

Newsletter 15 Term 3
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Happy New Year and Welcome Back!

It has been wonderful to welcome our children back since the Christmas break and we have spent some of our assembly time thinking about the opportunities a new year brings to consider what we want 2024 to look like for us. Our focus school value this term is 'perseverance' and we will be focussing on how our children can show this value at school and at home over the next few weeks.



We have welcomed two new members of staff to school this week – Mrs Bryony Payne joins Upton Meadows as our new SENCO and has been out and about spending time around school and getting to know our children and staff, I know some of you have also already begun to meet her. Mrs Sarah Botterill has joined us as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant and will be working across school, covering classes and supporting where needed. We said a sad farewell to Mrs Hill last Friday and wish her all the very best in her new role.

Dates

January

17th Year 6 Showcase
9am (Parents welcome)

17th EYFS & KS 1 Market
2.00pm (Parents welcome)

22nd Young Voices

February

5th EYFS Stay and Play
9am (parents welcome)

6th Safer Internet Day

14th Year 5 Showcase
9am (Parents welcome)

14th Year 4 Residential
Parent's Meeting 5.30pm

16th End of Term

26th Training Day

27th Children return to school

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents

Calling all marketgoers!

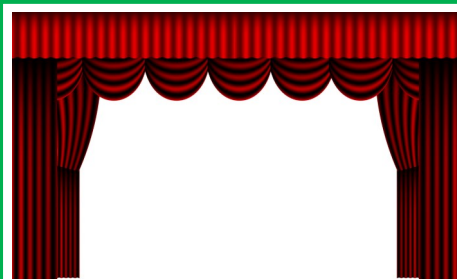
Take a trip through the streets of Shakespeare's Venice. Experience the sights and sounds of a Venetian marketplace as we bring you.... the EYFS and KS1 Venetian Market. Join us on Wednesday 17th January at 2:40 in our school hall and grab yourself a bargain.



Family and friends are invited to help our children immerse themselves in a market style experience to help them with our descriptive writing this term for English. You will have the opportunity to buy some crafts that your child has made to give the children a real life opportunity of handling money and being a market stall trader. Please ensure you bring some change as the items will cost between 10p and 50p and your child will have made around 4 items.

We look forward to seeing you all at our market.

Mrs Freund



Year 6 Showcase Wednesday 17th January

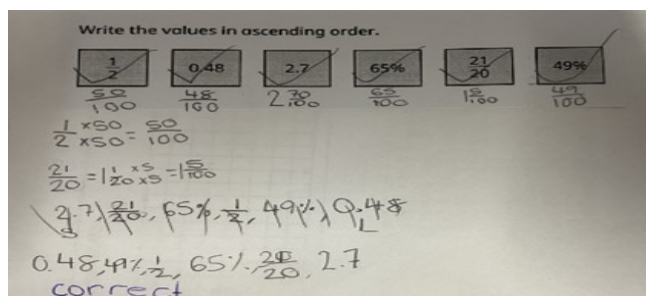
We look forward to welcoming Y6 parents on Wednesday from 9-10am (approx.) when your children will be able to share lots of exciting work they have been doing since September.

Year 6 News

Mathematics

During our maths lessons we have been looking at fractions, decimals and percentages. We have used this stem sentence help us convert the between the three.

In order to convert a percentage to a fraction, first convert it to a fraction with a denominator of 100.



We always start our maths learning off with what we notice.

1) 10% of 70 = 7 ✓	2) 10% of 30 = 3 ✓	3) 1% of 400 = 4 ✓
4) 10% of 30 = 3 ✓	5) 1% of 500 = 5 ✓	6) 10% of 120 = 12 ✓
7) 10% of 400 = 40 ✓	8) 1% of 1200 = 12 ✓	9) 1% of 3800 = 38 ✓
10) 10% of 500 = 50 ✓	11) 10% of 180 = 18 ✓	12) 1% of 1800 = 18 ✓

Complete the following tables.

100%	30
50%	15 ✓
10%	3 ✓
1%	0.3 ✓

100%	230
50%	115 ✓
10%	23 ✓
1%	2.3 ✓

100%	84
50%	42 ✓
10%	8.4 ✓
1%	0.84 ✓

Missing-number problems:
Fill in the missing numbers.

10% of 54 = 5.4 ✓ 14 = 1% of 1,400 ✓

50% of 170 = 85 ✓

All that glitters is not gold!

We have started our fantastic Shakespeare project all about The Merchant of Venice. So far, we have explored the play through a variety of drama techniques. We took part in whole school 'Venetian Blind Date', where we helped Portia's suitors decide whether to choose the gold, silver or lead casket. Later in the term, we will be reenacting the court case in from the play and creating a balanced argument to explore different sides of the debate.



