

**Newsletter 14 Term 2**  
**15th December 2023**



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## Happy Holidays

**(for when we finish next Wednesday)!**

As this is the last newsletter before we get to the end of a very, very long term (one of the longest I've known in 20 years of teaching!), on behalf of all the staff at Upton Meadows I'd like to wish all of our families a very relaxing and refreshing break when we finally get there next Wednesday! To those of you celebrating Christmas, we hope that you have a lovely time and to those of you that don't, we hope that you enjoy the break from school runs and early starts! We will see all children back in school on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January as we look forward to a happy, healthy and prosperous 2024!!



### Dates

#### **December**

**19th** Christmas Carols on the playground

**20th Party** day (children to wear their own clothes)

**20th** End of term

#### **January**

**4th** School reopens

**8th** EYFS Stay & Play 9am

**9th** New Reception 2024/5 Tour 6pm

**10th** Y5 Swimming starts

**11th** Saints Day of Rugby—all classes

**17th** Year 6 Showcase 9am

## Goodbye!

We will be saying goodbye to a couple of staff when we finish next Wednesday. Miss Cariga leaves us to take up a different challenge outside the world of education and Mrs Weston is also moving onto a new role in a different school – we would like to say an enormous thank you to them for all they have done for the children they have worked with at Upton Meadows over the last few years and wish them all the very best of luck with their new ventures!!



## Christmas Fayre



Thank you to FUMPS and all our school staff for organising an amazing Christmas Fayre last night and thank you to all of our families and the wider community for your support – it was a fantastic atmosphere

and wonderful to see everyone enjoying the different stalls and games. Our Friends Association are still counting up the money and we'll let you know how much we raised once we've finished. The raffle was drawn in school this morning and all prize winners have been contacted today – if you haven't heard from us, unfortunately that means you weren't in luck on this occasion.

## Year 5 News

### SPACE CENTRE

We visited the National Space Centre! Shane was our coach driver and made our journey, there and back, amazing by giving us mini challenges to complete. He even sang Happy Birthday to Mr Kidman! We got to visit the Astronaut Education Planetarium, travel up the rocket, watch the rocket blasting and play with different machinery as if we were real astronauts.



### English/PSHE/ Handwriting Challenges

We have been focusing on character in our English. We have explored the theme of change within friendship, and the importance of it. We've also been completing challenges using coins and cubes to improve our handwriting, as well as strengthening our bodies by completing squats and planks. Get involved by trying these exercises at home!

### NORTHAMPTON TO NORTHAMP- TON

Did you know there is a Northampton in the UK and a Northampton in Massachusetts, USA?

Neither did we! But now we can tell you all about what we've learnt.

Ask your child 3 facts they have learnt about these Northamptons to practise their retrieval.

### MATHS DIVISION! DIVISION! More DIVI- SION!

We've spent a long time practising the process of division.

Challenge your child to retrieve their timetables to support them.

## Super Stars

**Well done to all the children who have worked so hard this week and demonstrated lots of our school values!**

**RJF:** Scarlett for always being ready to learn and going above and beyond with all tasks.

**1AH:** Belle for her positive attitude and contributions in class.

**2MF:** Molly for showing us incredible talent in her writing this week.

**3EB:** Ethan for being really brave and showing us what he has been learning in his trumpet lessons by giving us a performance! Well done Ethan, keep up the hard work.

**4NC:** Brian for his excellent enthusiasm and participation on our Rainforest Explorer Day.

**5AK:** James for always showing kindness to friends and being an excellent role model in school!

**6LW:** Victoria for excellent Geography work on Africa and for being a kind and caring member of our class.

**RKC:** Adam for trying really hard in phonics and always persevering!

**1KB:** Shukri for great English work and trying hard.

**2FJ:** Logan for always trying his best, helping others and working hard to improve his handwriting.

**3IH:** George for writing some amazing instructions in English and being a Scratch whizz in computing!

**4SL:** Imogen for her fantastic efforts and contributions to our Rainforest Day.

**5GD:** Victoria for demonstrating an outstanding attitude towards everything she completes.

**6GH:** Darcie for having a passion for learning.

## Termly awards

A huge well done to the children who have won the termly awards for this term!

Peter in RJF

Adele in 2FJ

Mia in 4SL

George in 6GH



## Bronze Awards

Well done to the following children who have been awarded their bronze badges this week.

