

25th July 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

[Matthew 7:7](#) - Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

BLUES WORKSHOP & FESTIVAL



On Thursday 20th July, we were fortunate enough to have the Blues musician led by Jay Riley to run a workshop for the Key Stage 2 children throughout the day. Years 3 and 4 were taught a new song with Years 5 and 6 developing one of their own. The children were then able to hold a performance to show their parents/carers in the afternoon. This is a special event that happens every year and one that we always thoroughly enjoy given the high quality of the blues music that reverberates throughout the school.

This year, however, was an exceptionally unique event as the Blues Festival took place during the term time as opposed to normally being held after we have broken up. This meant we were invited to officially open the Blues Festival. We took the entire KS2 over to the main arena on the Upton Rugby pitch and sang on the main stage to the assembled audience. It was an incredible experience; moving, spiritual and inspirational all rolled into one. A moment that the children hopefully will treasure forever.

Following the stage performance, we were able to sit and have our picnic lunch and listen to further blues music with the children enjoying the wonderful atmosphere of the Blues Festival. This Festival is such an important event for the Upton community and it was a very special opportunity for our school to be part of this and is something I hope going forwards, we can be involved in for years to come.

YEAR 6

LEAVERS

On our last day of term, we always finish with the Year 6 leavers and Tuesday 25th July was no exception. The Year 6 children came into school knowing that this would be their last day as part of the Upton upon Severn team. The 'Good Morning' that we shared in the church started with a slightly sombre feeling but as is the Upton way we soon encouraged much smiling, hand raising and dancing to ensure that the event was a memorable one and that by the end of it all the children were raising their hands and everyone was dancing. The children, during the service, shared their memories of Upton and it is always quite a poignant time to reflect back on their school journey so far. I am very proud to be the headteacher of Upton upon Severn and these children, who have faced an unusual KS2 experience, will hopefully have happy and positive memories to take with them as they move into the next stage of their educational journey.

At the end of each year we always give out awards to those in Year 6 who have epitomised our school vision of "Anything is possible, we can all succeed". The awards this year went to the following children:

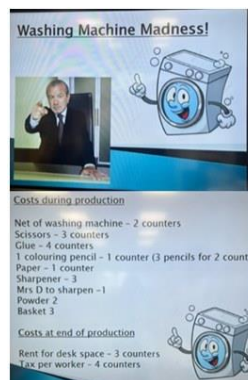
- Arts - Holli B
- Sports - Jenson P
- Longdon Endeavour - Jack B
- DM Hunt - Daniel R

It is our hope that the children will always remember this and approach their lives with resilience, determination and positivity. We wish them the best of everything.





WASHING MACHINE CHALLENGE



On Tuesday 18th July Year 6 took part in the washing machine challenge. This exercise encouraged groups of children to think about production, buying and selling and how to become the most profitable company making and producing washing machines. This challenge gave the children valuable insight into how their companies would run for the Enterprise Fair.

ENTERPRISE FAIR

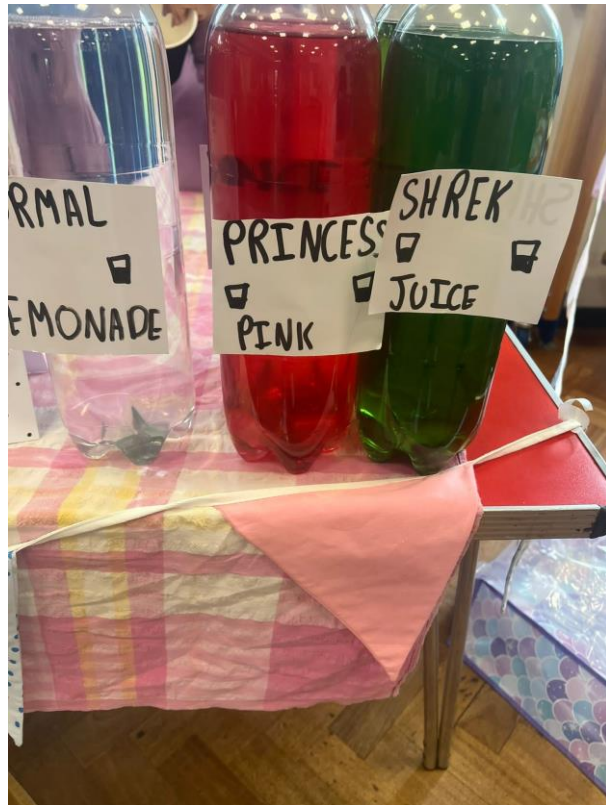
On Monday afternoon, the Year 6 children ran an Enterprise fair in the school hall. They were initially put into groups of four and given £5 each to put together. Over a series of weeks, the children had to research and plan which products they felt would sell the best. The objective of the project was to make as much profit as possible. There were many exciting things for sale from tattoos

