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Christmas Play

On the nights of the 10th and 11th December, the whole school performed in front of hundreds of parents and families.

Y6 acted out all the main parts. The play was about different Christmas traditions in different countries. At every country they visited, each class produced their own scene. Both nights were a huge success with the choir singing beautiful songs.

All the children enjoyed it and would love to do it again. We hope you feel the same!

Monique said, "It was really fun and I'm looking forward to the Leavers Concert."

Harry Branch said, "It was very rewarding even though we had to learn a lot of lines."

Lucy performed a solo for the play which received a



huge round of applause. She said, "It was very nerve-racking when I had to sing a solo but extremely fun."

The children put a lot of effort in but everyone agrees that it was worth it in the end.

Thanks to all staff, parents and children.

DT Week

From the 20th October to the 24th October, Upwood School had a special DT Week. Mrs Hart is the coordinator for DT and organises all the activities for the children.

This year the classes made:

Rockets in Reception
Texture teddies in Year One.
Teddy bear chairs in Year Two.

Felt Pictures in Year Three.

Puppets in Year Four.

Pizza and Marble cake in Year Five.

Rockets and Pasta in Year Six.

The whole school enjoyed the week. Also there were lots of fantastic comments from the staff and pupils.

Mrs Hart said, "I think it was a great success and I liked how the teachers fitted in maths and literacy." The whole school learned lots of new skills as well as having a fun time.



Sports Connections

On Monday the 13th October 2008, all the classes joined in for the Sports Connection Event. Each child had three goes at trying to kick a football into a giant inflatable goal as fast as they could. All the staff that were able also joined in.

Carol Wells said, "I think that it's really good that everyone can join in and it's just a fun day or should be considered to be one!"

Mr Cousins said, "It was great fun even though I didn't kick the ball very well. I got about 45mph as my fastest score!"

Ellie Gilbert said, "I enjoyed it, it was really fun and I think that I kicked the ball quite fast!"

Tawney Evans said, "I think

that it was fun and they should do it more often!" Overall we raised a total amount of £550. The School Council were given £150 pounds of this to spend. The fastest scores were:
Matthew H Y5 50mph
Rionach B N Y6 39ph
The people who raised the most money were:
Jordan M Y6 £55
Katherine B Y6 £73



Year 5 Hamerton Trip

On the 21st October, Y5 went on an interesting trip to Hamerton Zoo. They were there to study animals food diets. The children and an enthusiastic group of parent volunteers got on the bus at half past nine and got to Hamerton just before ten.

After spending a good four and a half hours there, the

children and volunteers arrived back at school shattered.

Their arrival time to get home was three o'clock. Their day had been full of walking, drawing, filling in a chart and then playing in Hamerton's wonderful, adventurous park.



Trip to Manor House

On Tuesday 7th October, Y2 went down to Manor House to deliver items that the school had collected for the harvest festival to give to the residents there.

Miss Clarke said, "Well the children really enjoyed it."

They left after registration and first went to the church to have a little harvest festival themselves. Then they went down to the Manor House, had a drink, saw some baby chicks and then headed back to the school before lunch.

Church Trip

On Friday the 7th November 2008, Miss Cox took Y1 to Upwood Village Church. When they got there, a lady called Mrs Jean Place took them inside and taught them all about christenings. She also talked about the font and how they fill it with water. After they had found out lots of information, Mrs Place set them a challenge. This was to find out whereabouts the font was and where an elephant was hidden, (the elephant had been left by someone at a christening.)

Sheree said, "I had such fun looking for the elephant!" Eventually, they did find it after a long look in the church.

Overall, Y1 thoroughly enjoyed the day and would love to go again!!

Y4 Stibbington Trip

On Wednesday 22nd October, Y4 went to Stibbington, which was used in World War 2. Whilst they were there they sang songs, played with old toys, wrote letters with an ink pen, walked through villages and went on an old train.

Bethany liked playing with the old toys.

Kayla loved going in the air raid shelters.

Severine, enjoyed putting on the gas masks.

Jamie enjoyed playing the most.

Ethan liked walking through the villages.

So it was fun and interesting day out for Y4 and Mrs Howe.

African Drummers

On Wednesday 5th November, two African drummers came into school to teach Y1 and Y2 a dance. Both classes were taught two different dances and then performed them in front of the school in assembly in the afternoon.

Miss Clarke said, "The children had a great time and they would probably want to do it again and I would want to do it again definitely!"

Miss Cox said, "The children would probably like to do it again, it was fun and at the right level for the children. It would have been better to have the drums as well while the children were dancing."

Owen McVicar said, "I really liked it! I would have liked drums while we were dancing as well. I think that the practising and warm ups were quite fun because we got to run around a lot!"

