miss Key

Mrs Field will be supporting Years 5 and 6

Eden – Mrs Wright

Mr Ellinson will continue with Forest School and teaching Science in Years 5 and 6.

The children will have the opportunity to meet their new class teacher and the TAs working within their new class on Wednesday 3rd July.

Class News:

Nursery: Nursery's theme this half term has been 'Under the Sea'. We have read stories about different sea creatures and have been finding out the names of all the creatures we might find living in the water. We have painted our own sea animals, made some jellyfish and even made our very own ship! The last few weeks we've been learning all about pirates. The children have walked the plank, made telescopes and some beautiful treasure maps. We've even done some pirate yoga! In phonics, we have been looking at rhyming, blending and segmenting. We have also been identifying 2-d shapes, subitising to 5 and recognising numbers to 10.

Reception: This term Apple Class have been learning about Fairies and Dragons. We have read lots of stories and been trying to write about our favourite dragon using the story 'Tell me a Dragon' by Jackie Morris. We have even made our own 'old paper' and tried writing with a feather pen. Outdoors, we have been setting up a football school and learning the rules of taking turns and kicking at the target! Our seeds have grown so quickly too and the children are using the herbs in the mud kitchen.

Year 1: Willow Class began the term with DT days and each made a wonderful whale soft toy. This linked nicely into our new book 'The Storm Whale'. We also celebrated World Ocean day and created beautiful information texts about how we can help save the oceans. The class all tried very hard on the Phonics Screening Check too.

Year 2: Ash Class have continued to work hard this month, particularly focusing on their writing! We have been doing daily writing activities and using talking-partners to read our work aloud and edit our work with us. Year 2 also completed their SATs this month. All the staff are so proud of their hard work! The children have really enjoyed our new history unit on nurses from the past and loved to ask LOTS of questions!

Year 3: Hazel Class enjoyed visiting the Mosque this month to deepen their understanding of their RE and Worldviews topic 'How do Muslims worship?'. They have also been working hard in English on using conjunctions and applying this to their work on the class book, Zeraffa Giraffa. Keep up the hard work Year 3!

Year 4: This month, Birch Class have enjoyed reading our new book Blue John in our English lessons. We have been researching caves and learning about what you might find inside them. We have been discussing the use of imagery in the book and have been using it in our own work, including using similes and personification. In Maths, we have been learning all about angles and shapes. The children have enjoyed measuring the angles in triangles and quadrilaterals and classifying the shapes based on their features. In Science, we have continued our topic 'Living Things and Their Habitats. The children have been classifying animals and making their own classification keys to ask each other.

Year 5: In Holly Class, we have continued to be very busy and have enjoyed working hard at lots of things. We have continued to work very hard with our reading and completed our reading assessments where everybody put in a fantastic effort. Our band practise has picked up and we have been rehearsing for our performance to parents and years 1-4. The progress they have made in band this term has blown myself and Mrs Barraclough away! Lastly, the children continue to enjoy our swimming sessions where they all put in a fantastic effort. John the swimming teaching is immensely happy with how much effort year 5 put into their swimming sessions and it shows with how much progress the children have made. Well done year 5!

Year 6: Many children from Year 6 had a wonderful weekend at Min y Don in the middle of June. The children were incredible ambassadors of our school and faced many of their fears in the water and up high. Well done to all involved!

Eden: Eden have been looking at an adaptation of the text 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe.' By C.S Lewis and have produced some fantastic work in English and Art. They have worked in partners and individually to take on the role of different characters and been so creative in their responses. Our Year 6 boys are enjoying their final slot of Horse Riding in Eden and have all shown an improvement in skill and confidence.

Headteacher Awards:

Connor (Y5), Efriya (Y4), Max (Y6)

School News:

Some of our Year 5 children represented school at a Careers Carnival at Chester Racecourse at the beginning of June. They had an amazing time visiting lots of different 'stalls' with lots of different careers. The children had a fantastic lunch and came away with loads of goodies. Connor from Year 5 also won the Regatta competition winning a tent and loads of camping equipment – Well Done Connor ☺

Litter Picking Pupil Forum – 16 children from KS2 joined in with a community event led by our Pupil Forum and Chester City Football Club picking up litter at Upton Pavilion and Upton park – they did unfortunately find lots of litter but successfully cleared it all up – they did us proud ☺

Whooooopee!! We managed to have our annual Sports Day ☺ Huge CONGRATULATIONS to all the children for their excellent participation and sportsmanship. It was great to see the children cheering each other on. I'm delighted to inform you the overall team winners for all year groups was VENUS!!! – Well Done.

July Diary Dates so far:

Date	Class	Event
3 rd July	Whole Class	Transition morning – Children will have the opportunity to meet their new teacher.
3 rd July @ 11.00am	Holly Class (Year 5)	Band Performance to Parents
4 th July	KS2 classes	Visiting vet – Assembly and workshop for all KS2 classes
9 th July	Oak Class (Year 6)	SATs Results
12 th July	Whole School	French Day
16 th July	Oak Class (Year 6)	Y6 Presentation Evening
17 th July	Whole School	Year 6 Leavers Meal
22 nd July	Blossom Class (Nursery)	Graduation Ceremony @ 10.30a.m.
22 nd July	Whole School	Art Exhibition for Parents @ 2.30p.m.
23 rd July	Whole School	School finishes @ 1.00p.m.

REMINDER – As from September 2024 the timings for school are changing. School will begin at 8.40a.m. (Gates will open at 8.30a.m. and close at 8.40a.m.) School finishes at 3.10p.m.

Thank you for your continued support.

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