



Friday June 21st 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)

[1 Corinthians 16:13](#)

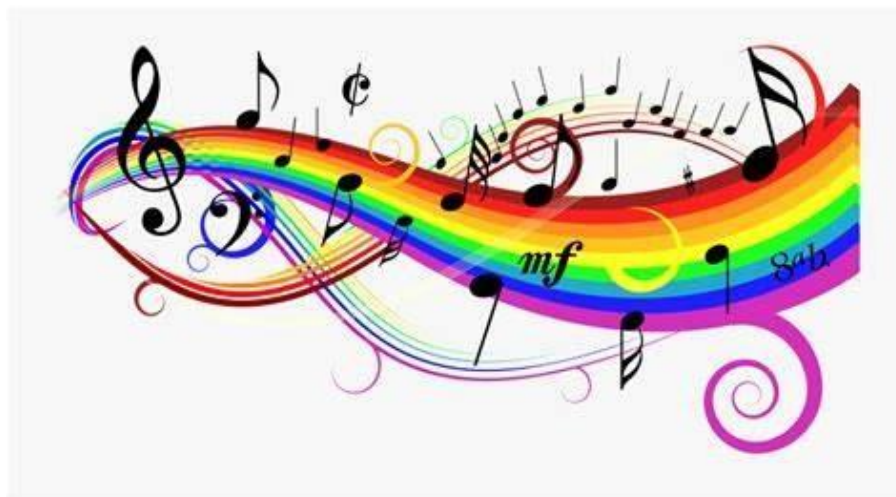
Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong.

Anything is Possible with Baroness Floella Benjamin of Beckenham



On June 20th the Diocese held their annual Headteachers and Leaders Conference. There were a number of key speakers but in the afternoon we heard the moving story of the life of Baroness Floella Benjamin. Many of you will remember her as the presenter on both BBC's Play School and Play Away. She introduced us all to Humpty Dumpty and explained how useful he was to her during the times she was filming as she could get the cameraman to focus on Humpty and enable her to read her lines to help her memory! She has dedicated her life to supporting children and working for the rights of the child and she explained that all a child really needs is to be loved and given the support to believe in themselves. She said if you believe then 'Anything is Possible.' This was a moving account of her life and her work and it was wonderful to hear our school vision is also her vision.

Big Sing with Year 3 and 4



On Friday 21st June, Year 3 and 4 joined together with a huge number of local primary schools to perform four songs at the University of Worcester. The children have shown true perseverance, not just in learning lines, but also to learn British Sign Language signs to accompany the songs. The session doubled as a workshop and children learned about warming up, controlling and having fun with their voices while being accompanied by a live band. The children were in full voice on the coach there, throughout the session and all the way back just proving that we are indeed a Singing School!





Upton Jazz Festival



Jazz up your umbrella down by the Riverside



Our children are invited to decorate an umbrella for the annual Upton Jazz Festival umbrella competition, with prizes awarded from the Jazz Festival organisers to the children they think have the best decorated umbrellas. We have a small number of umbrellas available to purchase through school at £5.50; please get in touch with Mrs. Dobbin if you want to buy one.

The competition is held on Saturday 29th June outside The Swan hotel at 11.00am. We will also be taking children to sing and will be opening the Jazz festival this year.

Parent View



We have been working hard as a team in Upton to shape the school to increase positive outcomes for our learners and as the parents/carers community you are very vital to this work. One aspect of an Ofsted inspection is the viewpoint of parents/carers and when a school has an inspection they send the forms out to the community. However, these forms can be filled at any time and so, to further enhance our commitment in working with you, I would like to ask you to fill in the questionnaire to enable us to continue building a strong school for the future. You can contact me through the school office should you have any specific concerns that you would like to discuss with me.

We would really appreciate your support with this.

Many thanks

Mrs Wills

<http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>

Adventure Club Adventures

Guest reporters: Douglas and Isabelle (Year 5)

This week in Adventure Club we went on a bug hunt in our forest school area. Unexpectedly we found 2 female stag beetles and 1 male stag beetle. We also found snails, slugs, woodlice, black beetles and lots more. We searched the Forest School carefully, checking that we did not disturb any of the habitats. It was great fun to use the magnifying glasses to get a closer look at all the minibeasts we found. Mrs. Malpass has logged all of our sightings on the People trust for endangered species.



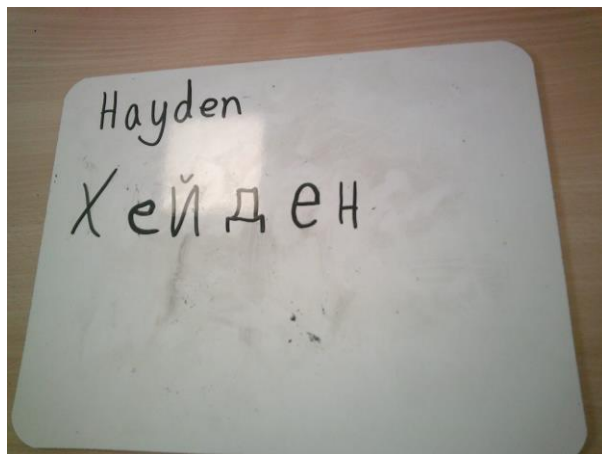
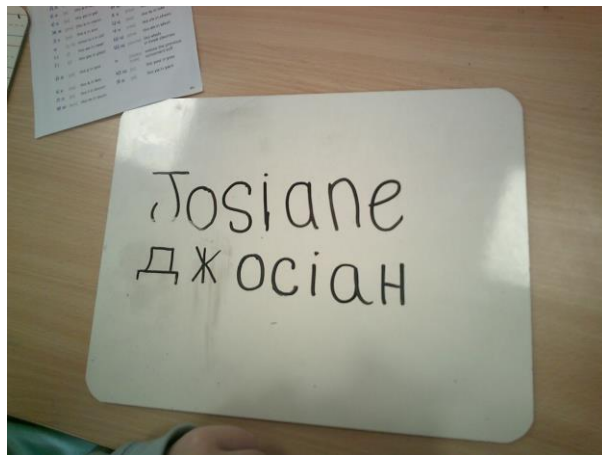


