



4 October 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

"When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd." Matthew 9:36

Congratulations to year 5 and 6





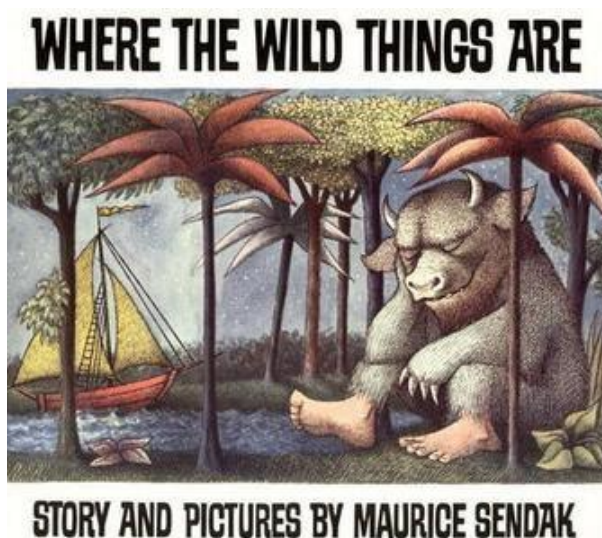
Today 15 school from across the Malvern and Upton area took part in the annual cross country run which is held at Malvern common. The event is always an enjoyable occasion and enables the schools to compete against each other. Years 5 and 6 both attended and further down the newsletter is a write up from Class 5 about how they felt when they were taking part. There is always a very special feeling to the event and, as a sporting activity, it provides our children with fresh challenges to build confidence and resilience. Today we congratulate both Miriam, class 6 and Elsie, class 5, who came 1st and 2nd. In the photo above we catch Miriam as she is passing the finishing line. Whilst the children came first and second we are s impressed with every pupil who took part they tremendous resilience and they all enjoyed the experience.

Becoming responsible for using compassion



Our half term theme is responsibility and this week we have focused on the meaning of compassion and how we are responsible for showing this. We shared the book, *The Suitcase* by Chris Naylor-Ballesteros where the characters make assumptions about a new friend before reflecting and choosing kindness over judgement. Rev. Amy Wearing joined us for Worship on Thursday and reminded us of the importance of walking in someone else's shoes so that we can move on from pity and show compassion. These are lessons that are very important to us and we work with on a daily basis, particularly in the playground, as our pupils interact with each other learning key life skills that will support them as they grow and mature.

Reception



What an amazing week continuing our work on the book, 'Where the wild things are'. We have written lots of interesting recipes about what our wild things might want to eat for their dinner. However they are only allowed to eat things that start with the sound at the beginning of their name! This has meant they have had some very funny meals. We have also enjoyed PE this week where we went on an imaginary bike ride and tested our movement skills (avoiding the obstacles in our way)

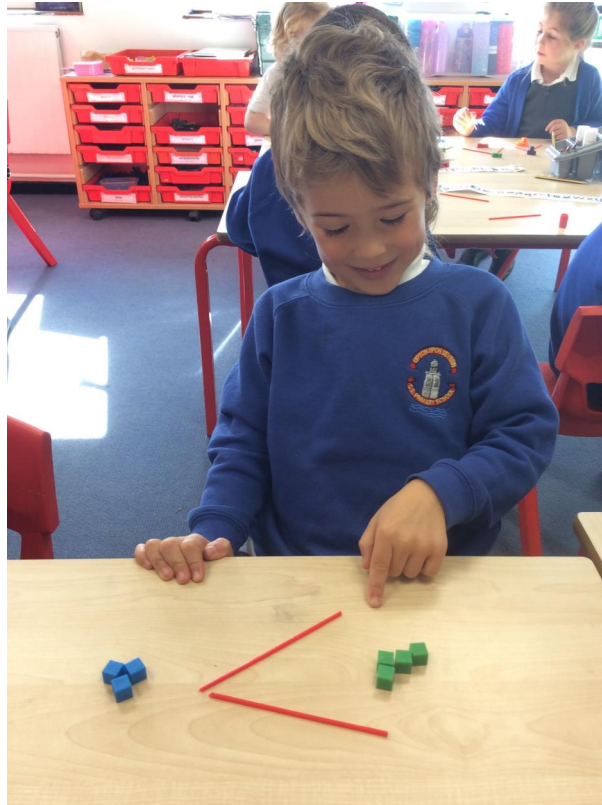
Year 1

In year 1 over the last few weeks we have been talking about how we represent numbers with counters, how we count forward and backwards, sorting groups of objects and using a number line.

The children have worked practically sorting, counting and grouping objects. This week we have worked on solving problems using these skills to prove statements to be true or false. We had great fun using straws to make greater than and less than signs and found out which numbers were the same.



1 - One is equal to 1, they are the same



2 - I know that 4 is greater than 3



3 - I have made one less than 3 and 2 is equal to 2

Year 2

Year 2 have been testing materials in Science and enjoyed working scientifically. We tested different materials to see if they stretched, squashed, twisted or bent. We predicted that not all materials would be able to be stretched as they might break. We also thought that not all materials would be able to be changed at all.

