

3rd February 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

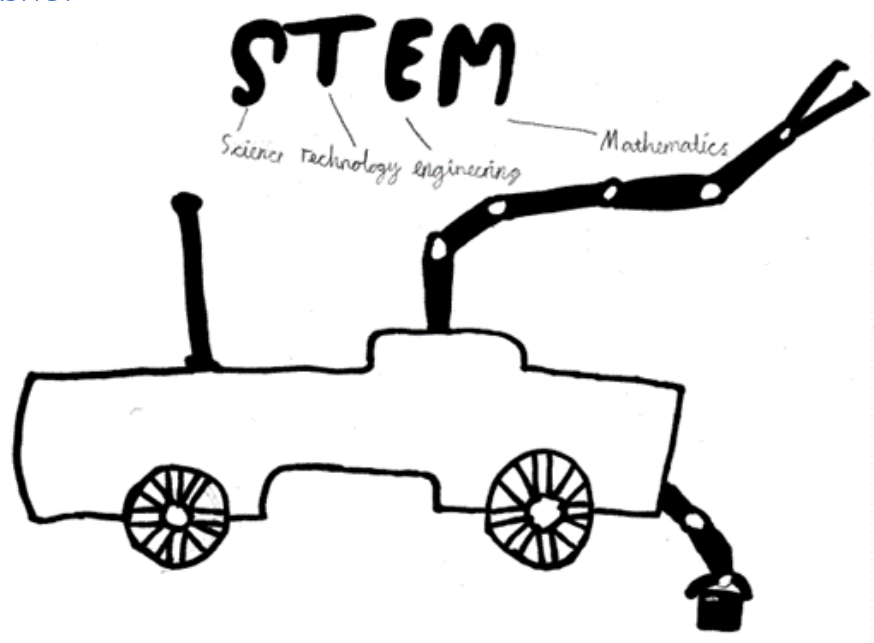
[Ecclesiastes 4:9](#) - Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil.

GOOSE ETHOS AND WORKING TOGETHER



Our goose ethos is a vital aspect of the way we work within our school. The focus on this is very much about team working and our children will tell you that geese (and many other birds) fly in a 'V' formation which enables them to use the uplift of the birds in front and hence cover a greater distance than they would do when flying alone. Our team ethos encompasses all of us, children, staff, governors, parents and also the wider community all working together to achieve the best we can for our children's education. We are currently working on a new website and would like to ask for input from yourselves, as parents, on what you would like to see as our parent community within our website and how we, as a school, can improve. Please email the school office with any ideas with the word '**Website**' in the subject.

STEM WORKSHOP



Wednesday Years 5 and 6 were lucky enough to take part in a STEM workshop. The workshops help to inspire children to be interested in science, technology, engineering and maths. This year the children were challenged to create an automated warehouse from K'Nex building materials.

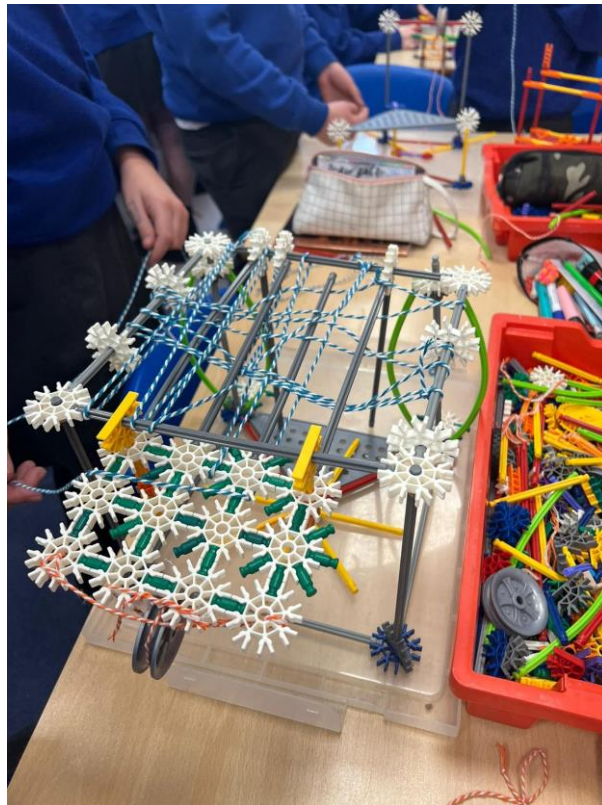
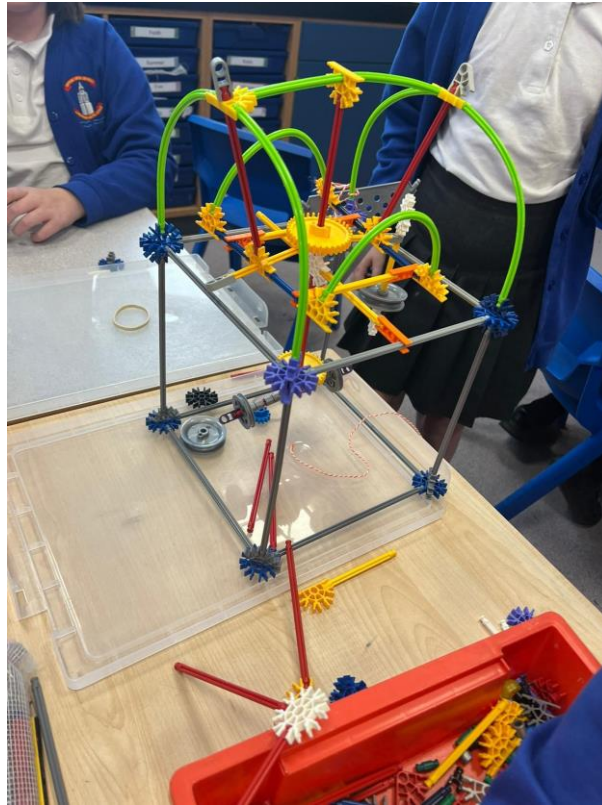
The children had a brilliant time and worked so well in pairs proving 'anything is possible'.