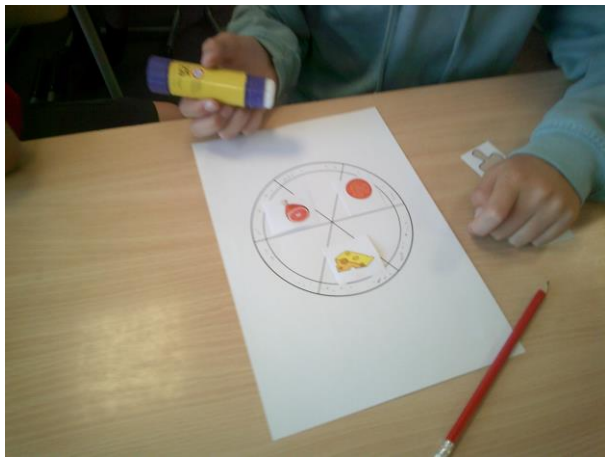
Hanley Festival of Languages with Year 6



On Thursday, Year 6 attended the Hanley Festival of Languages. They spent the morning in workshops created by Year 9 students who confidently shared vocabulary, activities and games in a range of different languages. The first session was in the cafe where the children asked for a croissant and a drink in French. After that, the children moved on to learn different action words in French and played a game of Jacques a dit (Simon Says). The second round of workshops involved learning the vocabulary for pizza toppings in Italian followed by months of the year and birthdays in German. The final workshop was Ukrainian where the children learnt about the varied landscape and some traditions of the Ukraine, then greetings, wrote their names using the Ukrainian alphabet as well as translating some traditional food dishes into English.

The afternoon was an opportunity to share some of the wonderful work in languages that we do in primary school. It was wonderful to experience songs, stories and sharing of vocabulary from all the schools that attended the day. The children listened and participated in the activities brilliantly and fully embraced the new languages that were shared.







Visitors to Year 5 and 6



Guest reporters: Harry D and Max R

On Wednesday Year 5 and 6 had a visit from the police. They came to talk to us about how we should use mobile phones with respect, reminding how racist or homophobic language is a hate crime. They also talked about how we should not send anything by text that we would not say to that person's face. They talked to us about the age for criminal responsibility is set at ten years of age. During our talk we also talked about the age restrictions that are in place for apps such as WhatsApp and Facebook, we discovered that nearly all the social media apps that are available are all aged 13 and over. We all learnt new facts from the chat and we would like to thank our two visitors for coming to speak to us.



Star Warts and the Umpire Strikes Back



Preparations for our production are underway and we will be sending out a costume list to parents today. We have given some ideas to help parents. Costumes can be bought or homemade and we may be able to help if parents have any difficulties sourcing things. Please see a member of the KS2 team if you need any support with this.

We would also like to request donations of cardboard to assist with our set building. These can be brought into the office or handed to teachers at pick up.

If we have any parents who are artistic, creative and willing, we would be grateful for any support with creating scenery and props. Please volunteer through the school office.

Suggestions Box



This week, children have been accessing the Suggestions Box to share all of their wonderful ideas. No ceilings have been placed on their blue sky thinking and we are interested in all of their contributions.

There have been a number of requests to replace lost or damaged sports equipment and an equal number of requests for maths homework. There was a request for a buddy bench, which exists but perhaps is not known to all of our children.

Food was mentioned a few times: a request for 'better puddings' has been bounced back for additional thought about what that might look like. A request for a snack shack is appreciated and a version after school is being considered to raise funds for school. Speaking of fundraising, children are keen to raise money for specific items through bake sales. A double win in their minds with cake and a much-wanted purchase involved.

There have been some slightly trickier requests: more male teachers and shorter days, however the thought put into each suggestion is greatly valued.

Sports Day Reminder



Sports Day will be held on the 28th June.

KS2 will start at 9:15am - to approximately 11:00am

KS1 will be held in the afternoon starting at 1:15

Please could your child wear the coloured T-shirt to represent their team along with their normal school uniform, the children will then get changed ready for their events.

Red - Severn, Blue - Teme, Yellow - Wye, Green -Avon

Please make sure that the children have sensible running shoes.

Team Points



Working as part of a team is very important to us at school and the way we set the team points demonstrates this aspect well. This week's team points have been collated. Well done everybody for contributing to the grand total. You have all been working hard to show our school values.