We recorded our ideas carefully in a table which is an important science and maths skill.

We found out that:

Blu tak could be bent, squashed, twisted and stretched

Pompoms could be squashed and twisted but not stretched or bent

String and paper could not be stretched and the paper broke when we tried to stretch it!

We discussed why we might need materials to change.

"So we can build things"

"So we can make clothes"

"So we can put different things together"

"My favourite part of the investigation was testing all the different materials and objects"

Class 3

Class 3 have been working towards their final art outcome this week. This half term they have been focusing on Henri Matisse who in his later years started scissor drawing by cutting out a range of shapes using bold colours to create art. This half term, Year 3 have rehearsed their sketching skills picking out elements of Matisse's work they liked. They have also mixed paints to create different shades and colours which inspired them from his work. Once they had mixed the paint, they used it to cover a whole piece of paper and therefore creating their own coloured paper. Today, they grabbed a pencil and a pair of scissors and started their scissor drawing. They started by sketching a rough outline of the shape they wanted to cut out on the paper and then cut it out, gluing it onto a plain background. Although we are far from finished, please see below their wonderful creations as photographed by Tia and Grace.







Class 4

As part of their learning about Roman Britain, the children have been studying Boudicca over the past couple of weeks, learning about her tribe, her appearance and how she had been treated by the Romans. This week, the class have imagined how she felt when her land had been taken from her, when she gathered her tribe and fought at Colchester and, finally, when she was beaten in battle. The writing has been very dramatic, with the children thinking of what she might have included in her diary at each key moment.

Class 5 and 6



Today, Year 5 and 6 took part in the Cross Country run which was held at Peachfield Common in Malvern. Over the last few weeks we have been training hard to prepare ourselves for either the 'Fun run', Intermediate run or the Advanced run. In Year 5, we discussed how we were feeling before going to the event.

"I feel nervous because it is a new place to go to" Lottie,

"I feel a little bit scared because it is our first time doing something like this in Year 5" Finley.

"I am excited because it is something new to do" Poppy.

When we arrived at the common we were all very excited and we had a fantastic afternoon.

Attendance all day every day because every day counts



We have been focusing on the vital importance of children attending school. As a team working in this school, we ensure that the educational opportunities and the development of our children's wellbeing is at the forefront of all we do. We have a curriculum designed to impact their learning, providing them with the depth of knowledge to support their learning as they move forward through the educational system. School attendance is vital to this as missing even a small percentage of education will result in an impact on the children's learning and also emotional development.

Our Attendance for this week is:

Reception 99%

Year 1 97.%

Year 2 95.%

Year 3 98.%

Year 4 97.%

Year 5 96.%

Year 6 93.%

Congratulations to reception who have had the best attendance this week.

Clubs to support children's personal development

This week our children have been sharing some of the things they have enjoyed about the clubs they have taken part in. We have heard from 3 clubs.

Construction club

In construction the children have a variety of different activities that are involved in. Mia says 'I like the construction because I can get to build a bridge with blocks and balancing'

Jennifer says: '*I like construction because we build towers using blocks and Lego and I can also use bricks.*'

Film club

Renee says: '*In film club we watch films like the Minions and then we talk about what we have seen and we vote about which film we like best.*'

Musical theatre club

Macaulay says: '*It's fun because you can sing songs with your friends and have fun it always makes me feel joyful and happy*'

Evelyn says: '*I like to sing songs with my friends' because it is a fun thing to do.*'

Meet and greet the teacher for Class 3 October

Our meet and greet the teacher session on Thursday 3rd October did not have any parents come to meet the teacher. Mrs Goode will be opening her classroom doors again next Thursday 10th and we will send you a reminder text.

Online safety

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about in-game chat

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. We send these guides to support you to ensure that you can make decisions to ensure safety with any online activity.

Video games are continuing to grow in popularity including of course among children and young people and the emergence of gaming communities has been accelerated by the inclusion of chat functionality across many different titles in-game chat can cause some concerns about online safety and the people that children might be interacting with please read our guide emailed out this evening, for further information.

Information from the School Office

Year 3 Bishops Wood Trip Tuesday 8th October - Please remember to change Miquill hot dinner to packed lunch or cancel your order if your child is bringing a lunch from home.

Flu Nasal Vaccine - Friday 11th October Reception - Yr6 Please ensure that you complete the E consent form whether you wish to consent or decline

<https://midlands.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2024/worcestershire>

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Please don't forget we have a vacancy for a Parent Governor

We have a vacancy that is coming up for a parent governor. Any current parent governors may reapply. Governors have an important role to play in the school. Every governing board needs a balance and diversity of knowledge, skills and experience. The governing board would welcome applications from anyone who is keen to support our school in this role.

To be able to volunteer, you need to be a parent, carer (or someone who has parental responsibility) for a child at Upton Upon Severn CofE Primary School. You do not need any specific qualifications. The enclosed sheet summarises the circumstances under which someone cannot serve as a parent governor.

To fulfil the role, you will need to:

- attend regular meetings, which are held termly
- visit the school occasionally
- do some background reading
- take part in induction training and ongoing development (which will be provided for you)

Further details were emailed to all parents on Friday 27th September 2024

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.

