

22nd September 2023

Upton Primary Newsletter

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

Philippians 4:12-13 - I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

[WEBSITE](#)





We have a new website that was launched at the end of last term and we are gradually building this up to ensure it gives you a full picture of all the different things our school can offer. We are going to ask for your help with this. Could we therefore ask that you click on this anonymous [Website Questionnaire Link](#) to help answer some questions about our new website. Please complete the

questionnaire by **Thursday 28th September**. We want to ensure that we have full parent participation in building a website for our school community that works successfully for everyone.

There are many different aspects to our school and we are fortunate enough to also have a pre-school on site and the Riverboats Children's Centre. Although these sit separately from the school, they are included on our website and we are currently working on developing information on what we offer to the community through these services.

This week the photographer, John Houlihan, from our website provider, Juniper Education, was in school taking a variety of photographs to use in the opening pages. This has involved children posing for pictures that will become part of the main introduction to our school. As bell boating is very important to us, the photographer asked if he could take some children to the river to pose for some photographs. We took the two bell boats round to the marina slipway and a variety of photographs were able to be taken that looked as though we were actually bell boating down the river, although in reality we were in the serenity and comfort of the marina. The children really enjoyed this experience and found it interesting to listen to the photographer's explanation of how the pictures would work. They also enjoyed the challenge of trying to get the bell boats around to the slipway in order for the pictures to be taken.

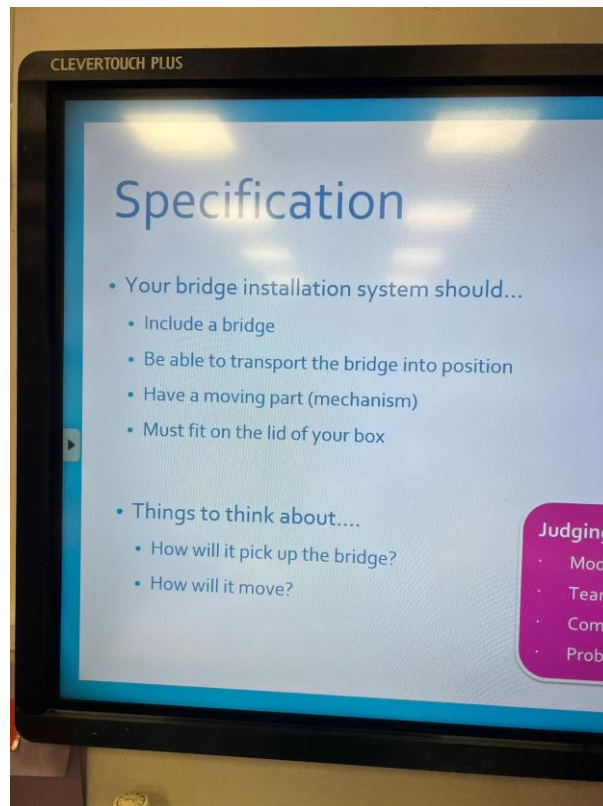
STEM WORKSHOP

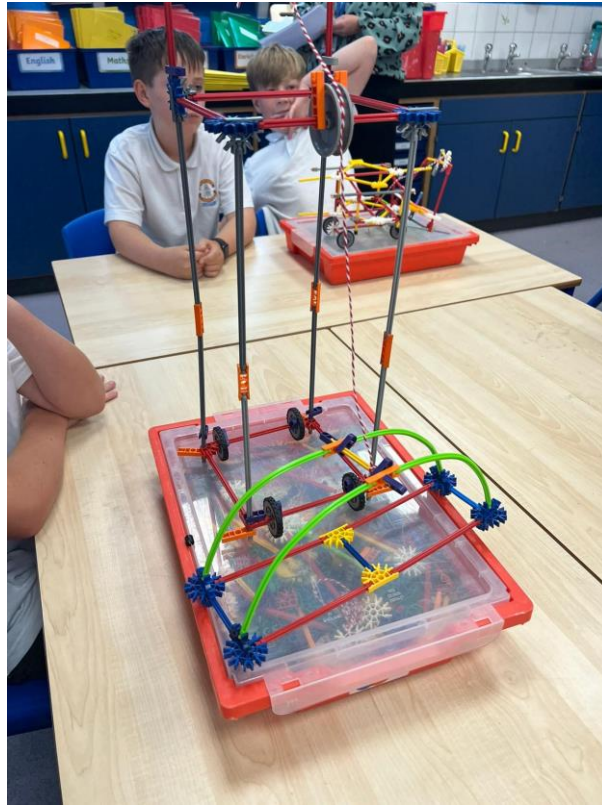
This week Years 5 and 6 were delighted to welcome Sarah from STEM into school to run a workshop. This year's theme was bridge building and we were treated to exclusive video footage of the bridges being built along the dual carriageways of Worcester. The children's task was to build a mechanical device to move bridges around and fix them into place.



