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Upwood School Newsletter
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Retirement Farewell

It is always with much sadness that we say 'Goodbye' to members of our school community at the end of each school year. Mrs Lynn Perkins has decided to retire at the end of this academic year. She has worked at Upwood Primary School for 25 years in our Foundation Class and has helped and guided many youngsters through their first year at school. A special assembly and party will be held to wish Mrs Perkins well in her retirement. Mrs Perkins will be greatly missed and we very much hope she will continue to visit us in school and share her news.

New Appointments

In September, we will welcome Mrs Suzanne Munford and Mrs Joanne Bennison to the Upwood Primary School Team. Both ladies were appointed after interviews held on Friday 28th March, to work in the Foundation Class as teaching assistants from Autumn 2014. We wish both Mrs Munford and Mrs Bennison well as they join our staff team.

Volunteer Support

Upwood Primary School recognises the great contribution volunteers make to our school community, including parent/carer volunteers, grandparent volunteers and members of the local community. Volunteers support the day to day running of the classroom, including listening to children read and assisting with craft projects. They may also assist with the running of school trips.

We would ask you to please consider whether you, or a member of your family, have some spare time to offer Upwood Primary School, from one hour to a whole morning or afternoon. All volunteers working with children need to undertake a DBS check (formally known as CRB check). If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact a member of the School Office Staff on 01487 813510, who will explain the DBS process.

Internet Safety

During the Easter holidays many children will be accessing the internet and media sites. As parents/carers, please be aware of the sites your child is viewing, as some are misleading in their appearance and content, especially certain apps.



Notices and Reminders

Certificate Assembly

The termly Certificate Assembly took place on Monday 31st March. We have continued to base the awards on our RESPECT code:

Rreally listen,
Encourage and praise each other,
Smile,
Put others before ourselves,
Expect to give our best efforts,
Create a friendly atmosphere,
Think before we speak.

Pupils are nominated by both teaching and support staff. Please do take the time to look at the list of children chosen, on the list displayed outside the School Office.

Rotary Star Winner!

Congratulations to Esther Conway in Year 3 for winning this term's 'Rotary Star' Award. Staff felt Esther was a deserving winner as she is always helpful and polite. Esther's name will be engraved on the shield in the Entrance Hall and she has received a gift voucher to reward her endeavours.

Sport Relief - Article Written by Mr Vincent

On 21st March, the whole school took part in a Sports Relief fundraising event. The children were challenged to complete a mile long obstacle course! Moving in and out of cones, leaping over hurdles, stepping through hoops and crawling through gates were just some of the obstacles the children had to overcome. We are extremely proud of all those who took part. Through sponsorship, non-uniform day contributions and the sale of wrist bands we raised £478.70 for this extremely worthwhile charity.

Open Evening

Come and see what we have been doing at the Open Evening on Wednesday 9th July, 3.30pm 4.15pm. We hope to see you there including new Foundation parents/carers for September 2014.

Inset Days

Please note the school is closed on Monday 21st April 2014 and Tuesday 22nd April 2014. The children return to school on Wednesday 23rd April 2014.

Cross Country Competition

Article Written by Mrs Wilkinson

Pupils from Years 5 and 6 took part in the Cross Country Relay Championships at Priory Park, St Neots, on Wednesday 2nd April 2014. The event included hundreds of children from the catchment area.

This year, the three teams of girls came 28th, 60th and 65th out of 103 teams. The two teams of boys came 72nd and 118th out of 119 teams. The children that took part should be extremely proud of themselves as they each had to run a distance of 1.2 kilometres without stopping! Thank you to all the parents/carers who came along to support the event, it was really lovely to have you all there.

The children that took part were:

Year 6 – Samuel Webster, William Moss, Oliver Mason, Jake Edwards, Sophie Mason, Anna Nkatia, Lauryn Revelo, Paige Butler and Zoë Jenkin.
Year 5 – Harry Holman, Carlo Giglio, Ryan Smart, Luke Scudder-Crisp, Hallie Larham, Tamsin Brown, Ellie Gilbert, Ellen Newton, Jenna Pierce, Siobhan Calder and Lois Sisman.

A very special thanks goes to Lauryn and Paige who stepped in for us, at the last minute!

Bikeability

Article Written by Mrs Wilkinson

Some children from Years 5 and 6 recently took part in Bikeability, which is a national programme for cycle training. The children began their training on the playground and then spent the next three days, completing their training out and about on the roads in Upwood. The two instructors were thoroughly pleased with the children's achievement. Lots of children achieved the Level Two Certificate. Other children achieved the Level One Certificate and (if they are in Year 5) will be able to attend the training again next year to achieve the Level Two Certificate. The children were also presented with a brooch, stating which level they achieved. Well done to everyone who took part!

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Whitelaw
Head Teacher

Easter Holidays

The staff would like to wish all members of our school community a lovely Easter break. We look forward to seeing you all in the Summer Term.