



Upton Noble News

Friday 18th October 2024



During the last few weeks the children at Upton Noble Primary School have been extremely busy in developing their knowledge and skills in their topics.

The children in Acorn Class have been busy learning about their topic: Once Upon a time. As part of this they have been learning the story: Rosie's Walk and have been using the puppets they have created to retell the story. They have also been getting to know their buddies in Year 6. We look forward to seeing all the parents of Acorn Class at our Welcome Service on Wednesday 23rd October at 2.30pm at St Mary's church where you will see the children retelling Rosie's Walk.

Elm Class have been learning about Upton Noble and exploring the types of features within Upton Noble, both physical and human. They have been exploring the school grounds and have been drawing maps of the school. In English they have been looking at the text: The three little pigs and have been thinking of interesting adjectives to describe the wolf and have been writing their own character descriptions. In Science the children have been exploring materials and describing what kinds of materials are used for everyday objects and why.

Willow Class have been developing their knowledge and understanding regarding the Great Fire of London, they have used a variety of sources to answer questions about this famous event. They have deciphered between facts and opinions in looking at recounts of the fire.

The children have been reading the book: Vlad and the Great Fire of London and have understood the two different character's roles in the story in regards to the different events which took place in the Great Fire of London. In Art they have looked at a painting of the Great Fire of London by Lieve Verschuier's and discussed his work. Using collage, the children have created their own version of the scene of the Great Fire of London by creating the background first and then layering tissue paper to create the silhouette of the damaged buildings.



Ash Class have been developing their knowledge regarding The Stone Age, they have learnt that the stone age people were hunters and gathers and have developed their understanding of key events during this time. The children have used the chrome books to understand the significance of Skara Brae into understanding what life was like during the stone age period. In Art they have explored cave paintings and have tried to recreate their own using charcoal with some impressive results. Please look at the Ash website to see some of these being created. In Science the children have been learning about light and have been exploring reflections.

In Beech Class, the children have been looking at Europe, they have been exploring maps, identifying the northern and southern hemisphere, revisiting continents and exploring time zones and lines of longitude and latitude. They have also been comparing the physical characteristics of countries in Europe with the UK. In Science the children have been exploring Living things and their habitats, as part of this they looked for different habitats they could find in the Forest School.



Sycamore Class were amazing ambassadors of the school in demonstrating advocacy and responsibility in the incredible Macmillan Coffee morning they planned and organised a few weeks ago. It was a huge success and a privilege to see their 'lights shining' for this incredible cause. They raised an astonishing £382.11 Thank you to the whole school community who supported this event.



As well as preparing, organising and delivering the Macmillan Coffee morning they have also been busy with their learning this half term. They have been developing their knowledge about Earth and Space, their art has been linked to this and the children have been looking at space imagery and designing their own. Their main topic has been exploring Ancient Civilisation. They have created a timeline of key events in history to aid their understanding where different civilisations fit in and are able to describe how the early civilisations developed. The children have undertaken some research to develop their understanding regarding the life of ancient civilisations including ancient Sumer, Egypt, Greece, China. They have started understanding what life was like in Benin Kingdom and had a great time in the Forest school area making Benin Bronze's out of mud, twigs and leaves.

Maple class started the year by getting to know their buddies in Acorn Class and have already established some great friendships. They have been learning about World War Two and the events and causes leading up to this event. The children have looked at maps of Europe during World War 2 and today, they have identified the allied and axis powers as well as exploring which countries were attacked and affected by World War Two. As part of their learning, they will be visiting the fleet air arm museum at RNAS Yeovilton next week. This will help develop their understanding regarding key events during world war 2 such as: Dunkirk and the Battle of Britain.

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our Autumn term Parent Evenings this week. This is always an exciting and pivotal event as you are able to spend time in your child/ren's classrooms, looking at the incredible learning the children have completed so far and speaking to their class teachers about how you can support your children with their learning at home. Working together will ensure that children thrive, enjoy school and are well prepared for the future. A future date will be given regarding Parent's Evening for Elm Class, this is likely to be after half term.

Next half term we will commemorate Remembrance Day outside St Mary's church in Upton Noble and our Christian Value for the half term will be Friendship. We will be focusing on how this value helps us to demonstrate our lights shining as well as exploring stories within the bible encompassing the value of Friendship.

We wish you all a lovely weekend and a wonderful half term when it arrives. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday 5th November.

