

Uphill Village Academy

Celebration Newsletter 28th March 2024

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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wow! What a busy term we have had. It has been an absolute pleasure to see so many of you over the last few weeks at a variety of events; culminating in our wonderful Easter bonnet parade today.

I was particularly pleased to see so many of our parents and carers at our Spring Parents Evenings; it shows the commitment our families have to their child(ren)'s education. Thank you.

Please enjoy this edition of our celebration newsletter where you can see all the amazing events and activities your children have participated in.

I am looking forward to a busy term 5 & 6, there is so much to fit in! We say hello to our new reception children as we begin to meet them for the first time, we have two residential trips for our KS2 children, our Year 6 children will sit their SATs and of course we will be preparing them for their move to secondary school.

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy Easter and I'll see you on Tuesday 16th April

Mrs Samantha Hodder,
Principal



Congratulations!

We are thrilled to inform you that our Vice Principal, Mrs Georgie Tinker, will be taking up the position of Principal at Heron's Moor Academy from 1st September 2024. We wish her huge success in her new role.

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Sasha Allsopp, our current SENDCo and Sputnik Class teacher, has been appointed as our new Vice Principal. We are excited to work with Mrs Allsopp in her new leadership role.

A huge congratulations to Mrs Samantha Gray, Sunshine Class teacher, who will be starting her maternity leave at the end of April for the birth of her third child. We wish her all the best and look forward to meeting her new addition very soon.

Mrs Lisa Henry will be taking over as Sunshine Class teacher from the beginning of May and we welcome her into our Uphill Village Academy family.

Parents Evening Feedback

Thank you to all those parents that attended Parents Evenings. It is always lovely to have the opportunity to share your child's progress with you.

Thank you to those parents who took the time to complete the feedback form.

Moving forward we will continue to offer both video and in-person appointments, as the choice is obviously important to our parents. We need to emphasise that Parents Evening give us and yourselves an opportunity to have a snap shot of your child's progress; if you feel you may need to speak more in depth to your child's class teacher we are more than happy to arrange this with you.

Please email your child's year group to get in touch about any matters you want to discuss.

Online Safety Feedback

Last month we hosted the Online Cyber Security Officer from Avon & Somerset Police who provided us with a great session on Cyber Safety. For those parents that attended, we hope you found the session useful.

Thank you to those who completed the online feedback form. In response, we will definitely try to hold these sessions at different times, including evening and online sessions. We were thrilled how positive the feedback was and we will look to hold this session for parents again next year.

Feedback is always important to us, thank you for taking the time to let us know your thoughts.



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What have we been up to this term?



EYFS & Year 1 Classes

EYFS/Year 1 have kicked off this term's enquiry with some special visitors! As historians, they thought about what they would like to find out about technology in the past and wrote some questions that they wanted to ask.

They loved welcoming in their grandparents to learn what technology was like when they were children. They learned a lot and were able to look at some old technology to see how it has changed.

As scientists they looked at the properties of different materials and sorted them into groups.

They also looked at materials being 'human made' or 'natural'.

Wow - what a lot of learning EYFS & Year 1



Last week, they enjoyed being able to get out in the little bit of sunshine we have had this term!

Some highlights were practising teamwork and building strength on the bikes and making some lovely pictures with the hammers and shapes!

Next term, they are looking forward to their next enquiry question when they can learn about animals on their trip to Noah's Ark Zoo Farm.



Year 2 Classes

This term as part of their enquiry 'Who were the Victorians?' Year 2 have been learning about how the village of Uphill has changed since the Victorian era. They were so lucky to have historian Michael Gorley from Historic England to take them on a tour of the village. He shared lots of really interesting facts about our local area and its history, which has really helped their understanding of Victorian life.

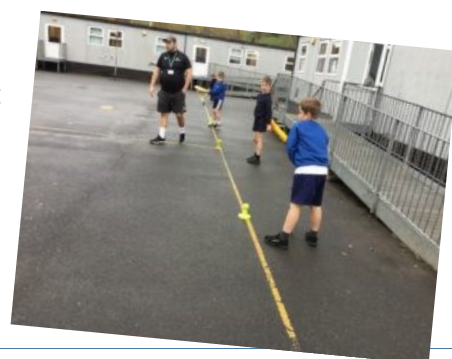


Year 2 had a brilliant day on their educational trip to the SS Great Britain in Bristol. They witnessed maritime history and learned all about the way the Victorians built this great ship. Pupils were transported back in time to experience firsthand the realities of life as both workers and passengers aboard the legendary vessel. They also had the unique opportunity to don authentic Victorian clothes and bring the pages of history to life.