Geography and History

We have been learning all about Africa. In Geography, we have been exploring time zones, climate and natural resources, whilst exploring stereotypes and misconceptions. We are now going to be learning about the ancient Benin civilisation in our history learning. So far, we have learnt ancient stories and practised the art of storytelling.



Don't forget to come to our showcase on Wednesday 17th January!

Super Stars

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

RJF: Roary for having an amazing start to Upton.

RKC: Rosalie for being a fantastic role model and always trying her best.

1AH: Joshua for showing determination and making great contributions in English.

1KB: Elias for great effort in Drama as part of our English lesson.

2MF: Tito for a creative pinch-pot made with clay for our sculpture unit.

2FJ: Hanad for working hard at super sitting, using magnet eyes and completing all his work!

3EB: Skye for being a really good role model for our class this week and working really hard. Well done, keep up the good work!

3IH: Eva for trying really hard since being back to school and sharing some great ideas in our English learning!

4NC: Lexi for her positive attitude and effort in maths.

4SL: Harrison for starting the new year with a positive mindset and for his efforts in maths this week.

5AK: Aluar for outstanding efforts and contribution in our maths lessons this week.

5GD: Molly for having a fantastic week! Keep it up!

6LW: Mya for amazing effort in maths.

6GH: Shane for having an incredible attitude to learning.

Bronze Awards

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

Belle, Adriana & Rafael in 1AH

Eric, Evelyn, Krish & Vlad in 1KB

Estella, Jessica, Alivia, Elijah, Romel, Molly, Nyla & Andrei in 2MF

Olivia F, Seif & Malachi in 2FJ

David, Abel & Kai in 3EB

Eva & Amy in 3IH

Megan & Philip in 4NC

Mitko, Mia J, Maya & Mason in 4SL

Julia, Jessica, Lina, Charlotte & Nikita in 5AK

Amelija & Ion in 6LW

Omar in 6GH



Guide dog in training

Some of you may have noticed a gorgeous labrador puppy on school site – one of our parents is training her to be a guide dog and has sought permission from us to bring her onto site. We don't allow dogs on the school site for Health & Safety reasons, even if they are carried or on a lead, but officially designated assistance dogs are the exception to this and we see this guide dog in training as fitting that category and didn't want there to be any confusion in people thinking our policy had changed.

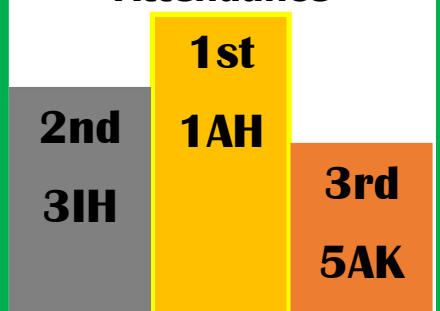


Rainbow Star of the Week



Our Rainbow star of the week is Adi in 4SL for incredible effort in phonics and reading this week. Well done Adi!

Attendance



Attendance Matters

The school has a duty to communicate clearly about the attendance of pupils and the importance of good attendance (equal to or greater than 96%). This week every pupil will have received an attendance letter. Pupils who attend school regularly achieve well and those who do not attend regularly achieve lower attainment grades and make less progress. This is evident in both school and National data. Pupils who fall below 90% attendance are classed as 'persistently absent' and school is required to report this to the Local Authority. We are also required to take action to improve the attendance of those who are persistently absent by meeting regularly with parents and offering support.

Good attendance means being in school at least 96% of the time, which is at least 182 – 190 days a year. 175 days a year are NOT spent in school!



Did you know?

- Being absent for a day of school each week is equivalent to missing 2 Years of their school life.
- A two-week holiday in term time means that the highest attendance a child can achieve is 94.7%.
- If you can improve your attendance by 1% you will see a 5% improvement in achievement.

A Coat Rack of Kindness

Coat racks have been put up in West Northamptonshire Council buildings to support anyone who may be struggling this winter and would benefit from a coat donation. If you are in need of a coat, please visit One Angel Square, Northampton where you can help yourself to a coat from the coat rack available in the Reception area.

Donate your unwanted coats and help keep vulnerable people warm this wintertime

With the cost-of-living-crisis and surging energy bills affecting many households this winter, a coat donation could help someone facing uncertainty stay warm in the colder months.

As part of our efforts to support those affected by the rising cost of living, we have set up a coat donation rack at the One Stop Shop at The Guildhall, Northampton where you can drop off any unwanted winter coats.

From puffer to parka, duffle to down, every donation helps, so get sorting through your wardrobes and bring in your old coats. Any size, style or colour of men's, women's and children's coats will be greatly appreciated, but please only donate clean items that are in good condition.



PE NEWS

Congratulations to Mason, Ashton and Anthony who this week attended a Boccia tournament at Benham Sports Centre. The boys performed brilliantly and won the tournament and are now through to the finals!

Well done boys!

