



October 25th 2024

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)

Bible Quote



Psalm 128:2

You will definitely enjoy what you've worked hard for— you'll be happy; and things will go well for you.

Community Celebration



This week, it has been rewarding to celebrate how hard your children have been learning during this term with you during parents' evenings. These were held on both Wednesday and Thursday 23rd and 24th October and during each evening Warner's supermarket created a display of some of the local produce that they sell in their store. The fruit and vegetables were sampled during the evening which included apples, raspberries and blackberries. The Warner's team also had their Christmas bauble colouring activity for the children, helping them prepare for the Christmas season and decorate their tree.

Becky from Warners writes:

'Thank you to all the parents who joined us at Parents' Evening! It was wonderful to connect with so many of you and share our work with the breakfast club, which we're proud to support each morning. We are excited about working together with the school to reinforce the healthy eating initiative, ensuring that the children learn not only about nutritious choices but also about where their food comes from. By collaborating closely, we can help the children develop a deeper understanding and

appreciation for the provenance of their food, nurturing habits that will support their well-being and knowledge of the world around them. We look forward to many more opportunities to work together in support of your children's growth and health!'

Warner's support our children by providing the food for our breakfast club. We are delighted that they support us in this way and we would like to extend our thanks to Becky. If you would like your children to attend this club please go onto the Teachers2parents app and the information on how to book is under clubs.

Anything is Possible



Today we welcomed Lucy Robinson, a Paralympics GB Wheelchair Basketball player. She was an incredible inspiration for the children and showed us the true meaning of perseverance and that anything really is possible! The children enjoyed a meet and greet session where Lucy showed her awards and answered questions. The children then took part in physical sessions directed by Lucy. She showed us how she moves with the ball, how she picks it up and dribbles. She is now based in Worcester and will be training with the Worcester Wolves basketball team.

Lucy is going to continue working with us and would like us to support her as she progresses in her new position as a full time member of the Worcester Wolves.

Here are links to her presentation and clips of her playing.

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There were some super questions and responses from the children about how long and often she trains for, places she has been, medals she has won and what she eats to stay fit and healthy.



Malvern Police Tommy



This year our school has been invited to take part in the special remembrance activity to Pin the Poppy on the Tommy Malvern police station. We were asked to have a pupil represent our school to

show the poppies that we had made. Here is Naomi with Teddy at the Malvern Police station this morning with our poppies.

The information below is from the police website telling you about the initiative:

'PCC John Campion wants you to pin your poppy on one of the six Unknown Tommy soldiers throughout West Mercia in the lead up to this year's Remembrance Day.

Last month the PCC commissioned the creation of six Unknown Tommy soldiers that have now been placed outside of Malinsgate, Malvern, Hereford, Kidderminster and Shrewsbury police stations as well as West Mercia Police Headquarters. As we approach Remembrance Day the PCC wants to encourage the communities of West Mercia to get creative and pin their poppy on their local statue.

The Tommys have already seen many poppies pinned from local knitting and community groups, schools and church play groups. The PCC wants to see everyone in the community get creative and illustrate what remembrance means to them by creating a poppy out of any weatherproof material they can find. You can find some poppy making inspiration on the PCC's website below.'

[Poppy Ideas.](#)

We will be taking part in the Remembrance parade on Sunday 10th November and will be sending out the details for this on Monday 4th.

Class 1



Year 1 have been enjoying their computing lessons. They have learnt how to type their user name with capital letters and enter their password with numbers and special characters. When logged in they have used the mouse to select icons and load a paint programme. They have experimented with different tools in a paint programme, changing the size of the paint brush and creating different effects.

Class 2 - Upton Explorers



Class 2 have had a very exciting end to the half term. On Monday, we explored Upton. As part of our English work based on 'A Walk in London', we ventured out into town to discover some famous Upton landmarks so we could write about them in our recounts. We used our geography knowledge to plan a route and our history knowledge to find out some facts about the historic places we were visiting. We visited the bridge, the Pepperpot, the Memorial Hall, the Baptist Church, St Peter and St Paul's Church, the Fire Station, the Library and the Police Station. We gathered lots of knowledge and headed back to school to write all about it.