In PE they have been joined by Dom from Somerset Cricket. He has been helping them to learn a variety of cricket skills. Last week they got to put all these skills into practice with a game of cricket.

We think we may have some budding cricketers in Year 2!



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Year 3 & 4 Classes

As scientists they have been able to name all the different food groups and sorted which foods belonged where. They took their learning one step further by describing the main nutrients that the food types provide! Wow, that's great knowledge Year 3/4. As classes, they also investigated the food pyramid and discussed what the purpose of each group is.



As writers they have loved being creative and using their imaginations to design a ship and have started to learn about persuasive devices, ready to write an advert for their ship creations.

At the beginning of the week, they researched the ship that the Tulane family travelled on; the RMS Queen Mary. They were researchers and found out lots of information which they shared with our friends to see if we could learn more using 'Go Go Mo'.



Thank you to all the parents and carers who came and supported our presentation of learning this week. It was lovely to be able to share our learning with you all.

Year 5 & 6 Classes

As scientists, Year 5 and 6 have really enjoyed exploring forces using a range of equipment that pushes, pulls and twists. It was lovely to see them all having a go and getting to grips with the principles involved.



As gymnasts, they have been focussing on being creative as they practise balances and moves to use in a gymnastic sequence- they worked effectively with a partner to produce a gymnastic sequence to share with the rest of the class.

It was a real pleasure to receive a visit from Megan who is a cyber-protection officer for Avon & Somerset Police. They learnt and discussed how to keep themselves safe online as well as be aware of age-appropriate gaming and video watching.

These are really important skills to learn at this age & we are very proud of the way Year 5/6 took this learning very seriously.



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Etihad Stadium Tour

What a fantastic opportunity for our children to join Braodoak Academy students and Uphill Juniors Football Club members to visit the Etihad Stadium, the home of Manchester City FC, for a VIP tour.

Such a brilliant time was had by ten of our children who were fortunate enough to be selected.

They had a VIP tour of the stadium and back rooms, learned all about how the stadium works and had a session in the media room learning about sports media! As you can see they loved this once in a lifetime experience.

Thank you to Braodoak Academy & Uphill Juniors FC for the offering us this fabulous opportunity - it was excellent.



Dance Festival

We are so proud of our dancers who took part in the North Somerset Dance Festival at the Playhouse Theatre. They showed immense courage to perform in front of a packed theatre and were brilliant on stage. We are so proud of you girls - well done!

Young Voices

It was a privilege to take our fabulous Young Voices Club to the concert in Birmingham. They sang beautifully and really did us proud and had a fantastic time! We're looking forward to next year!



Reading Week

We all enjoyed Reading Week at the beginning of March. There were some fabulous activities including Stop and Read where we all stopped what we were doing and read for 5-10 minutes when the reading bell sounded. Key Stage 1 children loved coming back into school in their pyjamas and having a Bedtime Story with the teachers. The children particularly enjoyed Teacher Swap and of course World Book Day.



We saw lots of amazingly creative costumes for World Book Day with some of the children (and staff) working together to be characters from the same book. Well done to everyone for their truly incredible efforts.



Our Book Fayre was a huge success and we raised the most money ever - over £900! Thank you so much for all your support. We were overwhelmed with this amount. It has meant some fabulous new resources for the children to use in our library will be on their way to us very soon.



Book in a Box

We received some wonderful entries for the Book in a Box competition. Thank you and well done to all who entered.

As I am sure you can imagine it was a hard task to choose the winners as all the entries were so good, we were really impressed with the effort that went in to making them.

Please join us in congratulating the winners.

Overall Winner - Trixie Heaton

EYFS/Y1 - Henry Blackhurst

Y2 - Ophelia Thomas

Yr3/4 - Lillian Cameron

Yr5/6 - Maddie Aldous



Easter Bonnet Parade

Despite the weather, we were treated to a fabulous display of Easter bonnets from our EYFS & Key Stage 1 children.

Well done to everyone who took part; it was lovely to see so many colourful creations! You have clearly all worked very hard.

Everyone got a treat to eat! We hope those parents that attended enjoyed seeing our children parade their hats - thank you for your support.

We were sad to have to cancel the Easter Egg hunt due to the weather but were so pleased to see the children happy with their Easter Eggs.