In order to be successful you had to show great design ideas, teamwork, communication skills and of course imagination.

For the second year running, Isabel and Evie (Year 6) were victorious and they will now go forward to be finalists in June against other schools. It is always great to see children engaged in STEM activities, which really brings out logical thinking and teamwork.













MIDLANDS AIR AMBULANCE

The Midlands Air Ambulance has been one of our selected charities that we have supported since 2013, as one of our previous pupils required the use of this service on a regular basis. In 2014, the pupil had the idea that she would like to raise some funds through school for the Midlands Air Ambulance, so we held a summer barbecue and raised money to support the charity. In subsequent years, we have continued to support the Midlands Air Ambulance Charity and in February of this year we held our first 'Wear it Red Day to show your love to the Midlands Air Ambulance' and invited other schools in our local area to take part. In total 32 schools wore red and held various fund raising activities managing to raise a total of £6,124.35. This was an amazing amount and the charity were delighted.

For 2024 they are planning a much bigger event and have asked our school to support them to spread the 'Wear it Red Day' into the other authorities that the Midlands Air Ambulance cover. We will be holding our 'Wear it Red Day' on Friday 9th February 2024 and will be sharing with you our plans for that day closer to the time. On Wednesday of this week Charley Burke from the Midlands Air Ambulance came into school with a video crew and worked with Years 5 and 6 to video them cheering for their charity. They are going to use our school in their promotional material and are producing a short video clip to use at their base in Strensham and at their annual ball, taking place today (Friday 22nd September) and throughout other media presentations.



2023/2024 EVENTS CALENDAR

EVENT	DATE
Harvest Festival - 9.30am	Friday 29th September 2023
School Photos	Monday 2nd October 2023
Autumn half-term	Monday 30th October to Friday 3rd November 2023
Parents' Evenings (Autumn) - 3.30pm to 6.30pm	Tuesday 7th and Thursday 9th November 2023
Reception and KS1 Nativity - 9.30am	Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th December 2023
Christmas Carol Service - 9.30am	Friday 22nd December 2023
Christmas and New Year Break	Monday 25th December 2023 to Friday 5th January 2024
TED (school closed to pupils)	Monday 8th January 2024
Spring half-term	Monday 12th to Friday 16th February 2024
Year 5 Residential	Monday 19th to Wednesday 21st February 2024
Mothers' Day Service - 9.30am	Friday 8th March 2024
Parents' Evenings (Spring) - 3.30pm to 6.30pm	Tuesday 19th and Thursday 21st March 2024
Easter Service - 9.30am	Friday 22nd March 2024
Easter Break	Monday 25th March to Friday 5th April 2024
KS2 SATs week	Monday 13th to Thursday 16th May 2024
Summer half-term	Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May 2024
TED (school closed to pupils)	Monday 3rd June 2024
Sports Day Back up Sports Day	Friday 28th June 2024 Friday 5th July 2024
KS2 Production - Tuesday - 1.45pm and 6.00pm Wednesday - 6.00pm	Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th July 2024
Year 6 Enterprise Fair - 2.30pm	Tuesday 16th July 2024
Year 6 Leavers' Service - 9.30am	9.30am Friday 19th July 2024
Last day of term	Friday 19th July 2024

SNACK TIME



1 - A healthy school is one that promotes physical, social, emotional and mental health and helps equip pupils, staff and families with the skills and attitudes to make informed decisions about their health. Our PSHE curriculum supports informing children about diet and healthy eating.

Can we please ask that children do not bring food other than fruit and vegetables into school for snack. We would like to encourage a health attitude to snacking in school please. We would also remind parents that only water is to be sent in in water bottles please.

PE KITS



2 - We would like to remind parents that the correct PE kit is blue shorts and a white T-shirt. We are aware that some parent have purchase skorts and would ask that going forward we only buy shorts please as these are safer when the children are using the gym equipment. During the winter months we are happy for children to bring in tracksuits to wear to keep them warm. Blue or black tracksuits are preferable please. At times, the field is muddy and therefore trainers are ideal to prevent children's feet getting wet. A change of socks is also advisable.

SCHOLASTICS BOOK FAIR



We are looking forward to welcoming the scholastic book fair to school from Thursday 21st September to Thursday 28th September. The books will be available to view every day from

8.30am to 9.00am and 3.05pm to 3.30pm. There will be books suitable for all of our children, payment is all electronic and books will be delivered shortly after the book fair closes on the 28th September.