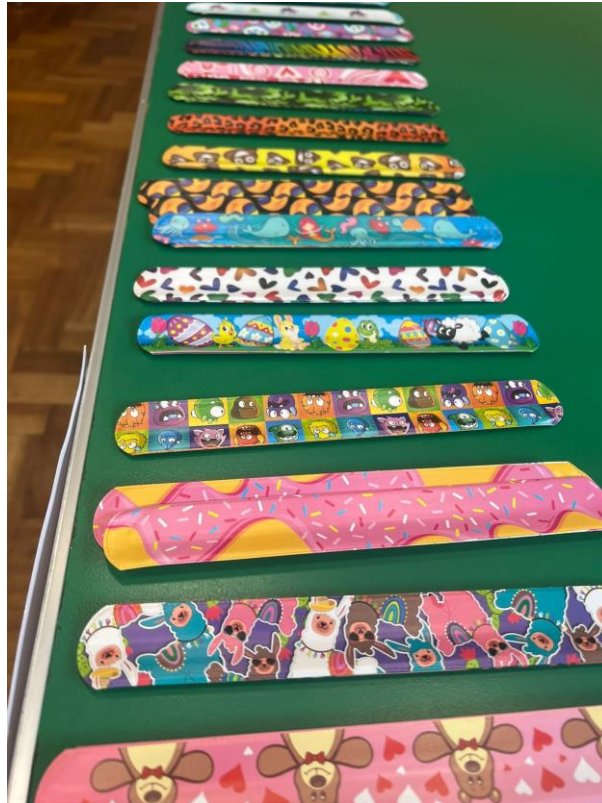
to crystals, cookies to fidget toys and the children honed their sales techniques to max the maximum profit. Sales and discounts were given and then the grand totals calculated.

The winning team was Magic Penguins making a total profit of £62.00.

The Enterprise Fair raised £289.70, which helped to pay for the schools production of Shrek.







GARDENING

During the summer term, a group of year 6 students have taken a keen interest in our garden area. Mr Miles refurbished the greenhouse last summer and it has been put to good use. As part of the school's commitment to wellbeing and mental health, we have allowed students to take time out to work in the natural environment. Oak, Joseff and Alfie have particularly enjoyed growing vegetables. This week they harvested their cauliflowers but we have had carrots, tomatoes and onions as well as some beautiful sunflowers in recent weeks. On different days, several children have enjoyed spending some time in the garden helping with weeding and watering and we hope this area will continue to be a lovely area for pupils next year. Many thanks to Mrs Martin who has provided vegetable plants and supervised much of the activity out here.

STAFF LEAVERS

This morning, during the Year 6 leavers' service, we also said goodbye to five members of staff from the school. They have a combined experience of 44 years. Mr Kent (2 years), Mrs Martin (16 years), Mrs Hollier (17 years), Miss Ludlow (8 years) and Mrs Clements (1 year). These staff members have, over their years of service, all contributed significantly to the staff team and we wish them all the best for their future.



YEAR 1 - THANK YOU

We would like to express our thanks to Lonsdale's Fresh Produce for donating fruit to our Year 1 class to enable them to make smoothies.



We would like to wish you all a happy and safe summer term and school will reopen to pupils on **Wednesday 6th September 2023**

COMMUNITY NOTICES

