



Friday 23rd May 2025

Upton upon Severn CofE Primary, pre school and Riverboats SureStart Children's Centre,
working together to support the local community



Our School Vision is to offer inspiration to young lives 'Anything is possible, we can all succeed'

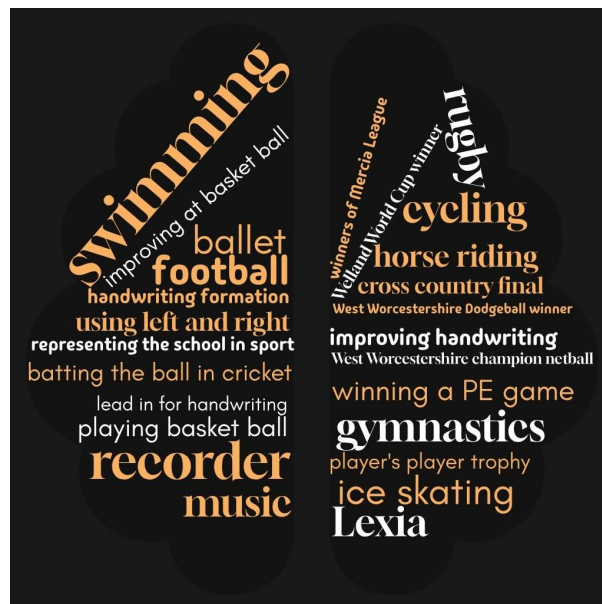
Providing enriching experiences to foster aspiration 'To inspire ... To aspire'

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Philippians 4:13)

the one who prophesies speaks to people for their upbuilding and encouragement and consolation - Corinthians 14:3

Perseverance





This week we talked in Monday's assembly about our greatest achievements both in and out of school. We talked about the journey: the fear, the challenge, the inspiration, the small wins along the way and the celebration of an outcome to be replaced by the next exciting challenge.

The range of achievements and interests that the children shared are captured in the word cloud above and show what enriched lives our children live. They aspire to achieve in so many areas and they really enjoyed sharing these. Many thanks to Edward in Year 2 for sharing his rather substantial medal in recognition of his efforts in the Spartan Games recently. He was serendipitously wearing it on the way into school on Monday and found himself the star of the show.

Later this week, the children's perseverance in Year 1, Year 5 and Year 6 to impact their environment was recognised not just by themselves and their teachers, but by our guest environment champion, Karen Blanchfield from Little Litter Warriors and from the wider Upton community.

Karen said:

Wow what another great day of litter hunting.

Todays results were 5082 pieces of litter removed with the oldest piece of 31 31-year-old Pepsi can found by Year 5.

Year 1 - 856 pieces

Year 5 - 2483 pieces

Year 6 - 1753 pieces

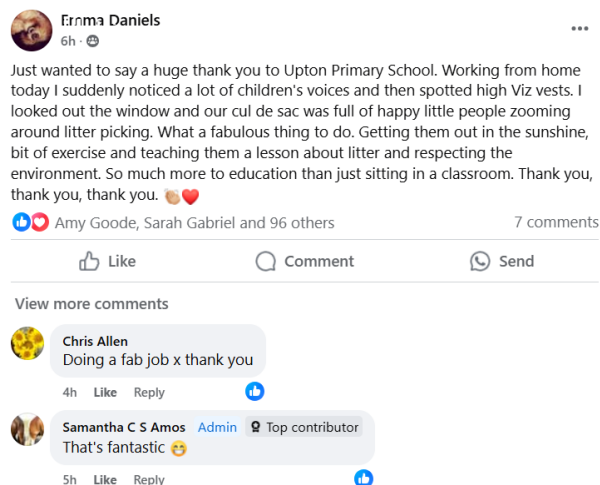
Thank you so much for joining in the campaign with Malvern council and Little Litter Warriors.

Every year I hold a summer holiday competition on my Facebook page where children can win a litter picker made from the rescued ocean plastic. This year I am giving away 15 litter pickers to families that share their litter picking fun with me. Could you please share the Facebook link on your newsletter please. [\(20+\) Facebook](#) and let the children know.

If we add the two visit totals together your pupils have collected 8990 pieces of litter in total.

Incredible

Please see the local social media appreciation below:



Preschool



We have been exploring shapes this week in preschool. On Monday, we went for a shape hunt around our outside learning areas, We couldn't believe how many shapes we found. We even found shapes in the sky! On Wednesday, some of us joined in with Miss Gilson's singing assembly, where we sang a song about a 3 sided shape, which was a pirate hat. What fun!



1 - We found shapes in the sand tray.



2 - And even on the trolley that holds all our toys.



3 - Did you know shapes can be spotted in the flowers too?

