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Upton upon Severn CofE Primary, Nursery 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

Galatians, chapter 5, verses 22 and 23.

But the Spirit gives love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. There is no law that says these things are wrong.

Mother's Day Celebration

As a Church of England Primary School, Mothering Sunday has important, distinctively Christian, historical roots. It is held on the fourth Sunday in Lent, three weeks before Easter Sunday. Originally set as a day to honour and give thanks to the Virgin Mary, the Mother of Jesus. The celebrations required the community to return and visit their 'mother' church which was the main Church within their area. It became a tradition to visit the Mother Church and people were given time off to go

back to their families and visit their Mother Church. In recent years this event has become more commercialised but as a school we always focus on our Mother Church and the importance of our families. Our Mothers Day service reflected the love we have for our families and recognises that families are made up in many different ways but the golden thread that binds us all together is love.

The children created a wonderful celebration; there is something very special hearing young voices together and in the Church the spiritual dimension of the singing made our service a most moving event. Thank you to all those who attended. For those that were unable to attend, we have added a video link of a particularly special hymn.



Caring for the Environment

Next week, Year 6 will be taking part in The Big Plastic Count. As part of our topic on pollution in our oceans, we have been investigating plastic use. We will be monitoring our plastic use at home and submitting our results online. We will then be sent a personal plastic footprint which shows where it ends up.

If you would like to take part in this fun activity and help the environment please follow the link below.

<https://thebigplasticcount.com>

JOIN THE UK'S BIGGEST PLASTIC INVESTIGATION

Count your plastic for one week – **11-17 March 2024**.

For one week in March, thousands of schools, households, community groups and businesses will be coming together to count their plastic waste. And we want you to join them.

Almost a quarter of a million people took part in The Big Plastic Count in 2022. Together we revealed that almost two billion pieces of plastic packaging are being thrown away a week. This year you can help build even more evidence to convince UK ministers to lead the way at the global talks that could finally phase out plastic pollution for good.



Celebrating Success with Musical Theatre



On Sunday 3rd March, Musical Theatre Club braved the bright lights of the stage and competed in the Worcester Competitive Arts Festival. They were all a bit nervous but shone brightly and performed fantastically. The adjudicator commented on their excellent eye contact, how well rehearsed they were and how impressive the age range was! They received a trophy and a gold award certificate with a recommendation for the Gala Performance on Saturday 23rd March with other children from across the festival. We also had some children who were brave enough to perform solos and duets. Ivy and Erica performed A Little Bit of You from Frozen gaining a gold medal and first place! Macaulay performed A Million Dreams from The Greatest Showman and gained Highly Commended and Josiane performed I Know it's Today from Shrek gaining an incredible Distinction mark.

Miss Gilson said 'I am so incredibly proud of the hard work the children put into this competition and the dedication they have shown. I am also grateful to all the parents for their unwavering support throughout. We look forward to seeing what they can achieve next!'







World Book Day



World book day is a special charity event that was first started in the 1990's and is sponsored by national book tokens. Every child in school throughout the UK will receive a book token to put towards a special book they can select.

On the World Book Day website they say, 'World Book Day was created by UNESCO on 23rd April 1995 as a worldwide celebration of books and reading. World Book Day is marked in over 100 countries around the globe. The first World Book Day in the UK and Ireland took place in 1997 to encourage young people to discover the pleasure of reading. As World Book Day founder, Baroness Gail Rebusk, recalls "We wanted to do something to reposition reading and our message is the same today as it was then – that reading is fun, relevant, accessible, exciting, and has the power to transform lives."

In our school we have been embracing the World Book Day theme for 2024 which is 'read your way'. Over the course of the week staff have decorated their classroom doors as book covers and the children have been around to see each others doors. Today we asked the children to dress up and share with us their favourite book. The staff selected special books to share with the children and in both our book day parade and assembly at the end of the day we were able to see how amazing everyone looked in their costumes and share our learning from the day. Some of the exciting activities which have taken place have included, designing book covers, exploring characters, creating pencil boxes, writing our own ending to books, creating new characters, writing story maps and even making book characters out of playdough. The children have had a lovely day being inspired by books and reading.