BLUE PETER BADGE



Children aged 5-15 can earn a new Blue Peter Book badge by sharing an illustration of a character or scene from their favourite current book.

It is completely free to enter, there are a few simple questions to answer online and you could gain free access to a raft of attractions across the UK including DIG!, The Dinosaur Museum, Eden Project, Slimbridge and Eastnor Castle.

TEAMS4U PROJECT



TEAMS4U CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL

GIVE LOVE IN A BOX THIS YEAR

This year the shoeboxes will be heading to the Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia, Bosnia and Romania.

FROM YOUR HAND TO THEIRS

Your shoebox will be given to a vulnerable child, or family, through schools, nurseries, mosques and orphanages. Our aim is that each box is given in relationship with the local community as part of a long-term commitment to these children.

FIND AN OLD SHOEBOX

Find one at home, collect one from church

WRAP IT WITH CHRISTMAS PAPER

Please wrap the box and lid separately

FILL IT WITH USEFUL GIFTS

You can get some inspiration from the list below

FILL IN A DONATION SLIP & LABEL

Close the lid with a rubber band. Please do not tape the lid shut.

DROP OFF WITH £3 DONATION

DROP OFF POINT

Completed Shoeboxes and donations can be dropped off at **Upton Baptist Church**

Monday 30th October to Sunday 19th November

10am - 1pm
(Closed Saturdays)



CANT FILL A BOX?

If you cannot fill a whole box but have some goodies to include, we welcome donations of items we can add to boxes.

Each box costs £3 to send to a child or family. We welcome donations towards transport.



WHAT TO PUT IN YOUR BOX

Practical supplies Toothbrush and toothpaste Hairbrush/comb Facecloth and soap Stationery/pens/pencil/paper Gloves/hats/scarves Stationery pack Craft Pack Sewing Kit	A few small gifts Soft toy Ball Game Puzzle Bubbles Musical instrument i.e. harmonica/recorder A photo of yourself
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For more information contact Barrie 01684 594412 | 07814932921

This week in Worship, the Reverend Amy Wearing shared with the children about the 'Teams4U Project'. She showed them an example shoebox and will be collecting things to support the making of shoeboxes through the autumn term in the lead up to Christmas. Teams4U collected over 64,000 shoeboxes last year delivering out to Romania, Ukraine, Moldova, Bosnia and Georgia. Boxes are collected throughout the UK and taken to local warehouse checking centres where they are checked for items that cannot go, such as medicines.

The shoeboxes are then packed into cartons and exported on large lorries into Eastern Europe. Once arrived they are met by 'In Country' partners who are responsible for distributing them into the most needy communities. There is no discrimination of race or religion in getting these boxes to where they are most needed. Boxes are given freely, no Strings attached, from one child or family here in the UK to another child of family in Eastern Europe.

Other projects that Teams4u is involved in are:

- Suncuis Education Project – Romania
- Develop With Dignity in both Uganda and Sierra Leone
- Wash Sanitation Projects in both Uganda and Sierra Leone
- Homeless Project in Romania
- Orphanage Project Ukraine

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Preloved parent, children and baby goods

Profits go to NCT Charity



Saturday 30 September 2023

Buy & Sell Pre-loved baby & Children items!

**Malvern Active, Malvern College, Thirstane Road, Great Malvern
WR14 3PL**

2.30pm-4pm (2.15pm for NCT members)

Bag a bargain at our Nearly New Sale! Shop for high quality, used baby and children's clothing, maternity wear, nursery equipment, toys, books and more...

Debit and credit cards accepted.

Admission £1.50 per person in advance online or
£2 cash on the door per person



Do you have things to sell? Let us do it for you!
You can find all the details by scanning the QR
code or find us on Facebook at Malvern Hills NCT



NCT is acting as the agent for sales at NCT Nearly New sales.

NCT is a trading name of The National Children's Trust.
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Nursery - Year 8



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or scan the QR code





OPEN EVENTS

THURSDAY 28 SEPTEMBER



Dear Parent/Carer

We are really looking forward to welcoming you and prospective students to our Open Events this year.

Our morning session will run from 9:30am - 11:30am allowing you to see the school and visit classrooms during the school day.

Our evening session will be in two parts. Session 1 at 6:00pm and Session 2 at 6:45pm. For each session I will give an address in the main hall, then you will have the opportunity to join a guided tour.

This year we are asking you to book online for the session you wish to attend. Please visit our website www.chase.worcschuk to make your booking.

Yours sincerely

Mike Felthouse, Headteacher

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