Mrs Bisset and Mrs House



CERTIFICATE ACHIEVERS 'LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE'



CHRISTIAN VALUES	EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATOR
Elm: Resilience - Reuben	Elm: Max
Willow: Love - Bernie	Willow: Lillian
Ash:	Ash:
Beech: Respect - Rex	Beech: Flora & Natasha
Sycamore: Love - Harry	Sycamore: Hattie
Maple: Resilience - Toby	Maple: Felix

School Attendance 10th October - 17th October	
Acorn	97.9%
Elm	97.8%
Willow	93.6%
Ash	97.3%
Beech	93.9%
Sycamore	95.3%
Maple	98.8%
Whole School	
96.1%	
Congratulations to Maple class this week who gained the highest attendance	

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event	Details
Tues 22nd Oct	Drama Club Catch Up Session	Afterschool until 4.30pm
Wed 23rd Oct	Acorn Welcome Event in the Church	More detail to follow
Thur 24th Oct	Maple trip to Fleet Air Arm Museum	Sign up on ScoPay
Fri 25th Oct	Last Day of Term	
Mon 4th Nov	Inset Day	
Tues 5th Nov	First Day Back	
Tue 5th Nov	Acorn - Theatre Visit	Sign up on ScoPay
Thur 7th Nov	Bikeability - Maple only	
Fri 8th Nov	Bikeability - Maple only	
Thur 14th Nov	Flu Vaccinations	Please refer to email sent
Fri 15th Nov	Children in Need	Details to follow

Wellbeing Tip of the Week:



Look up more! Ideally outside, look up at the sky – day or night, there have been some beautiful sunrises and sunsets recently as well as clear night skies including the increasing chances of seeing the amazing Aurora- the Northern Lights.



Look at things from a new angle, at home, outside, in a building. Give yourself time to look up and to really look, and see, what do you notice in the view and about yourself as you do this.



Cross Country

A few weeks ago, the first cross country meeting was held at Millfield Prep School. Thirty children from our school put themselves forward to run and represent Upton Noble.

For some of these children it was their first event, for others, it was a new distance but all children were excited and keen to do their very best. We had runners in all four of the age categories and had some excellent results. All the runners should feel proud of themselves. They gave their very best, representing the school well and showed great support for each other. There is nothing better than watching a runner come in supported by a sea of children cheering them on and encouraging them.

Notable performances include Natasha and Flora in the Year 3 and 4 girls' race who came 9th and 14th respectively (out of 94), Forest in the Year 3 and 4 boys' race who came 8th, Arlo (a first-time runner) who came 12th (second year 3) and Arthur who came 19th (out of 111). In the Year 5 and 6 girls' race, Heidi was

our first runner in in 34th (out of 86) and in the Year 5 and 6 boys' race Joshua (a first-time runner) came 34th (out of 93). Well done not only to those mentioned but to all our runners. Our next event is in November at Downside School.



Harvest Festival

Thank you to everyone for your contributions for our Harvest Festival last week and for coming to this unique event. Despite the weather, the children were incredible in their singing, poetry and sharing information regarding Harvest around the World.

Our Head boy, Head Girl, and Deputies did a great job in ensuring the service ran smoothly. Thank you to Revered Helen for being able to celebrate this Christian festival with us and for her Harvest blessing.

The food donations received were greatly appreciated by Frome food bank. A huge thank you for these. During the upcoming weeks our children will be shining their lights in playing their part in churches within their community Harvest festivals.



Mental Health Day

As part of National Mental Health Day (Thursday 10th October), the whole school enjoyed the start of the morning by following Sycamore Class' wake and shake routine. The importance of being outside and the impact of exercise for people's mental health and wellbeing is well known.

In the afternoon the children spent 30 minutes chatting to other children from different classes and finding new information out about each other. The importance of connecting with others is another benefit for mental health and wellbeing. They really enjoyed finding out about each other's' favourite places, animals, colours and hobbies.



During the last few weeks we have had many different school events regarding raising money for good causes. We have had the incredible Macmillan Coffee morning, our Harvest Festival and wearing yellow for St Margret's Hospice. **£187.82** was raised which will help St Margret's in their incredible work.

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone in our school community for your continued support.



Facebook

We will be updating Facebook with the goings on at Upton Noble on a weekly basis.

Please like and subscribe our page.

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Donations required

We are in need of newspapers for arts and crafts (we always need newspaper)

Our afterschool club are looking for cars, trucks, Tractors, Playmobil etc.

Please bring donations to the school reception.

Thank you