

Friday 10th May 2024_JV



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 James 1: 2-4

"Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything."



1 - The Upton Folk Festival

The Mayday weekend in Upton was full of many varied and exciting events all associated with the Folk festival. As the school we enjoy participating in the many events with our community and on Sunday we took part in the Folk festival parade led by the Mayor of Upton Councillor Shirley Dobbin. We had been working with Sarah Matthews and Sara Rose from Folk 3D and they were there to support us all and keep us in time with the violin music. We were positioned near the front of a very long parade and the atmosphere in our town was wonderful. Following that, we all took part in the Maypole dancing which was equally enjoyable and brought a smile to many adults who recalled this fondly from their own childhood. Its a wonderful tradition and we are now keen to develop this further for next year.

Musical celebration

Many of our musicians treated us to a performance on Wednesday afternoon, showing the talent we have in our school. It takes perseverance to learn a musical instrument and courage to perform in front of others and we were impressed with the breadth of talent in our school, from brass instruments to guitar, ukulele, flute and piano, with every year group giving a class performance too. Thank you to Nicky Fox, Laurence Ruston and Helen Lane for preparing their pupils for this informal concert, and to John Holloway to accompanying the school choir. It was not only our pupils who performed as we also had our staff team share their musical talents and it is so special to see the celebration of that close team bond that supports us through all our learning. We were very proud of everyone who took part pupil or staff it all takes perseverance.

If your child has been inspired to start instrumental lessons, please see or email Mrs. Moroni for details. We have flutes, clarinets and saxophones that we lend out free of charge for a year to children from Year 4 (Y5 for saxophone) starting lessons on these instruments.



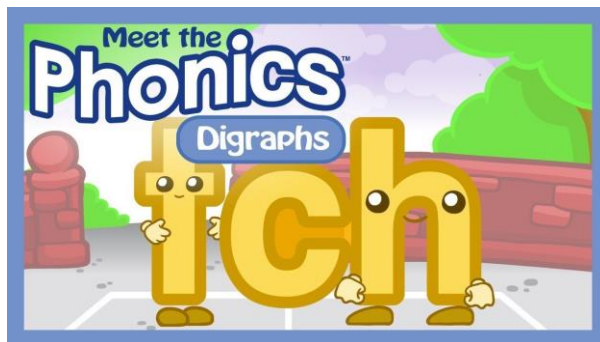


Reception



Reception have enjoyed the sunshine this week and have been amazed to see our runner bean and French beans starting to grow in the outdoor area. We have enjoyed lots of outdoor learning and it has been great to see the sun shining down on us this week. Grace had her first ever piano lesson this week and shared her piano book with us. She spoke to the class about needing lots of perseverance as it was very tricky. We are looking forward to hearing her play for us soon.

Class 1



Later in the term, Class One will undergo their phonics screening check. We have been working very hard this week in our phonics this week. Our sound of the week is 'tch' which sounds like /ch/. The rhyme which helps us remember this when we are spelling is stretch and fetch.

Class 2



Year 2 have been becoming architects this half term in Art. Their final project is to design and create a bridge which will be tested! Here are some of their designs- check back to see the results at the end of term!

Year 4 swimming lessons

This term Year 4 are taking their swimming lessons at Malvern College and enjoying the experience it is a wonderful pool and there are so many benefits to learning to swim with our health being improved with each dip! We are now half way through our swimming lessons and we are progressing well, here is what the children think about their lessons:

"I have learnt how to do breaststroke better and I think it is fun swimming with all my friends" Jason

"I have improved my butterfly stroke" Sofia

"I can hold my breath for longer when I am doing my strokes" Sophie

"When I glide off the side it makes me feel relaxed" Woody

"I've learnt how to keep arms straighter when doing back stroke, I am really proud" Hollie

"I've learnt how to tread water for longer, this is an important skill as it would stop you from drowning" Ethan

Malvern College offer many opportunities for sports and swimming here is the link for the pool.

<https://www.malvernactive.co.uk/swim>

Class 5







As part of our science work from last term, year 5 have studied the process of metamorphosis.

Welcoming 5 caterpillars into the class some weeks ago, the class has observed the changes of metamorphosis and considered the question:

Metamorphosis - a miracle of science or a wonder of nature?

On Thursday, our first butterfly emerged. Followed quickly by two more. Today, the class released the butterflies into the world, a beautiful end to a wonderful Week.

Class 6

This week year 6 have been concentrating on checking that we are all ready for the SATs week of testing that starts on Monday 13th May. We always ensure that our children do not feel pressurised with the upcoming Sats as feeling relaxed and confident is critical to success. Today we have had some light hearted fun with quizzes and grafitti revision. As you can see from the picture this was a really productive and fun session when we wrote down all those important keys facts that we hold in our deep learning. Every child in year 6 has worked incredibly hard this year and we are very poud of their achive. Good luck next week Year 6!

Teddy helping with the daily run



Teddy has been supporting the year 4 and 5 class with their daily run this week. He has enjoyed trotting alongside the children as they all took part in this fun and active activity and their enthusiasm increased as Teddy was a part of the session!

Perseverance in action



Last week we shared the information about Jacob and his incredible training that is ongoing for the event he is entering on May 19th. We have been asked to share the link for this fundraising in support of the Cystic Fibrosis Trust.

To remind you why Jacob is taking on the challenge:

Why I'm Taking on the Nottingham Half Outlaw!

I believe in turning challenges into opportunities for positive change. So, I've decided to push my own limits and take on the Nottingham outlaw half – a grueling triathlon encompassing a 2KM, a 90KM bike ride, and a 13.1-mile run (Half Marathon). This journey is a metaphor for the endurance and determination required by those with cystic fibrosis, and I'm determined to make every stroke, pedal, and stride count.'

This event takes place on May 19th and we wish Jacob every success in this challenge. We are supporting Jacob with this amazing venture and this is the link to our face book page where you can find out further information and also link to his just giving page.

<https://www.facebook.com/Uu7CofEPrimary>

Key Dates

Monday 13th May	Y6 SATS Week
Monday 20th May	Year 6 Residential
Friday 17th May	Year 6 Rugby Tournament
Wednesday 10th July	Year 5 Athletics day at Hanley

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.

Rags to Riches



This week on, Wednesday May 8th the Rag to Riches collection took place. Thank you to all those who set in bags for us to donate we will let you know how much has been raised as soon as possible.





OPEN DAY



Manor Park Sports Club
Great Malvern, WR14 2TL
Saturday 18th May
11am - 2pm

Try our sports out for free - for all ages!
All equipment provided

- TENNIS - INDOOR & OUTDOOR
- SQUASH & RACKETBALL
- BOWLS - INDOOR & OUTDOOR
- ARCHERY
- PICKLEBALL

Bar open all day!

Please book in for tennis, squash/racketball & pickleball.
For archery, indoor & outdoor bowls,
you can just turn up between 11-2pm to play

See: clubspark.lta.org.uk/ManorPark/Events

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