Included here are some of the pictures of the days and some of the amazing classroom doors.

















The Bible



A report from Amy about the launch of World Book Day.

It was very exciting to be in school leading Collective Worship on World Book Day. The costumes were just fabulous! I joined in as Daisy from 'Daisy and the Trouble with Life' and took my favourite 66 books with me! You might think I would need a giant bag, perhaps even a wheelbarrow to carry 66 books to school but I managed it using just one hand! That's because we discovered that the Bible is actually not one book but a little library of 66 books - 39 in the Old Testament and 27 in the New. We listened to a catchy song that helped us learn all 66 books in order - take a listen here -

<https://youtu.be/Z2hJgU0QDi8?feature=shared>

The Bible is vibrant and vital to our culture and is part of the answer to the world's needs. It's cherished by billions of people around the world....and it's more than 66 books...it has inspired people throughout history such as Florence Nightingale, Elizabeth Fry and Robert Raikes. Even Martin Luther King Jr, in his most famous speech, "I Have a Dream." quoted the prophet Amos from the Bible saying "we will not be satisfied until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream."

You can find out more about some of the other people it has inspired in this little video from The Bible Society

<https://youtu.be/XEjDiMjkVRo?feature=shared>

Thank you from the Midlands Air Ambulance

I have recently had an email from Charley at the Midlands Air Ambulance who is offering tickets to us as a thank you for the support we recently gave them. If you would like to accept this offer please email the office@uptonuponsevern.worcs.sch.uk to inform us as soon as possible. I will send the ticket request on Monday.

'Thank you for your recent amazing support of our 3rd annual Wear it Red Day campaign!

We are still totting up the totals and will update you ASAP.

In the meantime, your school was one of the highest fundraisers in Worcestershire, and as a personal thanks, we are offering you tickets to the 3pm Kidderminster Harriers game on Good Friday (Friday 29th March) against Altrincham! Teachers, parents and children can use these tickets, so please feel free to share the offer with parents at your school. We do however have a limited number available, and they are available on a first come first served basis. If you would like any, please let me know as soon as possible the number of tickets you'd like and I'll send them through to you.'



CYRIL THE RACEHORSE

The Trials And Tribulations Of A Windy Racehorse!

1 - Focus on Reading

We are delighted to welcome local author Sue Yardley to our school next Friday to read her latest book to the children in KS1.

Her book tells the story of a real life racehorse and his adventures. The children will have the opportunity to ask questions of the author and learn all about what it takes to write a book.

Copies of her book are available to buy from the Post Office or by following the link below.

<https://cyriltheracehorse.com/contact>

Art Installation

Year 6 have created an art installation in the library based on their art topic, 'Bold Colour'. Children were invited to paint shoe boxes using pattern and colour.

This display will be available for parents to see during parents' evening week.





Easter Egg Competition

A vertical poster for an Easter Egg Competition. The background is white with a border of colorful Easter eggs and confetti. At the top, a brown rectangular box contains the Elgar Court logo (a stylized leaf) and the text 'ELGAR COURT BARCHESTER HEALTHCARE' and 'EASTER FUN EGG DESIGN COMPETITION'. Below this, the text 'Win a Chocolate Easter Egg with your own 'Egg-cellent' design on it!' is written in a bold, brown font. Three paragraphs of text follow: 'The 'Egg-ceptional' creations will be judged by our residents, and there will be one winner from each school.', 'The chocolicious designs will be made into chocolate eggs and presented to pupils by our Residents.', and 'Our competition is open to all primary school pupils in Malvern and the surrounding parishes.' At the bottom of the text area, there is a photo of a brown rabbit on the left and a yellow chick on the right, with a basket of colorful eggs in the center. A brown banner at the very bottom contains the entry instructions: 'To enter, please email or post your submissions to: Email: naomi.steward@barchester.com Post: Or drop off at the address below. Closing by Friday 22 March 2024'.

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