"On Monday 21st October, year 2 ventured in Upton Upon Severn. We bravely visited some famous landmarks."

"First we went to the blue bridge. Did you know it is made out of steel?"

"Next we visited the Pepperpot. It is oldest building in Upton. Oliver Cromwell hid there during the civil war. It has a bell inside and it's top is made of copper that shines in the sunlight."

"After that we explored the ancient Baptist Church. It is hidden down an alleyway and has a baptistry in the old chapel."

"Finally we visited the fire station. It was built in 1992."

We have also enjoyed ending our learning on the Great Fire of London with a Great Fire of Upton! We took to Forest School on Friday morning to set our Tudor houses that we have made on fire and learn how to put them out safely with Mrs Gabriel! What a way to end the term!





Class 3

Years 3 and 4 enjoyed a fun afternoon of shared competitive sport this week. With the children from both classes working in their teams, they played three-ball rounders and then a tag-rugby based game. It was great to see the two classes interacting so well and demonstrating sports skills playing alongside their peers. The children enjoyed the activities, so did Mrs. Goode and Mrs. Moroni and the sun shone, which helped too! Thank-you to our photographers Scarlett and Phoebe (Year 3) for capturing the action shots!





Class 4





The children have learnt lots in History this week, concluding the topic of Romans in Britain. The children have explored foods that were popular (stuffed dormouse, anyone?) and researched Roman gods and goddesses, enjoying finding the links between Roman and Greek gods and how these are used in books they have read such as Percy Jackson, as well as games, including Roblox and Fortnite, not forgetting the solar system's planets.

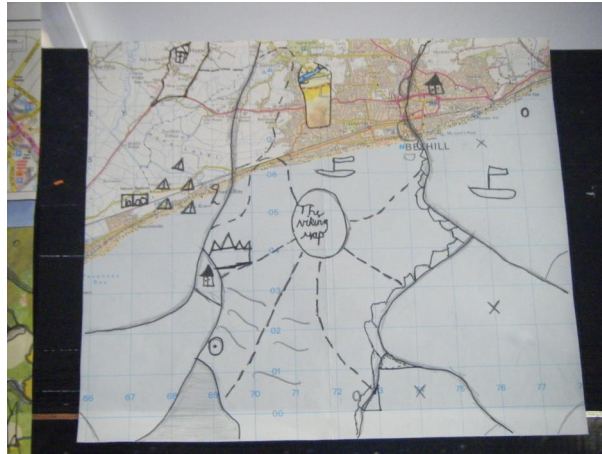
More fun was had during an activity to learn about Roman clothing for rich people, with dressing each other up in a 'toga' and thinking about how much easier our clothes are for moving around in.



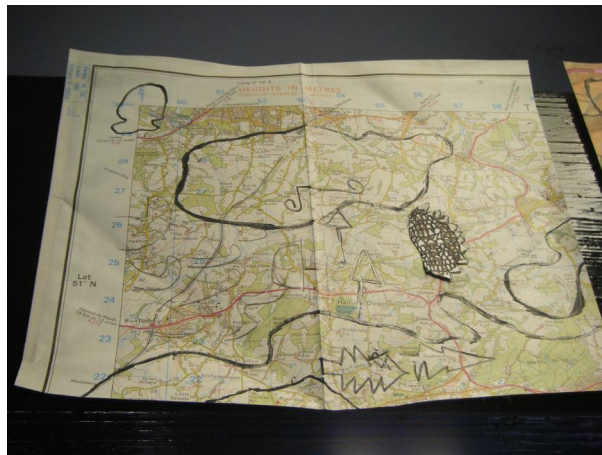
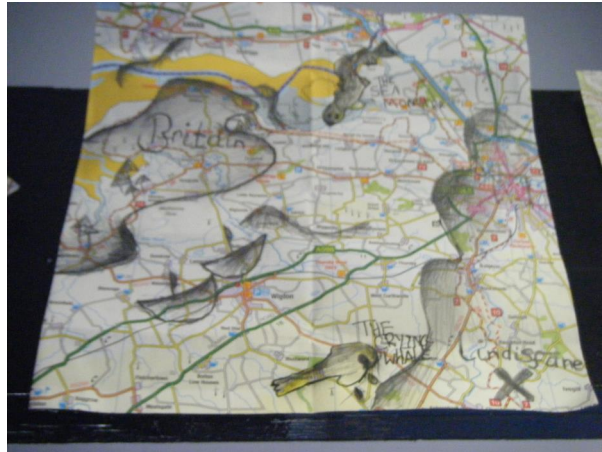