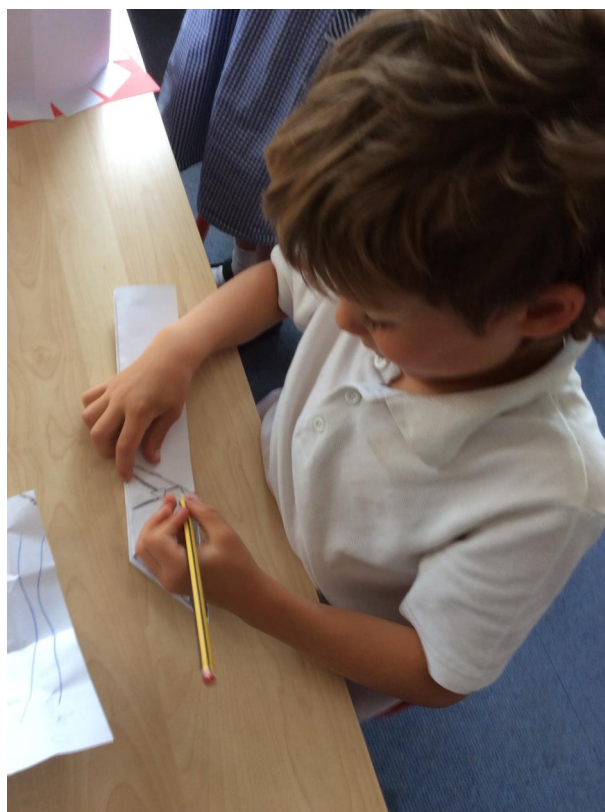


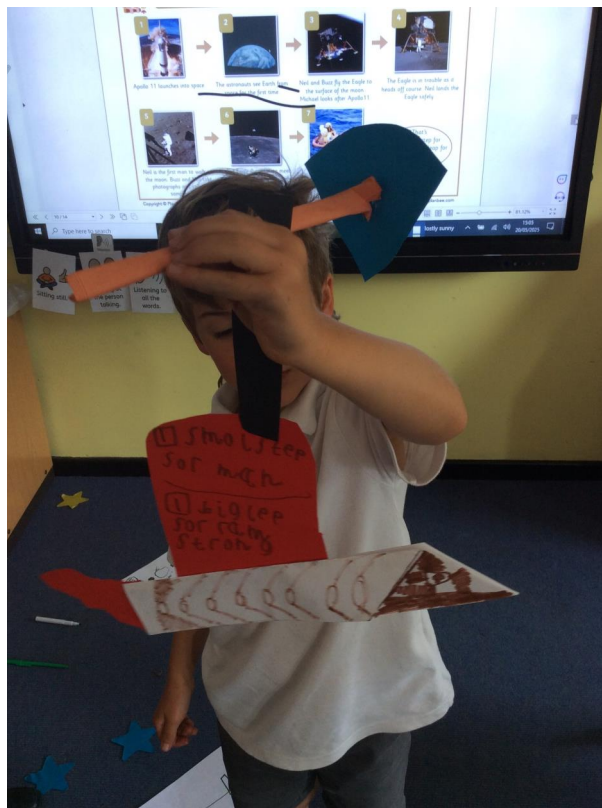
4 - Reception

It's the end of yet another term and it has flown by! The children have been amazing and our plants are growing so well that we are hoping we may be able to harvest some of the vegetables when we come back early next term. The challenge for this term has been keeping going even when we find things hard, and the class has been brilliant at this, writing more, joining in enthusiastically, and being a great team.

Have a fantastic half term and enjoy a well-earned break with your children!

Year 1





In Year 1, we have been learning about Intrepid Explorers. So far, we have found out that Ibn Battuta travelled through the Middle East. Christopher Columbus thought it would be quicker to travel west to get to China, but he ended up discovering America. We thought about what it would be like to live on board his ship, the Santa Maria, eating gruel and

maggot-infested biscuits. This week we have learnt about Neil Armstrong and his exploration of the moon. We made our own rockets and wrote emotions on them. We thought he would have felt nervous, excited and worried. We included the famous quote, *one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind*.

Year 2



Year 2 had an incredibly exciting end to their history topic on castles. On Tuesday, we visited Goodrich Castle. We became pages (knights' servants) for the day and marched up the stony hill to see the castle standing on top of the hill. We learnt so many new facts about castles and even smelt some of the smells they might have smelled in Medieval times! We explored the chapel, the gatehouse, the well, the kitchen, the great hall, and the castle keep. ALL of us even braved the narrow spiral staircase to the top of the keep to see a spectacular view! The dungeons were probably the most exciting and favourite part of the castle. Overall, a brilliant day! Check out some of our favourite facts about Goodrich Castle:

In Medieval times, they ate dolphin (Jude)

