

Uphill Village Academy

Celebration Newsletter 8th April 2022

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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 Activities today.

Please enjoy this celebration newsletter to see all the amazing events and activities your children have participated in.

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish all our families a happy Easter and I'll see you all on Monday 25th April for the start of the summer term.

Mrs Samantha Hodder,
Principal

Feedback

We hope you found your child's Parents Evening helpful and informative. Remember we would love to hear your views on how we arrange our Parents Evenings.

Please could we ask as many parents as possible to click on the link below to complete a short feedback form.

<https://forms.office.com/r/aDdJGNXDU8>

Uphill Village Academy Spring Term Awards

Congratulations to the following pupils who were presented with their thoroughly deserved awards by Mrs Hodder.

Key Stage 1 Awards

Ray Pegram Award - Valentina

English - Elijah

Maths - Nikos

Science - Harrison

Arts - Yara

Music - Amelia

P.E. - Enzo

Citizenship - Callum

Key Stage 2 Awards

Tom Tait Award - Kerys

English - Jude

Maths - Chloe

Science - Henry

Arts - Greyson

Music - Will

P.E. - Finley

Citizenship - Sophia

The Dot Woods Award - Declan



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What have we been up to this term?

EYFS & Year 1 Classes

We were delighted to be able to invite our EYFS & Year 1 parents to observe how we teach phonics this term. It was lovely to meet so many parents and we hope those who attended found it informative. We are hosting further phonics events on 27th April & 6th May for any parents that missed the last sessions.

Our EYFS children took part in their first whole school performance as part of reading month. They learned a poem and enjoyed reciting it in assembly alongside our other classes; well done EYFS and Year 1; you performed your poem beautifully.



Year 2 Classes

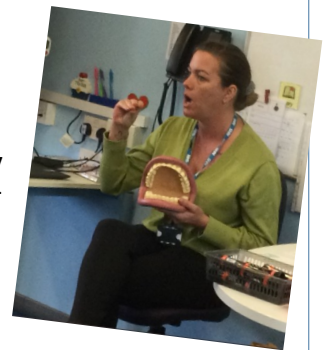
This term, Year 2 had a brilliant day on their educational trip to the SS Great Britain in Bristol. They spent the day being historians, enjoying learning about Brunel's inventions, architecture and his life. It was a really great day! This really helped them create their own 'museum' for their presentation of learning to parents last week.



Year 3 & 4 Classes

Our Year 3 /4 children have been learning all about the human body this term and, to support this learning, met a special visitor from the Accident and Emergency Department at Weston General Hospital. Glenda Lenaghan, an Emergency Nurse Practitioner, taught the children all about x-rays and why we have them.

They were also lucky enough to have a dentist visit from the Bristol Dental Hospital. She taught them the names of the different teeth, their role and the importance of keeping teeth healthy.



We celebrated the end of term by hosting the North Somerset 'Raise the Roof Festival'. Children from Oldmixon and Windwhistle Primary schools joined us for an afternoon of song!

Year 5/6 Classes

Our Year 5 and 6 children have enjoyed an educational visit to the National Roman Legion Museum in Caerleon, Wales, to link with their history enquiry question 'How the Romans Ruled?'

What a brilliant location and each class had a fabulous day! They got to be Romans for the day and the trip brought their classroom learning to life.

Our Year 6 children have spent the term working really hard to prepare for their SATs next term. We are really proud of their efforts and wish them all the best as they move into their last term of primary school.



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RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch

The whole school were involved in the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch this year and what a great time we all had!

The children got to spend time observing, counting and recording the different species of birds that visited our field. We spotted lots of birds and really advanced our maths skills too by creating pie charts and bar charts!



The Great British Spring Clean

We were delighted to raise awareness of the Great British Spring Clean litter pick with six of our children being interviewed by a Daily Mail journalist about the event and their role as Eco Ambassadors within school.

Well done to Ari, Daisy, Alicja, Ted, Lauren & Sebastian for representing our school so well.



Marvellous Month of Reading

We have enjoyed a 'Marvellous Month of Reading' with so many brilliant reading activities! These included 'Stop & Read', 'Teacher Reading Swap' & a 'Poetry Slam' where each class learned a poem to perform in a whole school assembly. You can watch all the performances on our YouTube channel.

We saw some amazing costumes on World Book Day when the children and staff dressed up as their

favourite book character. Year 5/6 staff really looked good as Mr Men & Little Miss characters!

Our Book Fair was a huge success with families helping to raise £378 for the school to invest in new books for the library and for guided reading. We have also received a kind donation of £50 from Mayfair Properties to spend on books. Thank you!

We received lots of decorated spoons for the competition we ran over February half term. Thank you and well done to all those who entered.

