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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



[Ephesians 4:29](#)

29 Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

Working with our Community



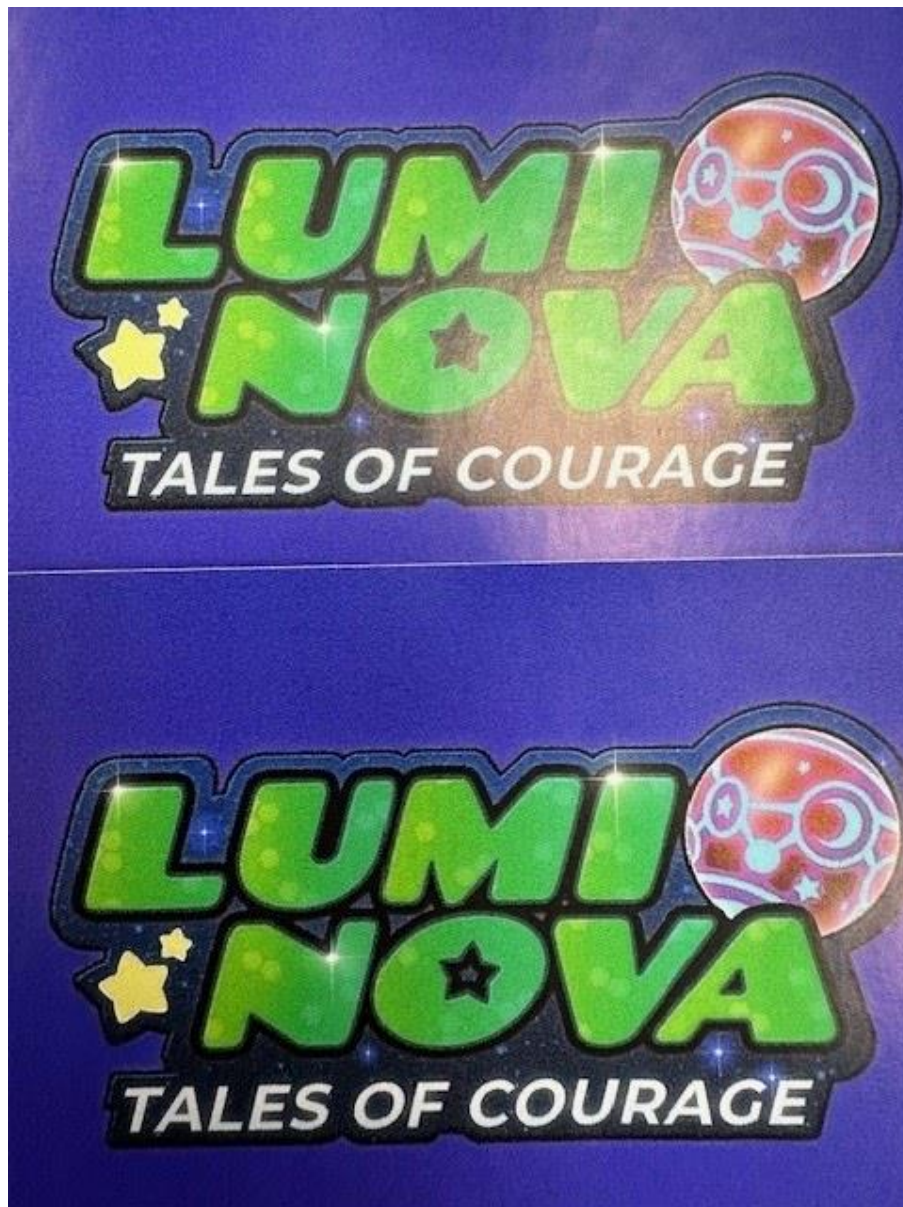
Cameo singing

On Thursday 17th October, the Year 6 members of the school choir and all of Year 4 sang at the Baptist Church Seniors (Cameo) lunch. Amy Waring, the local Baptist minister, had invited us to sing our harvest songs. The children sang these most enthusiastically as singing brings them great joy. They also sang several songs learned in class and the choir members of the group performed some of their new songs.

While many of the children were excited to go, some were initially more nervous but they all sang really well and were happy and proud to have brought some young cheer to our local community. This builds great confidence which is an essential part of a child's development. We were very proud of the children and they were rewarded with cake and biscuits which helped the confident feeling!

Thank you to Mrs Christian for accompanying Mrs Garey and Mrs Moroni and to Amy and the Baptist Church for inviting us.