Egg Box Designs

Wow - didn't the children let their imaginations run wild!! We had some fantastic egg box designs. Well done to our winners Esmee Millier King & Anastasia Udrea. Well done everyone!



Broadoak Visit

Our Year 5 children were very fortunate to be invited to watch the Broadoak Academy production of The Addams Family.

It was lovely to see some of our past pupils up on stage; inspiring our current pupils. It was a truly fabulous production—well done Broadoak!

Sustrans Walk and Wheel

Thank you to everyone who supported the Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel. As a school we completed a total of 1676km beating last year's total of 1551km.

Congratulations to Unicorn class who were the class who had the most journeys at 229. Brilliant results all round though!



PTFA Round Up

We wanted to take time to say thank you to our brilliant, and ever supportive PTFA for the many events they hold during the year. They raise huge amounts of money for the school which goes towards the 'above & beyond' items that we need as a school.

This term they have held their biggest event of the year, the 90's event. This combines the family roller disco sessions during the afternoon followed by the 90's night at the Tropicana. This event was, as always, a sell out event and a great night out. The PTFA raised a phenomenal £8725! What a profit.

Today they helped organise our Easter Activities and provided over 300 easter eggs so every child could have an egg this holiday.

Thank you to our PTFA - you really are incredible.



Uphill Village Academy Spring Term Award 2024

**Congratulations to the following
pupils who were presented with
their thoroughly deserved awards
by Mrs Hodder in our
Celebration Assembly.**

Key Stage 1 Awards

Ray Pegram Award - Billy Adams
English - Dillon Loveridge
Maths - George Lyons
Science - Freddie Brewer
Arts - Xanthe Amos-Ford
Music - Isla Lang
P.E. - Leo Thomas-Marquis
Citizenship - Holly Cardwell

Key Stage 2 Awards

Tom Tait Award - Samuel Titchard
English - Anastasia Udrea
Maths - Oliver Shattock
Science - Arthur Currell
Arts - Maddy Aldous
Music - Mabel Holyday
P.E. - Zachary Turner
Citizenship - Miles Bale
The Dot Woods Award - India Kay

Dates for your Diary

Don't forget to check out the school website for all our events as well as lots more useful class information and an array of great photos of our children's learning;

<https://uphillvillageacademy.clf.uk/events/>

March

Thursday 28th **END OF TERM 4**

April

Monday 15th **INSET DAY (School closed to pupils)**

Tuesday 16th **START OF TERM 5**

Thursday 18th Year 6 Charterhouse Parents Meeting at 5pm in the school hall

Monday 22nd Year 2 Great Fire of London Workshop

May

Monday 6th **BANK HOLIDAY (School closed to pupils)**

Monday 13th - 17th Year 6 SAT's (AM only)

Tuesday 14th Year 4 Residential Parents Meeting at 3.30pm in the school hall

Thursday 16th Year 3/4 Trip to Techniquet

Monday 20th - 24th Year 6 Charterhouse Residential Trip

Wednesday 22nd EFS/Year 1 Presentation of Learning at 2.45pm in school hall

Friday 24th **END OF TERM 5**

June

Monday 3rd **START OF TERM 6**

Thursday 13th - 14th Year 4 St Braivels Residential trip

Friday 21st CLF Festival of Sport (Yrs 5-8) at UWE

Monday 24th Saturn Class trip to Noahs Ark Zoo Farm

Tuesday 25th - 27th Year 6 to Year 7 Secondary Transition Days

Tuesday 25th Rainbow Class trip to Noahs Ark Zoo Farm

Wednesday 26th Sunshine Class trip to Noahs Ark Zoo Farm

Friday 28th CLF Eco Conference at Winterstoke Hundred Academy



Weston Hospice Easter Trail

EASTER TRAIL



Weston
Hospicecare



Saturday 30 March, 10AM- 1PM,
Uphill Village Hall

Join us for Weston Hospicecare's Easter Trail
£5 per child

Scan to register...



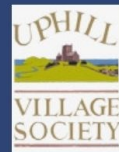
Complete the trail to claim your Easter Egg
One Activity Pack and Easter Egg per ticket



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Sovereign Centre Easter Activities

THE AMAZING EASTER BUNNY GROTTO

WEDNESDAY 10TH APRIL 

EVERY 40 MINUTES FROM 11AM

 Come join Action Pussycat and the Easter Bunny for 30 minutes of themed games, an Easter hunt and bunny mayhem.

Every child gets an **Easter Egg*** and activity book



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