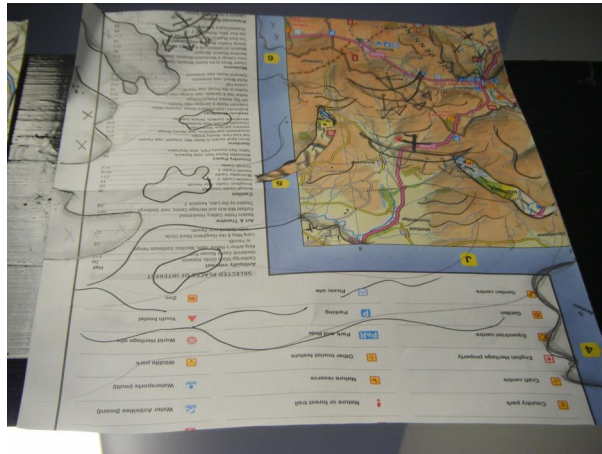
Class 5











This week, Year 5 have completed their art work based on typography. At the start of the unit the class explored fonts and lettering working towards the final pieces of work that used old Ordnance Survey maps to create a map that may have been used by a Viking warrior on their journey to Lindisfarne. The class worked exceptionally hard to use a range of line, tone and shape to make their maps effective, before working on making specific elements 'pop' out from the page. The finished articles are super and the whole class are very proud of their achievements.

Bikeability Year 5 and 6



Year 5 and 6 have been working hard to develop their cycling skills to make sure they are safe on their bikes and on the roads. The trainers really enjoyed the company of our learners and said that they were very attentive. Children were taught how to look after their bikes, and have excellent control in order to make safe manoeuvres.





Class 5/6 Intra Teams Netball Competition







On Thursday year 5&6 took part in a teams intra netball competition. All four teams played with passion and enthusiasm and showed all the skills they have been learning in PE lessons this half term. Netball is very much a game of team work and using skills to be successful. Many of the children will represent the school early next year in our cluster netball tournament

Teme were winners with an overall score of 9 goals.

"We played really well as a team and our passing was strong and accurate" Douglas

"I really like playing against other children from different years. Its really competitive and fun"
Isabelle

Rounding off with the Roundheads

Year 6 completed our history topic about the English Civil War and its effects on Worcestershire, with a fun craft project making round head helmets. This proved quite a complex task for some but thanks to some great help from Jess and Millie we were all able to complete our helmets.

The class have really enjoyed finding out about the civil war in our area and many have been out and about spotting musket and cannon holes in some of our locals churches and on some of our bridges.







Parking at School

We continue to have problems with the parking situation at school. Prices Lane the small lane that runs down the side of the school is not to be used for parking or dropping off for the school. The private drives opposite the school car park are also not to be used and this states very clearly it is a private carpark. We do understand that the parking is a challenge but there is a public carpark opposite the Church with a pelican crossing nearby for a safe walking journey.

School council



Did you know it is 874 miles from John o'Groats to Lands End?

This year for our Children in Need fundraiser, we are planning to scoot this distance completing laps around the playground.

During the week beginning 11th November, classes will be invited to bring their scooters to school to begin to virtually travel the distance of John o'Groats to Lands End. School Council ask that if you wish to bring your scooter to school on the days your classes are taking part, that a donation is made at the school gate into the collection bucket.

Monday 11th and Wednesday 13th Years R, 2, 4 and 6 are invited to bring their scooters to school for a donation in the bucket.