Supporting key stage 2 pupils



We are pleased to share that Lumi Nova a new app to support wellbeing, build confidence and reduce anxiety is now available to families in Herefordshire & Worcestershire in partnership with Herefordshire and Worcestershire ICB from October 2024. Lumi Nova supports children and young people to build confidence and learn lifelong skills to manage their worries through an intergalactic adventure game! It is designed to work alongside a parent/carer supporting and this will be explained in the information once you download the app.

This is available for all children age 7-11 and this evening classes 3-6 will be bringing a leaflet home with more information. The link below will take you directly to the site where you can also download the resources.

luminova.app/handw.

Reception



Reception have been really busy this week! We have continued to discuss our focus book 'Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain' by recreating the thunderstorm in the story with a range of instruments; the djembe drums were a particular favourite! The children also got into role during our African Safari. We used our binoculars: which were made to search for the African animals in the outside area, making links to our story and telling interesting facts about the animals we found. We have also been busy organising animals by categorising which ones live in Kenya, England or both.

Class 1

Year 1 explored the changes that happen in autumn in Forest School. The children shared the story of 'The Leaf Thief' by Alice Hemming and discussed the changes that they observed. Then the children had a challenge to find the most colourful leaves in the area; they found some really beautiful leaves that had so many colours on them. The children were so excited to share their wonderful nature finds.

Class 2- Magical Mathematicians



Class 2 have been super mathematicians this week!

In maths, we have started working on addition and subtraction. We have used double sided counters to help us with number bonds to 10 and finding different fact families for numbers up to 20.

"We liked this maths- it has given us lots more knowledge"

"We persevered to find the 8 different number sentences for the fact families!"

"The counters really helped me understand the number sentences"

We have also been reading about a special mathematician in our reading sessions called Ada Twist. She completes Science and Maths experiments to help her friends. Watch this space to find out what's been happening in the book!

Class 5

During this half term, Year 5 has studied the question "Creation and science: conflicting or complementary?".

Through careful study of Genesis and then an exploration around the Big Bang theory, the children were able to justify their thoughts and feelings. On Thursday, Rev. Barry Unwin came to answer some of the questions we created to further our understanding.

1. Who created the universe? Is this the same for all the galaxies?
2. Do you think there is truth in both Genesis AND the Big Bang? What do they have in common?
3. Do you believe the universe was created in only seven days?
4. If you think that God made the Earth, do you think that he made all of the other planets?
5. Who made atoms, the smallest constituents of life? Did God create the gases, e.g. oxygen?
6. Did God create the big bang? 7. Did God make the sun? Did the planets come before the sun? 8. Why did God create the Earth?

The responses Barry gave to the children really did make them think and added to their understanding of the RE question.

Thank you, Barry, for taking the time to come and speak with class 5.



Class 6

A week of hard work from Year 6 as we tackled the complexities of equivalent fractions and prepositional phrases. We are really lucky to have support on a Monday from Mrs Martin and on a Tuesday from Mrs Witcher who voluntarily give their time to support the children.

'I really like our work on fractions and find them quite easy.' Charlie H

The bad weather has impacted PE this week but we were delighted to take part together with year 5, in netball tournament on Thursday. Stand out performance from Max R and Harry C.

'Its great to play with Year 5 and it really makes the games more challenging' Max

All about School Council



Next week, School Council will meet to discuss plans for Children in Need. This is always a highlight of the school calendar. Over the years we have raised a considerable amount of money through many different ways. We have covered members of staff in silly string - rewarded to the class that raised the most money in a collection jar, held a Children in Need disco, sold cakes that have been donated from home, held several successful Bring and Buy Sales to name but a few of the wonderful ideas that have been created.

In Class Councils the children will discuss what they could do to raise money for this year's Children In Need.

More details to follow.

Footballing Success



On Monday evening after school, Mrs Davies and Mrs Garey took 2 teams of Year 5 and 6 pupils to take part in the Hanley High School cluster football tournament. We entered a competitive team into the main tournament and also another team into the fun tournament. This give children of all abilities the chance to play against other schools and gain valuable experience in team games.

The children played with real passion and sportsmanship and we are delighted to announce we came runner up in the competitive tournament losing 1-0 in the final to Welland Wolves in a fiercely fought match.

