

Uplands Junior School

Newsletter

Diary dates for the Spring term

Monday 9th March: Year 4 French workshop (school to fund)

Friday 13th March: INSET day-school closed to pupils

Wednesday 18th March: Year 5 trip to RAF Cosford

Thursday 19th March: Science fair in school

Friday 20th March: Year 4 Roman workshop in school and Year 3 trip to Birmingham Art gallery and museum

Friday 27th March: Last date for Year 6 parents to opt out of names going on Leavers' hoodies

Monday 30th March: Emma Bennett Children's Services to visit Uplands

Wednesday 1st April: Class 3SW Easter assembly (3SW parents welcome to attend at 9am)

Thursday 2nd April: Class 5KD Vaisakhi assembly (5KD parents welcome to attend at 9am)

Friday 3rd April: End of term-school breaks up for Easter at 3:15pm

INSET days for school year 2020-2021

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

Tuesday 1st September 2020

Friday 23rd October 2020

Friday 4th December 2020

Monday 4th January 2021

Friday 28th May 2021

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



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Friday 13th March

INSET DAY

School will be closed to pupils. Staff will be working on Curriculum revisions for the Autumn term.

The last INSET day for this school year will be on Monday 20th July.

Please note that the May Day Bank Holiday has moved from Monday 4th May to Friday 8th May in order for the nation to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of VE day. This is a public holiday and will be the same for everyone

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Minibus

We have reached our fundraising target for a new minibus! This has now been ordered but takes some time to build-it will hopefully be here in early Summer.

On behalf of all of us at Uplands we thank you for all of the support in raising money over the last 18 months.



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.

The focus for Fairtrade fortnight this year was cocoa farming.

Roving book fair

Thank you to everyone who supported our Roving Book fair day. This company was recommended to us a couple of years ago . 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. Just over £4500 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.

William H (Year 5) won the Roving book fair raffle and received a book of his choice.

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 will receive prizes. Two runners up were also chosen per class. Certificates will be presented in Awards assembly.

Winning projects:

3GD Sara S and Arabella W
3NJH Laasya M and Joseph C
3SW Christiano X and Tanmay V
4AS Martha T and Oscar C
4KW Isobel L and Lily M
4OD Rhien L and Dilan M
5NH Mya E and Harry F
5BW Amirah M and Nathan T-W
5KD Oliver M and Jasmeet D
6LR Aaron P and Lucas L
6NR Sophie R and Zack W
6FG Ilyas S and Ruby F

Runners up:

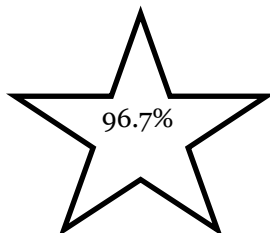
Ra'Nell S and Georgia H
Harrison C and Hasan S
Lilly F and Jessica P
Elsa M and Archie G
Kenzie R and Devan P
Maria A and Nayan P
Mysha Y and Avani D
Ridhi K and Finlay J
Talya P and Olivia L
Seth G and Usmaan S
Megan M and Rhys V
Oliver R and Kiran T-W

Attendance

Class attendance since 1.09.19

3NJH	97.0%
3SW	96.7%
3GD	94.9%
4AS	96.5%
4KW	96.0%
4OD	96.5%
5NH	97.1%
5BW	98.5%
5KD	95.1%
6LR	97.2%
6NR	97.6%
6FG	96.8%

Whole school attendance to date:



School garden developments

Work has begun on the school garden! Over the half term break Mrs Walker and her husband kindly cleared the area and uncovered the former small pool (which now has frog spawn in). A new fence has been installed using money from a grant that I obtained in the Autumn. We have also purchased planters and benches from the same grant. The next step is to purchase a large raised pond and to begin to create some plant beds.

Once the area is complete it will be used both as a teaching area for Science but also a place for positive mental health and well-being.

Health update

In light of current health issues we have been following the DFE guidance for schools. Children have been reminded of the importance of hand washing and sneezing or coughing into tissues and binning them. In addition we have now placed hand gels all around school. The LA have also issued new cleaning fluids for our cleaning staff to use in school. We will continue to act on any advice given and are receiving regular updates from the DFE.

Tettenhall Horticultural Society

Design a logo competition

Children were given the opportunity to design a logo for Tettenhall Horticultural society and 2 of our pupils were chosen as winners. Jai D won First place and Kian S won Third place. Congratulations to both boys. Prizes were given at the society AGM.

Respect For All

Sports news

Football:

Uplands 8 - 1 Warstones
Springdale 1 - 4 Uplands

The Upland's Football Team have now played and won all their area league games, progressing through to the Wolverhampton City Quarterfinals. Well Done!

Netball:

Uplands 5 - 1 Castlecroft
Woodthron 1 - 2 Uplands

A great start to the netball season with 2 wins out of 2 games. Keep up all the hard work girls!

Swimming:

Well done to the Uplands Boy's and Girl's Swimming teams who took part in the Wolverhampton City Gala at The Royal school.

Both teams performed exceptionally well and represented the school with pride.

The girl's team placed 4th and the boy's team placed 1st, winning gold.

The boy's team have now progressed through to the Black Country Games on the 1st April.

Reminder:

Please could all Uplands team kit and spare PE kit be returned to Miss Richards ASAP.

We are missing a lot of kit, meaning in some team kits there are not enough for the whole team.

Thank you.

Year 5 Polyphone workshop.

Last week we welcomed Dan Clark to Uplands to lead a polyphone workshop for each Year 5 class. Polyphones are large tuned pipes that are struck with a bat. The workshop was accompanied by the leader on a drum kit. Collaboration, cooperation, team work and good listening were the key skills developed. The 2 day event ended with a musical showcase for parents/carers. Well done to everyone involved.



Uplands Driveway.

During the last 5 years we have actively been trying to resolve the issue with the leak in front of the driveway into school and the re-occurring potholes.

Health and Safety Governors are currently liaising with the Local Authority to resolve the problem.

We are aware this is a safety issue and are waiting for input from outside Agencies to investigate and provide recommendations.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Year 5 Rotary club design technology project.

In early February we welcomed the rotary club into school to lead a Junior Technology tournament for Year 5.

The children worked in teams to build a bridge-well done to all of them for great team work and communication. We thank the rotary club for running this workshop for us and our Chair of Governors, Mrs Anslow, for presenting the prizes.