Audrey Johns said, "I really liked it and I would do it again if I had the choice. I liked the dance and I loved it when Miss Clarke danced, it was really, really funny."

Overall the day went really well and most of the school had a good time.



£150 to spend

We have a variety of suggestions on what we could buy such as monkey bars, giant hobbit house and more playtime equipment.

Autumn Term

We took part in the Harvest Assembly with a very successful play. The Anti-bullying Charter has been reviewed.

The School Council have successfully lead another school assembly on Anti-bullying. They have drawn up an action plan for anti-bullying.

On the 24th - 26th September, some of the Year Three children went on a marvellous trip to Grafham. Mrs Myles- Gardiner, Mrs Whitelaw and Mr Whybrow joined the children on the trip. On Monday, the children interestingly went whammel sailing. On Tuesday, they did two different activities. In the morning they did low and high ropes. The high ropes were 30ft high! In the afternoon they did canoeing but also they were each allowed to drive a fantastic speedboat. On Wednesday they went rock climbing and did some orienteering. They had a splendid time. All of the children had a spectacular time and the school would love to go back again.

School Council



Upwood School Council

This year, the School Council have been very successful in changing the way the school is.

On the 9th December 2008 we had a Special Achievers Assembly which was run by Miss Clarke who handed out badges and a Christmas hat as a reward.

The special achiever from Y6 was Katherine Bailey, who got it because she always helps everyone, especially little children with their coats.

Special Achievers

The special achiever from Y5 was William Kelly because he always helps anybody anytime of the day.

The special achiever from Y4 was Kayleigh Hunwin for being extremely helpful to the staff.

The special achiever from Y3 was Molly Wright for always helping children in class with work.

Events/special activities

This term, the Council have been involved in the organisation of 2 special dinner days, 'Well Wicked' and 'Mexican'. Members of the Council also helped run the tombola at the Christmas Fair as well as a cake stall earlier in the year. Poems for the Christmas Church Service were also chosen by the School Council.

The special achiever from Y2 was Chloeanne Green who is always helpful by holding doors and helping everyone.

The special achiever from Y1 was Sophie Mason who is always helpful throughout the day with handing out books.

The special achiever from Reception was Ben Griggs for holding doors for Miss Mee.

Y5/6 Boys Football Tournament

On the 19th November Jason Q, Matthew H (Y5) Jordan H, Marco F, Matthew E, Jordan M, Jordan D and Harry B (Y6) went to Abbey College to play in a football tournament. Upwood's first game was against Ramsey A team who are very good and were favourites to win the tournament. But Upwood did not allow this to affect their game plan and won the match 2-0, with Jordan H scoring first and Matthew E with the second. Upwood's second game was against Ramsey B which Upwood won 4-0. Jordan H scored the first again with Marco F making it two for Upwood and Matthew E scored two more to make it 4-0 Upwood.

For both games Jordan M (goalie) didn't let in a single goal and deserved a round of applause.

Upwood won the tournament and have progressed to the final and are going back to Abbey College in a few weeks to play in the final.

Girls Football



On the 19th November, Mr Frost took a girls football team to the Abbey College. They were; Lowri Robinson, Isobel Hopkins, Emma Day, Ellie Sanders, Lydia Bacon and Phoebe Crawford. They got there by cars, driven by parents that generously gave up their time. They played two incredible matches. Their first one was against Ramsey. They thrashed them 4-0. The second game they played was against Warboys. Unfortunately, they did not do so well. This time the score was 1-0 to Warboys. At the end of the day, they came away second. Which was fantastic because it was the first time they had played together.

Rotary Award

Each term there is a person who wins the Rotary Shield for being kind and helpful. This term the first ever winner was Maisie Dean (Y6). Maisie won it because since she has been at this school, she has always been so kind and helpful. The list of how helpful Maisie is can go on forever but here are some quotes from people around the school.

Mrs Branch said, "Maisie is always helpful to younger children and is always polite and



helpful to adults."

Mrs Cox said, "In the morning when I arrive, Maisie holds the door open for me. She is always polite and will ask me if I want a cup of tea or coffee in the morning."

High Fives

On the 13th November Mrs Pettitt, Mrs Smith and Mr Frost took the High 5s team to play in a tournament. When they arrived at St Ives, they first played Houghton which they drew 0-0. After they had taken a break they played Newton, which they unfortunately lost. However, next game they made a surprising comeback and hammered Great Gidding with a fantastic score of 4-0!! That gave the team a chance to be in the finals! Our last game was against Elton which Upwood lost 1-0, meaning it was impossible to go into the finals. Overall though the team found out after the game they had come joint third which was an extremely pleasing result.