Below are some of the comments made by the children:

- Callum - "I like having the time to experiment and build and it doesn't feel like learning – it's fun"
- Oak - "It's fun to be making and to see if we can get it to work"
- Alana - "It's great to be using our imagination with our friends. It's really inspiring to think about a job for the future, designing or building"









THURSDAY 2nd MARCH 2023

The theme for this World Book Day follows the message "**You Are a Reader**," and there will be a focus on reaching children from disadvantaged backgrounds. The World Book Day organisation will be working with schools and nurseries to distribute gift vouchers to ensure that all children can have a book of their own.

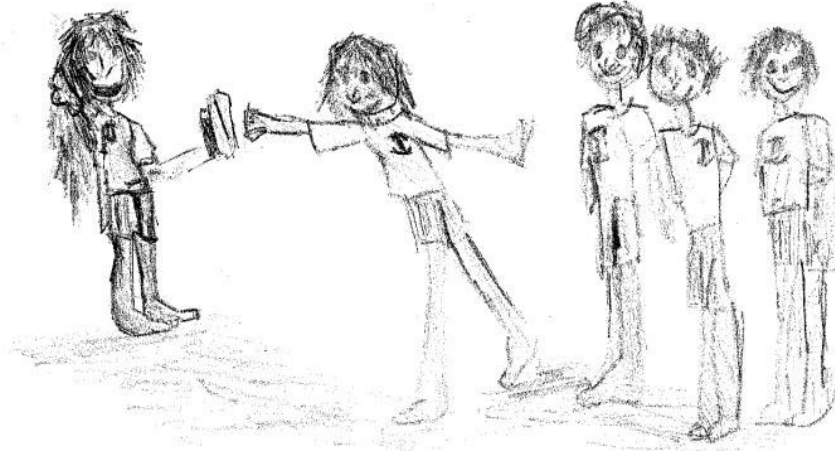
This year our school theme for World Book Day is the 'Mr Men' and 'Little Miss' books. These charming little books are perfect for teaching children a moral story in a fun way. We would like to invite all children to come to school dressed as their favourite Mrs Men or Little Miss character.

We know that parents will have their own memories of Mr Men and probably their favourite characters they can share with their children. Throughout the day we will be doing all sorts of activities with the children, culminating in each class creating their own brand new Mr Men story with illustrations, using our school values as a stimulus.

There are a total of 92 Mr Men and Little Miss books so lots to choose from. Please can your child come dressed as one of these. We know that parents can find this a challenge so costumes can be as simple as T-shirt with a face on, a cardboard cut-out or for the super creative a full papier-mâché creation. At the beginning of the day we will have a parade around the playground which we will invite parents to attend. We would also like to invite parent to fill in a postage tag with the name of their favourite book from their childhood. We will display these on our gate that day.



