



Upton Westlea Primary School Parents' Newsletter September 2024



Message from Mrs Carruthers:

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

At Upton Westlea we take the views of the pupils seriously. To ensure the pupils have a voice we have six groups. They are the 'School Council', 'Eco-Council', 'E-Safety Council', the 'Behaviour Champions', Art Ambassadors and Sports Ambassadors. I am delighted to inform you that the following children have been chosen to represent their classes:

School Council – Harriet, Teddy, Aranyaa, Harry, Olivia C, Penny, Ophelia, Reagan, Abigail C, Varispreet, Zoe, Azra, Bryn, Ella

Schools Forum – TBC

Behaviour Champions – Umaiza, Dean, Yassin, Alfie, Ken, JJ, Lilly, Nnamdi, Abi C, Buba, Samuel, Erin

Eco-Council – Poppy, Patrick, Efron, Lena, Lily, Tooba, Ethan, Illiyyun, Saffie, Jake, Jessica, Pa

E-Safety – Brooke, Reuben, Rhys, Malaqi, Violet, Oscar, Lydia, Eric A

Sports Ambassadors – Phoebe, Piper, Jayda, Ella, Mete, Jasmine, Lewa, Bobby

Art Ambassadors – Harry, Jianna, Harper, Hania, Fares, Najwa, Eric E, Macie

Junior Safety Officers – Oliver J and Jaydell

School News:

Friday 20th September saw children and adults come to school in something denim to show their support for 'Jeans for Genes' day. This is a national charity that helps children with genetic disorders. I am delighted to say the children had an enjoyable day, they felt proud and privileged to be able to help others and we raised a super £74.55 – Thank you so much ☺

Friday 27th September – A massive THANK YOU to all of you who donated and bought cakes at our cake sale supporting MacMillan Cancer On Friday 27th September. Together we raised over £150.00

Class News:

Nursery: Nursery children have settled so well and have been really busy exploring their new environment both indoors and out! They have been writing down notes as police, helping to wash the dishes after snack, cutting and using tweezers with spaghetti and building some very impressive construction with the blocks!

Reception: Apple class have settled in well. We have started phonics teaching and are all talking like robots as we segment and blend our new phonemes. We have been on an Autumn walk to look at the patterns in our environment and collected some apples and other natural items for our Autumn tuff tray. Miss Shepherd has been busy making a new garage in our outside role play as our children seem to love to fix things!

Year 1: Willow Class have made a great start and settled in well. We have been learning about where we live and how we identify the different features. We have also been enjoying learning all about our bodies.

Year 2: Ash Class have settled into their new classroom and routines so well! They spent the first week talking about the school rules and what they looked like in our room. We made the dojos that the children thought they should be rewarded for e.g. using our manners, working hard and being ready to learn. They have really enjoyed the beginning of all of our units and lessons and have loved Forest School so far!

Year 3: Hazel Class have had a tremendous start to the year and are getting used to all the new KS2 routines. We have been discussing balanced diets in science, working out how to solve conflicts in PSHE and learning all about Hindu Gods. Ask us why Ganesh has an elephant head! In maths we have explored place value to 1000 and have started our unit on addition of 3-digit numbers.

Year 4: We have had a lovely first few weeks in Birch Class. The children have settled in well and are enjoying our English book for this half term 'Gorilla'. We also had lots of fun on European Languages Day. We learnt some German phrases and songs including 'Kopf, Schulter, Knie und Fuß' (the German version of 'Head, shoulders, knees and toes').

Year 5: Firstly, Holly Class have come back to school this year ready to learn and look motivated to improve in every subject. We have started looking at numbers up to 1 million this half term and are currently adding and subtracting using different methods. In English, we are reading the story of Annie Edson Taylor 'The Queen of the Falls' and the children are absolutely loving the story. Along with this, the children are producing some fantastic writing. Lastly, the children have continued to impress in other lessons where we are having fantastic discussions and they are producing some brilliant work! Keep up the hard work Year 5!

Year 6: Oak Class have made an excellent start to their final year of primary school. We are looking forward to our trip to the Chester Military Museum on the 1st October.

Eden: Eden have had a super start to the school year. We have enjoyed welcoming our new children and they have been fantastic at learning the rules and routines of the classroom. Seedling and Little Acorn children have enjoyed exploring the learning environment and are beginning to sit and listen to the stories that we share each day. Our Mini and Mighty Oaks have started the school year with enthusiasm and lots of smiles and have all shared what they would like to learn about as the year goes on. Mighty Oaks have re started horse riding sessions and have impressed us with how much they have remembered. Forest School is once again in full swing and we are looking forward to when our Seedlings and Little Acorns join in too.

Headteacher Awards this month have been awarded to...

Esme (Y5), Eric E (Y6), Oliver J (Y6), Alma (Y3), Ophelia (Y3), Dionne (Y5), Oliver F (Y6), Sadra (Y2), Lottie-Leigh (Y2)

Well done to you all ☺

Dates for October:

Date	Class	Event
30 th Sept - 4 th October	Whole School	Reading Week
1 st October	Oak Class (Y6)	Visit to the Military Museum, Chester
2 nd October	Birch Class (Y4) Holly Class (Y5)	Family Members to School
3 rd October	Hazel Class (Y3) Oak Class (Y6) Eden	Family Member to School

3 rd October	Whole School	'Posh Dogs' for lunch (Change to lunch menu)
4 th October	Whole School	PJ Day (£1.00 donation)
8 th October	Ash Class (Y2)	Visit to the Grosvenor Estate
8 th October	a.m. Blossom Class (Nursery) p.m. Apple Class (Reception)	'Stay and Play' events (Family Members to School)
17 th October	Years 2 to 6	Watching a performance of 'The Tempest' from the Storyhouse players
23 rd October	Eden	Local area walk and Upton Café visit
24 th October	Reception to Year 6	Halloween Disco TBC
25 th October	Whole School	INSET DAY – School closed to pupils