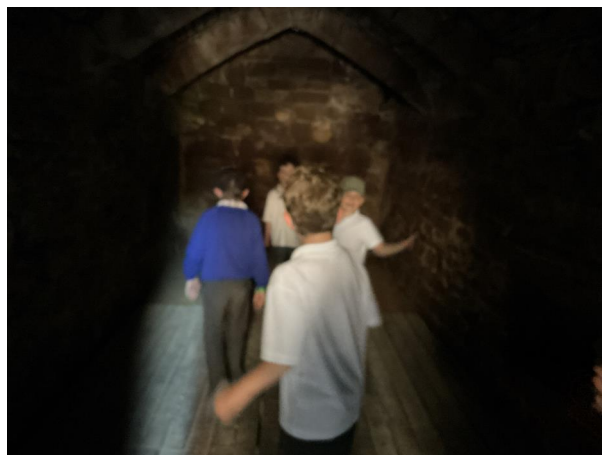
They had a tripstone to trip the enemies (Archie)

They had dungeons to put enemies in (Freddie)

They had wooden toilets (Artie)

People used to be paid to take the nasty stuff away- they were called gong farmers (Edward)

The moat was used to keep horses (Penny)







Year 3

On Tuesday, Year 3 played cricket and the teams were Severn and Wye vs Teme and Avon. Severn and Wye won 15 to 13. It was a close game. Also, on Friday, we did art, and we are doing puppet art and the story we are inspired by is Little Red Riding Hood. In science, we are growing some lovely plants and Mrs Goode's strawberry plant is growing quite well but not yet fully grown. We can't wait to eat the strawberries in class when they are fully grown! Wishing Mrs Dodd, Mrs Goode and Mrs Roberts a lovely holiday.

Written by Charlie

Year 4 - planning how to make a torch



In Design Technology lessons, the children have evaluated existing torches and designed their own.

After half term, we plan to build them. This links very nicely with our science work on building electrical circuits.

Please can the children bring materials to school after the holiday to use for their torch casing.

Year 5 Litter Picking



On Wednesday, Year 5 had their chance to go out litter picking.

The class started off in the staff car park - proceeding to walk down Price's Lane, around Longfield, back onto Gardens Walk, continuing to Laburnum Walk and the area by the Scout hut, back along Minge Lane, returning to school along School Lane.

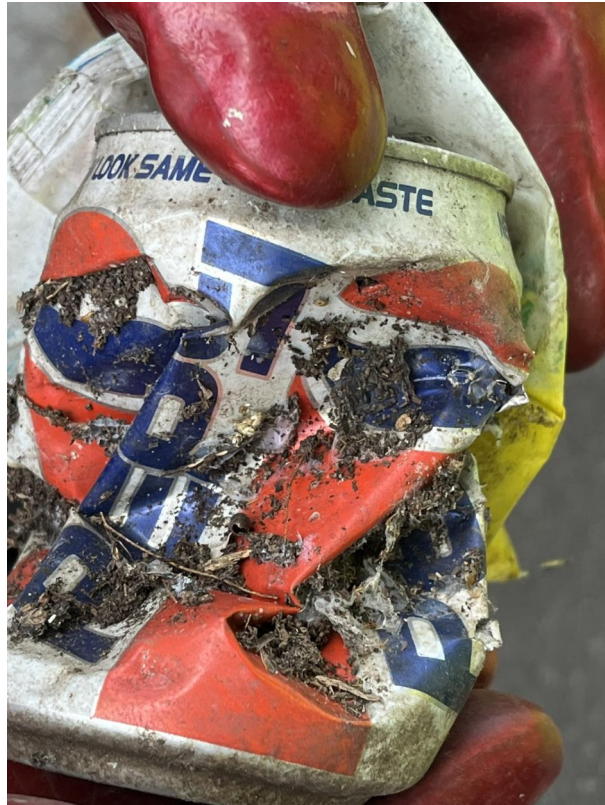
It was lovely to have so many lovely comments from the residents of Upton on the class's hard work and efforts.

The oldest piece of rubbish we located was from 1994 - a Pepsi can, we also located a packet of crisps from December 2001, and another from June 2009

Leo made the ultimate discovery of £10 in the hedgerow. We took this safely back to school, and after holding a class vote, we donated £5 to St. Richard's Hospice and £5 to the Vale Wildlife Hospital.

A wonderful way to spend a Wednesday morning.







Year 6 Goldilocks: hardened criminal or innocent victim? Year 6 debate...



This week, Year 6 have really focused in on their writing in preparation for the assessment for SATs. Having re-read the story of Goldilocks, we have analysed her heinous crimes: breaking and entry, theft, criminal damage and squatting and from that created our opening arguments for the prosecution and defence. We even put Goldilocks on the witness stand. Creating this formal piece of writing has given the children a chance to really explore the features of non-fiction writing through a fictional story.

Plant Sale: Well done Teme, for winning the competition for the highest number of healthy plants returned to school.

Eco Committee and School Council **Thank you**

The Eco committee and School Council would like to say a massive thank you for all the fabulous plants that were brought back into school this week for the Friends plant sale.

The array of plants that were returned was splendid. So many green fingers!

Plants sold yesterday raised over £100, more plants will be on sale after school today.





Office information.

Monday 2nd June - TED day (school is closed to pupils)

Thursday 5th June - Year 6 residential presentation

