

3rd March 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)

WEEKLY BIBLE QUOTE

[Revelation 1:3](#) ESV / 10 helpful votes

Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.

WORLD BOOK DAY



On Thursday we enjoyed a wonderful World Book Day which this year was all about Mr Men and Little Misses. It was so great to welcome parents to our parade so the children could show their amazing costumes.

We had a fun filled day writing our own Mr Men books and doing lots of fun activities around these characters. We finished the day with a lovely assembly where each class shared their stories and pictures from the day. We would like to thank parents for their support with costumes.





YEAR 5 MALVERN OUTDOORS RESIDENTIAL

Year 5 have had the most fabulous time at Boundless Outdoors.

Their adventure started with making their own beds and unpacking, ready for the next two nights.

Monday afternoon focused on low ropes and climbing, the value of courage was very much evident on the climbing wall. The evening activity was a night walk up End Hill - thank you to Mrs Davies for coming along to support the children in this activity. Tuesday morning involved making their own sandwiches followed by two activities that would involve the values of perseverance, courage and trust: high bridges and the poles. So many children exceeded their own expectations of how high they would go. A wonderful chilly walk up the Beacon on Tuesday afternoon with welcoming mugs of hot chocolate ready upon their return. Tuesday evening's activities were the tunnels and nightline.

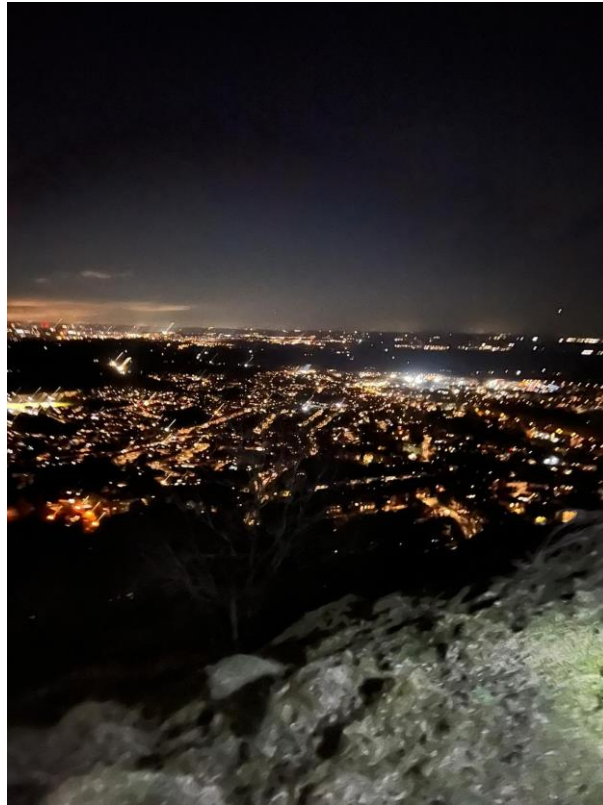
The children were amazingly confident given their dark surroundings and it was wonderful to see how resilient they all were in this different context.

After a hearty breakfast on Wednesday morning, the children completed archery and the zipwire; using the values of trust and courage. The children had a fabulous time zooming down the zipwire.

All of class 5 had the most marvellous time away and would like to thank their parents and all the staff that helped make this experience such a wonderful one.

We would like to invite all Year 5 parents to an assembly in our school hall on Wednesday 8th March at 9.00am, where the children will be sharing all of their adventures.





MOTHERS' DAY SERVICE

We look forward to welcoming you all to our singing service in church on Friday 17th March at 9.30am. The children are working hard learning lots of songs to entertain you with. We will be celebrating our families and, at this time of year, especially our mums, grandmas and other family members we hold dear. Please keep the date free and join us for our first Mothers' Day service in three years.

NETBALL TOURNAMENT

On Thursday we took two teams to play netball at Hanley Castle High School. It was great that we could take so many children to experience playing against other schools in a competitive and friendly tournament. We won the tournament, the children played really well. They were determined and really proud of their performance. They now go through to the next stage of the competition.



STAFFING UPDATES

STAFF TRAINING

In order to ensure that we keep our school at the forefront of the educational system, we are proactive in ensuring that opportunities are provided to give a strong training programme to all members of our staff team. We have five teacher education days during the year in which we target specific training for the entire team, keeping everyone up to date with the regular training such as

safeguarding, that is covered on an annual basis. In addition to this members of staff are booked onto courses throughout the academic year that are specific to their job role. We cover this staff training with other staff members which enables us to ensure that our children's vital curriculum delivery time in school is not impacted but also ensuring that our staff have access to high level and quality training throughout the year. For this year a number of staff are taking part in the following training aspects:

- Maths glow project training - Mr Kent is the lead for and has attended specific Glow Lead training. This course is designed for all teachers for developmental learning and ensures that our maths curriculum delivery is able to provide depth of learning in this vital subject area.
- Early Years development courses - the entire Early Years Unit (Pre School and Reception class) have undertaken Early Years Development courses in a variety of things with specific focus on speech and language.
- Speech and Language - all staff through school receive training from Keren Somers, our resident speech and language therapist, to ensure this area of development is given prime focus for our children.
- NPQEYL - This is a National Professional Qualification in Early Years lead. This is an eighteen month in-depth course that is designed for pre school managers.
- NPQEL - This is a National Professional Qualification for executive leadership. This course is designed for Headteachers to ensure they are at the forefront of leadership development and can impact positive changes for the future in their schools.

NEW STAFF

We would like to welcome Mrs L Garey who will be joining our team from Monday 6th March as a Teaching Assistant in Key Stage 2.

CONGRATULATIONS

Just before the half-term break one of our members of staff, Miss Shelly Roberts, celebrated her marriage to Mr Matthew Cox. This was an unusual event for our school and we would like to send our congratulations to them both.



HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

Our Headteacher's Awards are given to children who have special achievements that are a little more unusual and deserve a higher level of accreditation.

This week I am pleased to award Lottie in Year 3 with a Headteacher's Award for a superb show and tell about her dog.

COMMUNITY NOTICES



Malvern Multi-sports Camp

Providing young people aged 4-14 of all abilities with an opportunity to have fun, develop sporting skills and meet with friends.

All children must bring a packed lunch and drinks each day

3rd, 4th & 5th April 2023

MSJ Sports & Fitness Centre,
Malvern, WR14 3LH.

9.30am - 3.30pm each day

Only
£27.50 for 1 day
£47.50 for 2 days
& £23.75 for each
subsequent day
booked!

For more information, and to secure your place, please contact:
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The poster features a vibrant design with a purple top border decorated with colorful bunting. Below the border, various sports equipment including a basketball, soccer ball, tennis racket, and badminton shuttlecock are illustrated. The main title 'Malvern Multi-sports Camp' is written in large, bold, yellow letters. The background is a mix of blue and green, suggesting an outdoor sports setting. There are several circular inset photos showing children participating in different sports like basketball, soccer, and badminton. The text is organized into colored boxes: purple for the main title and description, orange for dates and times, and yellow for the lunch requirement and pricing. The bottom section provides contact information in a purple box.

Preloved parent, children and baby goods

Profits go to NCT Charity



Saturday 11 March 2023

**Malvern Active, Malvern College, Thirlstane 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...

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Admission £1 per person.



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At our heart are kindness and friendship -
a place where children pursue their passions and thrive.

Join us at our Open Morning
Friday 3rd March 2023
Nursery - Year 8

To book your place, visit:
www.thedownsmalvern.org.uk