Tuesday 12th and Thursday 14th Years 1, 3 and 5 are invited to bring their scooters to school for a donation in the bucket.

From Monday 11th - Thursday 14th school uniform must be worn as normal.

On Friday 15th November, all children in the school are invited to bring their scooters into school to take part in a final push towards to the end as well as come into school in home clothes for a donation on the gate.

If you wish to take part please make sure you bring your scooter and helmet on the right day along with your donation.

You can borrow someone's scooter if needed, but please have permission of the scooter owner.

Lexi and Lottie Year 6.

School Council

Great Malvern Festival of stories

The Great Malvern Festival of Stories for Children is running again this week. It celebrates our storytelling heritage and aims to inspire a new generation of storytellers across a variety of genres. This weekend there are activities for families being run in Priory Park Malvern and we are certain that the activities will be enjoyable. Click on the link below and explore what is available for our children, this weekend, as we enter the half term holiday.

[Great Malvern Festival of Stories for Children: 22 - 27 October 2024 - Visit The Malverns](#)

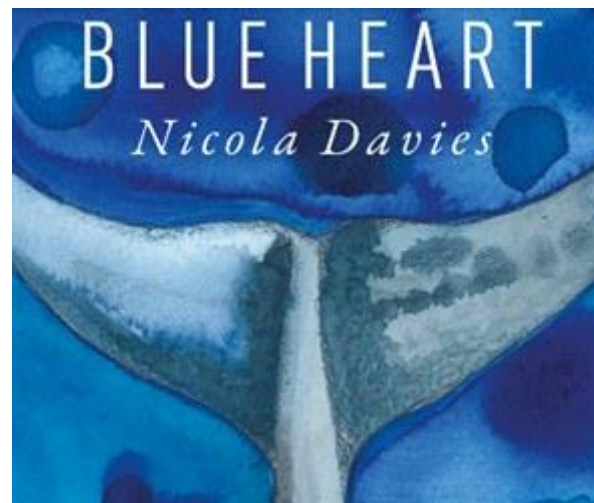
Focus On Reading

With Christmas fast approaching, we would like to recommend a really good website, Love Reading 4 Kids. Please see the link. There are opportunities for children to read extracts of books before you purchase them.

<https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/genres/lrbom/books-of-the-month>

Every month they recommend new books for children of all ages. In particular this month, we would like to recommend Blue Whale by Nicola Davies which combines whale facts and poetry for our 7+ children. Nicola Davies has written several books we use in school such as The Promise and Ice Bear.

Older children might enjoy the brand new Percy Jackson and the Olympians :Wrath of the Triple Goddess by Rick Riordan. These books are hugely popular and this one promises to be action packed and extremely funny.



Attendance at school every day. Every day counts



Today is the last day of our half term and all this term we have had a renewed focus on attendance. Today we have had exceptionally high absence rates which show many children missing on this the last day of the half term. As you can see from the data grid below the absence for this week has been steadily declining which is a concern. Hopefully, all children will return to school after the half term fit and well to enjoy the next half term.

Whole school attendance data

25 October 82.74%

24 October 89.72%3.

23 October 89.5%4.

22 October 93.17%5.

21 October 94.71%

Please be aware that our school terms are set in advance and the terms include 5 days of teacher training education. Hanley high school run a different set of term dates as they have 3 extra training days. This means that we will be in school when they are closed to pupils but our pupils are still

expected to attend our school. We do not run alongside them as we have different term schedules. Days off which are not accounted for, will be unauthorised and to remind all parents/carers holidays are not allowed during the term time , thank you for the support with this.

Office information. We wish you all a Happy half term holiday

SCHOOL PHOTOS - These will be retaken on **November 14th** for the whole school.

MIQUILL CATERING - Please remember to book your Childs hot dinner for the return to school, you can book all the way up to the end of the year. Bookings can be made before 9am on the day, and can be cancelled up until midnight the night before, this can all be done through their booking system online.

YEAR 2 MULTI SKILLS FESTIVAL HCHS FRIDAY 8TH NOVEMBER - Please ensure the consent forms have been submitted

by **Tuesday 5th November**