KARATE



Years 3 and 4 went to Hanley Castle High School on Thursday for a karate session. The children really enjoyed sampling this sport and learning lots of new skills, such as shouting in Japanese! They worked in teams as well as individually and were all a credit to our school. Year 3 Sports Superstars said: "I liked it when we use the pads for punching really lightly" and "It was really fun".

Nikki Sinclair of Red Eagle Martial Arts runs karate lessons after school on Mondays in our school hall at a cost of £4 per child per session. If you would like to book your child into the karate sessions that Nikki runs, please do so by clicking on the following web link:

<https://redeagle martial arts.co.uk/After-School-Club>

WEAR IT RED DAY AND DISCO

WEAR IT RED DAY - Tuesday 14th February

On Tuesday 14th February all children can come to school wearing non-uniform by way of either red clothing or clothing that has red in it, to support our 'Wear it Red' day in aid of the Midlands Air Ambulance. Charley Burke from the Midlands Air Ambulance will be bringing with her a bucket in which donations can be made on the school gate during morning dropoff.

Our school's Council have been researching the valuable work of the Midlands Air Ambulance Charity. They have found out the following facts:

- *Since the Air Ambulance first started – there have been 70,723 missions*
- *During December 2022 – the air ambulance was involved in 336 missions*
- *Each Air Ambulance mission costs an average of £2,950*
- *Each critical care mission costs £288 on average*

- *The charity does not receive funding from the Government for its daily missions so relies entirely on the support and generosity of local people and business*

We know how important this charity and we look forward to hearing more information from

Charley Burke when she comes to host our presentation assembly on Tuesday 14th February.

Our school vision is 'Anything is Possible, we can all succeed' and our children had the idea of getting other cluster schools in the Malvern area involved in this event. To date thirty schools are involved with this and we hope to feed Charley's live assembly to all of those schools.

DISCO - Friday 10th February

We will also be holding a school disco during the evening of Friday 10th February to raise funds for the Midlands Air Ambulance. The entry cost will be £2 per child (to include refreshments) and the timings are as follows:

- **Reception and Year 1 - from 5.30pm to 6.15pm. We request that parents stay at this disco please**
- **Years 2 to 6 - from 6.30pm to 7.30pm**

MARVELLOUS ME WELLBEING CLINIC

We would like to thank all those that attended the Marvellous Me Wellbeing Clinic coffee morning on Monday. Due to a change in tutors, the parent Wellbeing Clinics dates and timings have had to be changed. The clinics will now start from **Monday 27th February and take place every Monday up to 27th March**. There will also be an opportunity to 'meet the tutor' for an informal chat on **Monday 13th February**. The altered times for both the 'meet the tutor' and the wellbeing clinic meetings will be **1.30pm to 3.00pm**. Places are limited to 12 adults so, if you would like to book your place at the meet the tutor and wellbeing clinics, please contact the school office either by email office@uptonuponsevern.worcs.sch.uk or by phone on 01684 592259.

MARVELLOUS me
A course for parents and carers

The Upton Riverboats Children's Centre are proud to host a special course for parents and carers to explore your interests and qualities and consider what you might like to achieve for you and your family in the future.

You and your child can also enjoy quality one-to-one time creating fun seasonal art & crafts in a supportive group with your Family Learning Tutor

MEET THE TUTOR

 **DATE/TIME:** Monday 13th February at 1.30pm
LOCATION: Riverboats Children's Centre, Prices Lane, Upton upon Severn, WR8 0LY

Please arrive at **1.20pm** for **1.30pm** start where you will be taken to our meeting room

This course is **FREE** for all parents & carers to attend.

For more information please contact, or ask to speak to
Melanie Cooper or Shirley Dobbin
at the school.

The course runs over 5 Mondays from 27th February to 27th March
Time: from 1.30pm to 3.00pm

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

CATCH-UP FLU VACCINATION CLINIC

The Worcestershire Immunisation Team have a final catch up flu vaccination clinic for all children from Reception to Year 9. This will be taking place on **Saturday 4th February 2023 in Worcester** for those parents that have missed the opportunity to consent for the vaccination. These clinics are by **APPOINTMENT ONLY** and to book please contact their office on: 01527 390030.

NCT NEARLY NEW SALE

Preloved parent, children and baby goods

Profits go to NCT Charity



Saturday 11 March 2023

**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 per person.



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THE DOWNS MALVERN - OPEN DAY



Our place to *thrive*.

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

Join us at our Open Day
Saturday 4th February 2023
Nursery - Year 8

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