Ardelle & Elias in 1AH

Ronnie & Rainie in 1KB

Ezra & Dominic in 2MF

Max, Ikyra, Meghan, Poppy, Ayansh, Logan, May & Joy in 2FJ

Oliver B in 3EB

Sofia in 4NC

Oscar & Elise in 4SL

Grace, Camden & Nikita in 5AK

Victoria & Adham in 5GD

Haadi, Victoria & Julia in 6LW

Ali, Isabelle, Eleanor & Thomas in 6GH



## Rainbow Star of the Week



Our Rainbow star of the week is Amber in 4NC for trying so hard with everything this term particularly swimming and English.

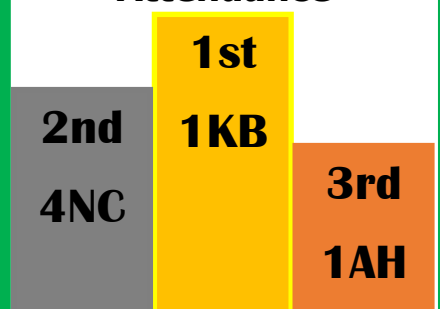
## News from Mrs Rew-Librarian

Click here and, each day until 24<sup>th</sup> December, open the door to reveal some booky delights from Mrs Rew.

<https://calendar.myadvent.net/?id=oc3fl9qwhu50ikvh969ac1mp5l3f91yz>



## Attendance

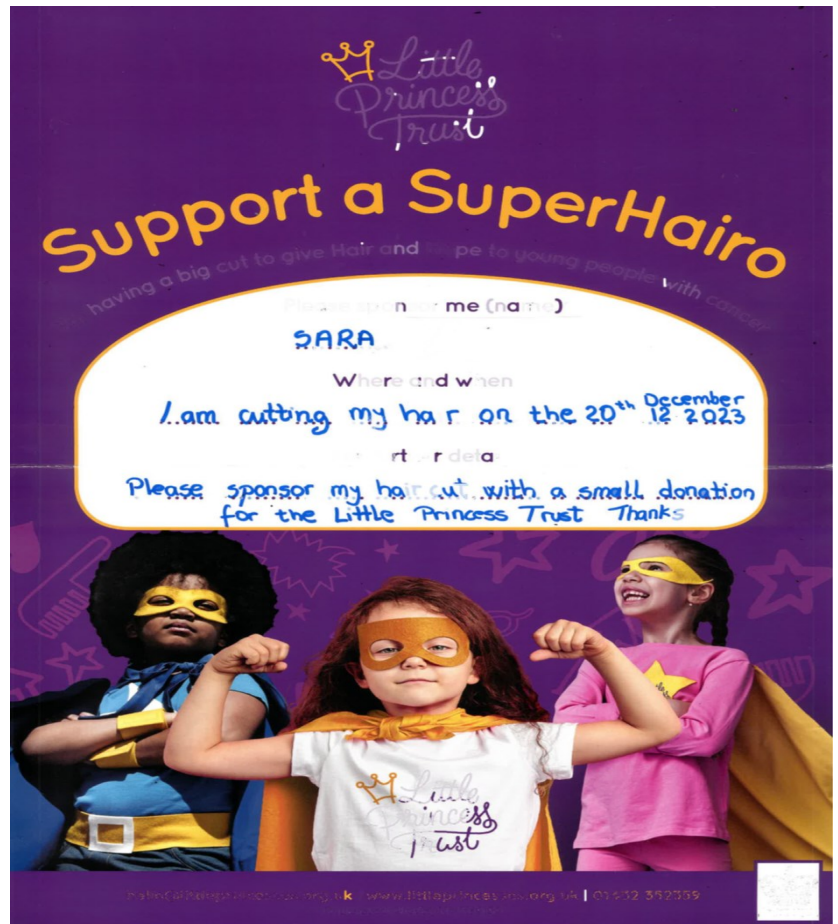




## Support our Superhair

Sara in Y5 is cutting her hair on the 20th December and donating her hair for the Little Princess Trust. If you would like to make a small donation please pop by the School Office and pop some money into the collection box.

We are so proud of you Sara!



## Parental Controls

Earlier this week a Parental Controls booklet was emailed out to all parents. Hopefully you will find this booklet full of useful information.

You will find this booklet and all previous emails on our website.

## Music Lessons

We have spaces available in

Guitar

Brass

Singing

If your child might be interested in starting music lessons please contact the School Office.



## PE NEWS

Last Friday some of our Year 6 children attended a gymnastics competition at TDS. All of the children performed their disciplines excellently and showed off what they had learnt over the clubs this term. The three disciplines were vault, floor routine and body management.

Unfortunately no placing this time but well done everyone!

