

# Uphill Village Academy

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## Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Term 4, I hope you have had a restful half term break

This week was Reading week, with a focus on reading and poetry. Well done and thank you to all those children who entered our 'Story in a Jar' competition. We were so impressed by your creative entries.

We had such a lovely evening on Tuesday when we as a team were able to share bedtime stories with lots of our EYFS & KS1 children and their parents. Thank you to the families who joined us, we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

We also enjoyed our 'teacher swap' on Thursday. Teachers changed class to read their end of day story. World Book Day & 'Stop and Read' today were the culmination of a fantastic week, where we have celebrated our love of books, stories and reading. Well done everyone!

Please visit my Twitter feed to see some great photographs of the many activities we have taken part in this week.

Please remember it is our book fayre next week to raise funds to buy new books for our library. Please note we cannot take cash, card only.

Robert, in Orion Class, has been learning the martial art, Kuk Sool Won, for a few years and has advanced to taking his black belt exams. On Wednesday we welcomed Robert, his dad Scott and Simon, who are also members of the Kuk Sool Won Martial Art Club, to host our Key Stage 2 assembly. It was really informative and we are so proud of Robert who showcased his talent so well.

I hope all our families have a lovely weekend.

Samantha Hodder, Principal

## You're Awesome! Postcards

We are delighted to introduce a new positive feedback scheme for our children.

Alongside our 'We have noticed...' notes that are displayed in the Gallery of Excellence, teachers and support staff will be able to issue a 'You're Awesome!' postcard.

Please look out for your 'Your Awesome' postcards. These will be issued in recognition of hard work & excellence by teachers and sent home with children.

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## Red Nose Day

To help celebrate and raise funds for this worthy cause children are invited to wear a red top to school on Friday 17th March. Normal school trousers/skirts and school shoes should be worn.

Donations CANNOT be made in cash. Donations should be made on our dedicated Red Nose donations page via ParentPay, please follow this link;

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=9853>

## Parents Evening

Parents Evenings will be held on Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th March.

Parents will be able to book either an in person appointment on Tuesday or a video call appointment on Wednesday.

We will be using the School Cloud Parents Evening booking system to book appointments and parents will be able to book appointments from today at 6.00pm until Friday 10th at 10pm.

Parents Evening is important to us as an academy and we would encourage all parents to take the opportunity to meet with their child's class teacher to discuss their progress.

To book your appointment please use the following link:

<https://uphill.schoolcloud.co.uk>



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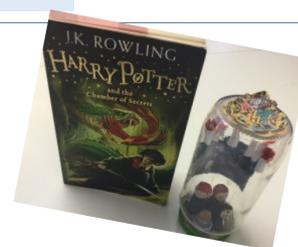


# Reading Week



## Story in a Jar

We have had some wonderful entries for our 'Story in a Jar' competition. The winners of the competition were revealed in our celebration assembly this morning. Congratulations to Aiofe, Delilah, Otilie, Beau, Elliot, Matilda & Dillon.



## Storytime Evening

The Storytime Evening on Wednesday was really popular and we hope your child enjoyed all the stories being told around the school. It was great to see how many of our children enjoy a good bedtime story, which is about sharing special time and building a love of reading.



## Teacher Reading Swap

It is always great when teachers have a chance to visit other classrooms and year groups but its especially good fun when they get to share their favourite story. On Thursday they got to do just this! Teachers moved to different classes and read a favourite story to the children, it was really lovely to see the children engage with a different teacher and share the stories.

## Stop & Read

Over the day on Friday we rang the bell and stopped what we were doing & read our reading books. This is a great way to engage children in a love of reading.



## World Book Day

On Friday, we celebrated World Book Day. It was fantastic to see so many children and staff dressed in some amazing book character costumes. Well done to the everyone for their incredible efforts.



## Book fayre

Don't miss out on the Book Fayre in the school hall on Thursday 9th March for children in EYFS, Year 1 & Year 2 and Friday 10th for children in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6.

## PTFA Events

### 'Back to the Nineties' - Roller Disco Sessions & Evening Event

Saturday 11th March 2023

We would like to wish all the best to our hard working PTFA committee for organising the biggest fundraising event of the year taking place next weekend.

Don't miss out!

Tickets are still available for the roller disco on Saturday afternoon, so if you wish to purchase tickets please follow the link ;

<https://uphillprimaryptfa.org.uk/events/>

The 'Back to the Nineties' event at the Tropicana is now sold out, we hope all those who were lucky enough to have got a ticket have a great time!

### Easter Events

We are really pleased to announce that our PTFA are supporting us to help celebrate Easter this year. Full details regarding all the Easter events will be in our next newsletter.

## Dates for the Diary

### March

Wednesday 8th	'Biggest Ever Girl's Football Session' at Weston College (selected pupils) Year 5 visit to see performance of 'Mary Poppins' at Broadoak Academy
Thursday 9th	Year 2 Visit to SS Great Britain EYFS & KS1 (Yr R, 1 & 2) Book Fayre - School Hall at 3:15pm
Friday 10th	KS2 (Yrs 3, 4, 5 & 6) Book Fayre - School Hall at 3:15pm
Wednesday 15th	Dance Festival at the Playhouse Theatre (Dance Club members only)
Friday 17th	Red Nose Day - Wear Something Red
Tuesday 21st	Sputnik Class visit to The Matthew in Bristol
Wednesday 22nd	Voyager Class visit to The Matthew in Bristol
Thursday 23rd	Chandra Class visit to The Matthew in Bristol
Friday 24th School Hall	Year 2 Presentation of Learning at 2:45pm in the
Monday 27th	Unicorn Class River Walk
Tuesday 28th	Orion Class River Walk Parents Evening - In-person appointments 3:30pm-7:00pm
Wednesday 29th	Pegasus Class River Walk Parents Evening - Video call appointments 4:00pm-7:00pm
Thursday 30th	Year 3 & 4 Presentation of Learning at 9:00am in the School Hall Year 5 & 6 Presentation of Learning at 2:45pm in Classrooms
<b>Friday 31st</b>	Easter Activities <b>END OF TERM 4</b>

### Upcoming Bank Holidays

Monday 1st May

Monday 8th May

**INSET Day**

Friday 7th July

### April

**Monday 17th**      **START OF TERM 5**



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