

Uplands Junior School Newsletter

Diary dates

Monday 11th March: Year 5 visit to St Philip's

"Life" exhibition

Friday 15th March: Red nose comic relief day

Wednesday 27th March: Mother's day menu (for pupils only)

Friday 5th April: Non uniform day for PTA funds £1 per child please

Friday 5th April: Draw of the PTA Easter raffle

Wb Monday 8th April: Health week across school-details will appear on our website and our Facebook page.

9am 3GD class assembly (Parents of 3GD welcome)

Wednesday 10th April: Easter menu/Year 3 Festival of sport

Thursday 11th April: 9am 5NR class assembly (Parents of 5NR welcome)

Children break up for Easter holidays 3:15pm

Friday 12th April: INSET day-school closed to pupils. Staff training on "Healthy Minds"

Monday 29th April: Return to school for start of Summer term 8:50am

A reminder that all term dates can be found on our website and there is also a link to the council site that informs you of dates for the next academic year

Advance notice of Summer term dates:

Thursday 2nd May: Voting day-school will be used as a polling station and is therefore closed to all pupils

Monday 6th May: Bank holiday

Other Summer term dates will be included on the next Newsletter just prior to Easter holidays



Advance notice:

SATS week for Year 6 2019 is week beginning May 13th-it is vital that pupils are in school for this week so please do not book any appointments or events.

Our "Enterprise Shop" venture continues to be a huge success and raised over £300 for funds. Well done to the Year 6 team who ran the shop and dealt with high customer demand! The children have chosen to purchase a new games table for the playground along with some further small equipment for lunchtimes and a bird feeding station for the garden area.

Spring
Term 2019

Edition 3

Fairtrade



We have been celebrating Fairtrade Fortnight in school with assemblies, workshops and awareness lessons as we work towards becoming a Fairtrade school. This work links to our motto of “Respect For All” and helps our pupils to understand about the need for children to enjoy their rights across the world as part of our “Rights Respecting” work. We have created a Fairtrade area on our website to showcase some of the work of our Ambassadors.

Fairtrade ambassadors

Year 3- Maya, Aaron

Year 4- Jasmeet , Sebastian

Year 5- Laura, John

Year 6-William, Lois

Thank you for all the support with the sales of Fairtrade banana milkshakes and biscuits-this was a huge success and greatly enjoyed by the children.

Roving book fair

Thank you to everyone who supported our Roving Book fair day. This company was recommended to us last year. We found their choice of texts was excellent and we welcomed the knowledge and expertise of the staff who ran the shop was invaluable in helping children select appropriately. It was lovely to welcome over 100 parents during the day and to see parents and children sharing books whilst enjoying refreshments. Almost £2000 was taken on the day in sales and as a school we have received a good commission that will enable us to top up on texts for both the library and classroom bookshelves. We have re-booked this company for Spring term 2020 (February 28th) to tie in with World Book day.



Franco (Year 3) won the Roving book fair raffle and received a book of his choice

Healthy Minds

We continue our work on developing a whole school culture that considers the well-being of all pupils, staff and the school community. As part of this Year 5 worked with The Art of Brilliance to introduce a well being curriculum into our school with an aim of leaving a sustainable, long term well-being ethos. We have created a new section on our website which explains the 7 principles of “Being Brilliant” and you will also find some Assembly power points that have been shared with the children. You should also have received an information leaflet that was produced by Year 5. Posters are being displayed around school illustrating “Brilliance” and “Positivity” and we will be further developing this over the coming months. Maybe you could ask your child to share the assembly with you.

We celebrated Mental Health awareness week in school in early February and as part of classroom based assemblies, children thought about what makes them feel good about themselves and how they like to relax.

Our next INSET day will involve training for all teaching staff on “Healthy Minds” led by an external consultant.

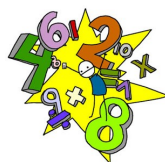
Respect For All

Safer Internet day

Well done to our Digital Ambassadors who led assembly on Safer Internet day and talked to the pupils about their role in school in helping them to stay safe on line. Uplands has a 5-a-day digital diet to promote positive on-line behaviours. You may find it helpful to print this out to use at home-it can be found on our website under "Our school" and then "Digital Ambassadors". There is also a section under "Parents" entitled e-safety which you may find useful.

Our Uplands Yr6 team came joint second place in the first Network of schools "Mathletes" Maths competition. This was hosted by Castlecroft and saw teams given a variety of challenges and problems to solve. We work closely with our local network of schools and hope that this event will be repeated next year. Our team members were: Anya, Isabella, Branav, Dylan, Amrita, Alice, Luca and Jayden.

Well done team Uplands!