' It was a really fun tournament and we played well scoring lots of goals.' - Robin O

' In the semi finals we had a roller coaster of emotions as it went to penalties. Each team took 9 each and it was so close. Eventually we won and made it to the final.' - Max H

'I really enjoyed playing against some people I knew from other schools.' - Harry C

Attendance all day every day because every day counts



Attendance at school is vital to a child's development. Occasional days missed from school soon add up and the impact on the overall education is concerning.

Above 97%: Less than 6 days absence a year

Excellent attendance! These young people will almost certainly get the best grades they can, leading to better prospects for their future. Pupils will also get into a habit of attending school which will help in the future.

95%: 10 days absence a year

These pupils may achieve good grades and form a habit of attending school regularly. Pupils who miss 2 weeks across the year can only achieve 95% attendance.

90%: 19 days absence a year

Young people in this group are missing a month of school per year; it will be difficult for them to achieve their best.

85%: 29 days absence a year

Young people in this group are missing six weeks of school per year; it will be very difficult for them to keep up with work and they are unlikely to achieve their potential.

80%: 38 days absence a year

The Government classes young people in this group as “Persistent Absentees”, and it will be almost impossible for a child to make up for lost learning. Parents of young people in this group could face the possibility of legal action being taken by the Local Authority. Letters will be sent to all the parents/carers of children who are classed as persistent absentees under the above criteria.

Our Attendance for this week is:

Reception 98%

Year 1 93%

Year 2 99%

Year 3 99%

Year 4 98%

Year 5 96%

Year 6 93%

Congratulations to Year 2 and year 3 who have had the best attendance this week

The Moorings





This week in the Moorings, there has been some different activities set that challenge the children's thinking and creative skills. We have been making our own pitta pizzas which were delicious. We've also been busy making our own necklaces and keyrings. Some of our year 6 children have enjoyed making miniature models with a variety of materials: a zip line, bowling alley, beach and football stadium.!

Next week we will be enjoying lots more including an autumn scavenger hunt, wreath making, baking and an obstacle race challenge.

For information on how to book please email the office@uptonuponsevern.worcs.sch.uk

Online Safety..... protecting our children

The on-demand availability of streaming platforms in many homes creates extra possibilities for young viewers to be exposed to age inappropriate content material which features horror or violence. These aspects can cause anxiety and nightmares for children especially since it can be hard for young ones to grasp that what they are watching isn't real.

This week, the National College for Wake Up Wednesday has provided information for parents and educators giving advice on all the different aspects of the age ratings for films. It has been emailed separately to you for your information. Please read it and help to protect your children from inappropriate online content by checking the age rating of what they are watching.

If you have any worries around this area please call the school office and we can support you.

The NSPCC website is a useful source of information:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media>

Information from the School Office

BIKEABILITY - Year 6 have been split in to groups and they will attend the course Monday to Thursday and Year 5 will take part on Friday. All children and parents have been informed of the day in which they will need their bike in school. If you are not sure please contact the school office.

PARENTS EVENING WEDNESDAY 23RD & THURSDAY 24TH OCTOBER - Bookings for parents evening have now been released using Teachers2parents. If you have not received a link please call the school office 01684592259 **REMINDER** - THERE WILL BE NO TEACHER LED CLUBS NEXT WEEK - KARATE WILL STILL TAKE PLACE

SCHOOL PHOTOS - There has been a problem with the school photographs and the company will be attending to reshoot these pictures in November on 14th. The previous photo orders have been stopped.

MIQUILL CATERING Have asked us to let you know that they have had to swap lunch orders for Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd, Monday will now be Tuna Pasta Bake and Tuesday will be Cottage Pie, please amend your Childs order if needed. Thank you

Important Dates

More information regarding the events will be published closer to the time.

Friday 20th September: Cake Sale, 3:15pm - 4pm, Playground

Wednesday 25th September: Meet the teacher evening, 3:15pm - 4pm

Friday 27th September: Harvest Festival, 9:30am at Church

Monday 30th September: school photos

Friday 4th October: Open day for new students

Friday 18th October: Disco, KS1 3:15pm - 4:15pm, KS2 4:20pm - 5:20pm

Wednesday 23rd October: Parents evening

Thursday 24th October: Parents evening

Red Eagle Martial Arts



The Red Eagle Martial Arts runs at our school each Monday evening. If you would like to be involved in the martial arts or would like your child to join here is the website link:

redeaglemartialarts.co.uk

Nikki runs both adult and children's classes and these can support mental health and wellbeing as well as keeping our bodies fit and healthy.

