



Upton Westlea Primary and Nursery School Parents' Newsletter November 2024



Message from Mrs Carruthers:

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

We have done quite a bit of Fundraising and celebrating of 'theme' weeks during November. We raised a superb £90.00 for Children in Need and wore our Odd Socks as part of Anti-Bullying Week. We participated in Parliament Week and took part in lots of voting activities. The School Council had a democratic vote for the film to be shown on Movie Night.

Please don't forget to look on our school website under Events and Galleries as loads of photos have been uploaded related to Y3's visit to Pizza Express, Odd Socks Day, Remembrance Day, a visit to Crabwell Hall Care Home plus much, much more.

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Important:

As you can obviously see the weather has declined over the last month. Please can ALL children remember to bring a warm coat in EVERY day and make sure sensible shoes or boots are worn. Please keep an eye out for e-mails, texts and dojo messages on particularly bad days as there may be occasions when the children have to come into school using a different entrance for safety reasons. If school has to close due to bad weather we will make sure we inform you as early as possible – fingers crossed that will not happen ☺

Class News:

Nursery: Blossom class have loved watching and seeing the snowy weather recently! As it was so wet and not safe to go outside and play in, we brought the snow inside to the children! They laughed, giggled and commented on what it felt like. "It's cold" "it's hard" were some of the comments made. They loved making snow castles and pushing it through the containers and holes, watching it melt in their hands and even a sneaky lick/taste by some!

Reception: Another busy few weeks in Apple Class! The highlight being our trip to the Storyhouse on Monday. It was an interactive storytelling experience set in Jack Frosts igloo. It was really magical and the children were captivated. We all had a wonderful time and the Storyhouse staff commented how amazing the children were.

Year 1: Willow class have been very surprised by a visit from Nibbles the book monster who has been nibbling away at all our things. The children are all very excited and motivated to write all about him.

Year 2: Ash Class have had a very busy November! They really enjoyed their visit from John the Owl Man! He brought Holly and Otis the Barn Owls and Sam the Eagle owl with him. The children got to ask all of their questions and collect lots of information to help them with their final write in English. 9 children from Year 2 went on a residential to Delamere at the end of November! We took part in den building, orienteering, habitat

hunting and had a campfire. We had a brilliant time in the snow and spent a long time building Snowy the Snowman.

Year 3: This month Hazel Class have enjoyed our Forest School sessions with Mr Ellinson and we have also had a fun trip to Pizza Express where we made some delicious margarita pizzas.

Year 4: This month has been busy in Birch Class. We enjoyed Odd Socks Day and wearing non-uniform for Children in Need. We also had a visit from Chester Lantern Parade and made our own lanterns to take with us on the parade through Chester. We have started our new book in English 'Leon and the Place Between' and the children are really enjoying learning about magic and the circus.

Year 5: Holly Class are continuing to work really hard in lessons. We have now come to an end of multiplication where the children have developed lots of new skills including multiplying 3 digit numbers by 2 digit numbers and how to divide using a short method (bus stop). In English, we are continuing to work hard on our book 'The Lost Happy Endings'. The children are really enjoying the book and are excited to see what happens at the end of the book. Keep working hard Year 5!

Year 6: Last week, Oak Class completed a workshop with Caroline from the Chester Military Museum all about purple poppies. These poppies commemorate all the animals used during conflicts and we learnt about donkeys, dogs and pigeons who had all been heroes.

Carrying on with the animal theme, year 6 has adopted a rhino as part of their work on endangered animals. The class has decided to name him Jeff.

Eden: Eden children have had another busy Month!

Our Seedling and Little Acorn children have especially enjoyed their 'What's in the bag sessions' and story time sessions and are now sitting and attending for longer periods. The Mini and Mighty Oak children have really enjoyed Art this half term and have produced some fantastic clay Poppies to commemorate Remembrance day. They then went on to produce some beautiful Rangoli designs when learning about Diwali. As a team we have been trying to develop the sensory support we offer our children and are working on providing different chances to develop their sensory diet throughout the school day. The purchase of some new sensory resources has been most beneficial for our children and we are looking to make this more personalised as the year progresses.

Headteacher Awards this month have been awarded to...

Harriet (Y1), All of Y5, Barin (Y1), Hasenat (Y1)

Well done to you all 😊

Dates for December 2024:

Date	Class	Event
4 th Dec 2024	Whole School	Flu Vaccinations
5 th Dec 2024	Blossom Class (Nursery a.m.) Apple Class (Reception p.m.)	Parent Stay and Play sessions
6 th Dec 2024	Whole School	Xmas Fair 2.30 – 4.00p.m. Jolly Jumper Day
11 th Dec 2024	Whole School	Xmas Dinner Day
12 th Dec 2024	Eden	Eden Xmas Performance to Parents @ 1.30p.m.

17 th Dec 2024	Apple Class (Reception) Willow Class (Year 1) Ash Class (Year 2)	Xmas Performance to Parents 9.30a.m. and 6.00p.m.
18 th Dec 2024	Blossom Class (Nursery)	Xmas 'Sing-along' to Parents @ 10.30a.m.
18 th Dec 2024	KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6)	Carol Concert @ 2.30p.m.
19 th Dec 2024	Whole School	Xmas Parties
20 th Dec 2024	Whole School	School finishes @ 1.00p.m.

Thank you for your continued support

Ms K Carruthers