Unicef clean air campaign

The ambassadors have been busy helping to deliver lessons about air pollution and sharing the results from the diffusion tube we placed at the bottom of the school drive. According to UNICEF, we have medium levels of air pollution compared to other schools in the campaign. The ambassadors encouraged pupils to make at least 1 air pollution pledge. The top 5 pledges were:

- Turn off the car engine whilst waiting (Waiting for 2 mins is equivalent to 2 miles of driving)
- Plant trees or shrubs in the garden
- Walk or cycle instead of using a car
- Only use a car for long journeys
- Turn off lights and appliances when not in use

The ambassadors have been making signs for our new classroom plants, some of which have been kindly donated by pupils. Every classroom now has at least one plant which will help to improve our air quality. We have also had some outdoor plants, bulbs and seeds donated. Many thanks for all of these; we can't wait to get planting!

Our 'Right of the Month' for March is Article 24: The right to the best possible health. The ambassadors will be working with their classes to understand more about what this means for children in the UK and around the world.

Attendance % since 1.09.18

3NJH 97.7%

3KD 98.1%

3GD 96.6%

4AS 97.6%

4KW 97.3%

4NH 97.6%

5FG 96.9%

5NR 97.6%

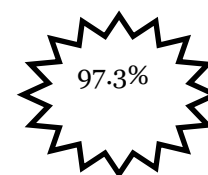
5OD 98.1%

6LR 96.1%

6BG 97.2%

6SW 96.8%

**Whole school attendance at
5.03.19**



The profits from the Christmas Fair were almost £1200-thank you so much. This term the PTA have organised an Easter raffle and we will be organising a disco for the pupils during the Summer term.

On Friday 5th April we will be holding a non-uniform day for PTA funds -£1 per child please.

We have recently spent over £7000 of PTA funds on additional computing equipment for pupils.

Sports news

Football

Upcoming football matches:

Friday 8th March Away against Woodthorne

Thursday 14th March Away against Springdale

Swimming

Well done to the Uplands Swimming team who took part in the Wolverhampton City Gala on Wednesday 6th March at The Royal School. All swimmers swam beautifully and showed extreme talents. 15 Schools took part in this competition.

Boys' team won Gold.

Girls' team won Bronze

Gymnastics

Well done to the Uplands Regional Gymnastics Team who took part in the West Midlands Schools competition in Stoke. After all the children's hard work, the mixed team won gold and are now through to the National completion in May and the boy's team achieved silver.

Well done to Karyce Year 6 who achieved silver for overall individual in her category.

Good luck to the boy's team who will be competing in the Regional Milano Competition on Friday 15th March in Stoke.

Word search fun

Mrs Walker has started a new word search activity. Three words are hidden around the school site in central areas-once pupils have found the words they are challenged to write the most interesting sentence or short paragraph using them. Pupils place their work in a wallet on the Writing display board and Mrs Walker will select winning entries. The words will change every couple of weeks and pupils will be informed of this. The aim is to develop vocabulary in a fun and interesting way. The words will also be posted on our Facebook page and we challenge you as our parents and family members to have a go at your own sentences!

Please like our Uplands Junior School Facebook page-we are posting lots of information about activities, events and "learning" at Uplands.



INSET days for school year 2019-2020

Please note that we have arranged these dates in collaboration with Westacres Infant School

Monday 2nd September 2019

Friday 25th October 2019

Friday 6th December 2019

Friday 13th March 2020

Monday 20th July 2020

You will once again receive a small wallet sized card with all terms dates and INSET days on and these can also be found on our website

Year 5 recently visited Safeside in Birmingham where they learnt about many aspects of keeping themselves safe in a range of everyday situations. There are photos of this visit on our Facebook page. The staff at the centre were very impressed with the behaviour and attitudes of our pupils. Well Done Year 5.

Year 3 visited Birmingham Art Gallery and museum to take part in Greek art and drama workshops as well as look around the exhibits. This is a new trip for us at uplands and was greatly enjoyed by all. Once again the staff commented on the excellent behaviour of the children. Well Done Year 3.

Science projects and Science fair

Once again the standard of this year's Science projects was extremely high. Well done to all children who put so much time, effort and enthusiasm into their work and thank you to parents for supporting them. Two winners were selected per class and these children received Science kit prizes. Two runners up were also chosen per class and prizes were presented with certificates in Awards assembly. The science fair was well attended by parents and this year we aimed to display as many projects as possible for all to see the high quality work. There are some photos on our Facebook page. We also welcomed the University of Wolverhampton STEM outreach team who lead Science workshops for all pupils in Years 5 and 6. We are in communication about bookings for lower school for the future

Winning projects:

3GD Louis and Noah
3NJH Eashar and Amelie
3KD Franco and Poorva
4AS Avani and Abraham
4KW Lucy and Oliver
4NH Ethan and Rhia
5NR Kiran and Alex
5FG Alyssa and Zack
5OD Krishna and Usmaan
6LR Tilly and Isabella
6SW Megan and Kemi
6BG Priyan and Tanveer

Runners up:

Evie and Evie
Devan and Kareem
Lucia and Archie
Nathan and Amirah
Mya and Harri
Minnie and Ethan
Bohdi and Felicity
Alfie and Aaminah
Holly and Maliha
Luca and Jayden
Archie and Mya
Indie and Isabelle