It was difficult to choose winners for each year group as we were really impressed by the effort that went into making them. You are all just brilliant.

Congratulations to the following pupils;

EYFS/Year 1 - Olivia & Riley

Year 2 - Remy

Year 3 & 4 - Trixie & Oliver

Year 5 & 6 - Olivia & Billie



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Sustrans 'Big Walk & Wheel'

Thank you everyone for your commitment to active travel. Everyone's effort made a huge difference and we are thrilled to have won an award.

Here is the wording from our certificate:

Well done to Uphill Village Academy for representing North Somerset in the Sustrans national Big Walk & Wheel challenge in 2022, achieving first place in the North Somerset large primaries category with a score of 67.49% participation for active travel to school.

Well done everyone!

CLF Eco Conference

Ten of our Eco Ambassadors from Orion Class, took part in the first CLF Eco Conference, hosted at Winterstoke Hundred Academy and organised by our very own Principal, Mrs Hodder.

The children listened to great speakers, explored stands run by exhibitors from Bristol and North Somerset, learned from our family of schools and made climate pledges.

We will now move to action their ideas in school!



North Somerset Dance Festival

Thanks so much to our Dance Teacher, Mrs Duffill, for developing two great routines for our Dance Club members to perform at the North Somerset Dance Festival.



We are so proud of our wonderful dancers who performed on the stage of the Weston Playhouse in front of a full house. This takes so much courage and confidence and they were truly spectacular! Thanks to Mrs Matthews & Mrs Beal who supported the event both during the day and on the evening.

CLF 'Big Bake'

This week we took two Year 6 children and their homemade, beautifully designed cake to the CLF 'Big Bake' competition, hosted at Kingswood Academy in Bristol. We attended with representatives from Broadoak Academy and competed against the other CLF academies. A great trust-wide event that was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Well done Billie & Kerys for an amazing 'Big Bake'.



Easter Bonnet Parade

Fortunate with the weather, our amazing PTFA team organised a wonderful Easter event today. We were treated to a fabulous display of Easter bonnets made out of recycled materials.

Well done to everyone who took part; it was great to see so many parents enjoying the colourful spectacle too!



Decorate an Egg

Well done to all those children in Key Stage 2 who entered the 'Decorate an Egg' competition, there were some outstanding creations and some very worthy winners!

Well done to William in Year 6, Grace in Year 5, Etta in Year 4 and Bobby in Year 3.



Easter Egg Treasure Hunt

The afternoon was completed with a very busy Easter egg hunt on the field, with lots of children going home with an Easter egg. A lovely Easter Hamper was the star prize in the raffle, along with a giant Easter Bunny and a gorgeous bouquet donated by Beau & Bloom.



Thank you to all the PTFA committee members for their hard work. A special thank you to the parents and children who supported this event so whole heartedly.

Happy
Easter

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/>

April

Friday 8th

END OF TERM 4

Monday 25th

START OF TERM 5

Wednesday 27th

Year 1 Parents Phonics Session at 8.55am-9.20am

Thursday 28th

EYFS Height & Weight checks - School Nursing Team

May

Monday 2nd

BANK HOLIDAY (School closed to pupils)

Tuesday 3rd

Young Voices 2022 Concert (selected children)

Year 4 Bikeability training

Wednesday 4th

Year 4 Bikeability training

Friday 6th

EYFS Parents Phonics Session at 8.55am-9.20am

Monday 9th - 12th

Year 6 SAT's

Monday 16th - 20th

Year 6 Charterhouse Residential Trip

Tuesday 24th

Year 4 Folly Farm Residential Parent Meeting at 3.15pm

Friday 27th

END OF TERM 5

June

Monday 6th

START OF TERM 6

Monday 13th

Saturn Class - Wild Place Trip

Tuesday 14th

Sunshine Class - Wild Place Trip

Wednesday 15th

Rainbow Class - Wild Place Trip

Thursday 16th & 17th

Year 4 Folly Farm Residential Trip

Monday 20th

PTFA Textile Recycling @ 9.00am

July

Friday 8th

INSET DAY (School closed to pupils)

Monday 18th

No Extra-Curricular Clubs this week

Friday 22nd

END OF ACADEMIC YEAR





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SHARE YOUR STORY

UVA 150th Anniversary / Share Your Story

Over the years, all 150 of them Uphill Village School, now Uphill Village Academy has impacted countless lives and helped make the Uphill community what it is today.

Whether it's a story about a favourite teacher or a memorable moment from your or your family's school days, we would love to hear from you. Please contact info@uphillvillagesociety.org.uk and share the impact the school has had on your life.

If you would like to submit a story for us to consider publishing in a special commemorative book or if you have any photographs or other memorabilia of the school we would like to hear from you.



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