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## Pantomime

On the 16th January, the whole school was invited to Milton Keynes Theatre to watch a production of Peter Pan. Three coaches and one minibus set off at around half past ten. The journey took just over an hour and then all of the children and staff got out of the vehicles and walked a short distance to the theatre doors. When they entered the theatre, they went into 'The Crocodile Creek'.

In this room they ate their lunch. When everyone had finished eating, they moved into the main theatre and began to get comfy for the whole performance. After about ten minutes the audience went quiet and the performance started. A very famous face, Louisa Lytton who is a well known actress, appeared as Peter Pan. Throughout the performance the children

cheered. Everyone found it entertaining. When unfortunately the performance came to an end, everyone got back into the vehicles and headed back to school. The convoy arrived safely back at school at about half past five. I am sure that everyone enjoyed the trip and is looking forward to going next year. Thank you Mrs M-G for organising the trip.



## DT Week

For this term's DT Week, awards were presented by the DT Coordinator, Mrs Hart.

As normal, every class were involved in exciting projects that were the result of plans that were worked on. It was a very busy, yet enjoyable week at school.

All the teachers were delighted with the

end results, many are on display in school. The winners were: Rionach BN and Aimee Parker-Yr6 Rachel Goodwin-Yr5 Beatrice Allen-Yr4 Tom Harris-Yr3 Faith Mackenzie-Yr2 Sheree Allen- Yr1 Tyler Buddle from Reception.

## Rotary Award

On March the 30th 2009, Katherine Bailey was chosen to be this year's winner of the Rotary Award. She was chosen for always being kind and caring in all situations to everyone. She is also very polite.



## Darwin Presentation

On the 12th March Doctor Fox came in to do a presentation all about the famous Darwin who used to work at the Botanic Gardens. He discovered many unusual plants. The children found the talk extremely interesting and asked many questions at the end including, 'Why he built the Tree of Life?' Doctor Fox explained thoroughly about the plants that are unfortunately becoming extinct.

Darwin discovered the plants while he was travelling on the famous boat called the 'Beagle.'

After all the children's questions had been answered by Dr Fox, she allowed each of the classes (Y4, Y5 and Y6) to feel the rocks that Darwin had collected. These had been kept for many years!

Dr Fox also let the children look at all the different plants she had brought in, including the venus fly-trap and the deadly sticky plants. At last the children got to look at the "Tree of Life" and also all of the letters which people had sent to Darwin, which totalled up to approximately 1500 letters altogether.

His first biological book was also shown by Dr Fox which intrigued people.

It was a fascinating presentation by Dr Fox who gave up her time to come to Upwood School.

Thanks to Mrs Hart who organised this, people really enjoyed it!

## Year Four's Indian Curries



On Wednesday 4th February, Year Four had a visitor from Taste of the East. His name was Mr Rahman. With him came two of his chefs. Amazingly, he demonstrated to the Year Four's, how to make Indian food. Spices, sauces and delicious vegetables were used to make some fantastic curries. Year Four said, "We thought we wouldn't like the curries but they were delicious!"

## Year 5 Science Day

On Friday 20th March, three Year Fives went on a fascinating trip to the Abbey College. This trip was all about science. The three lucky people that were able to go were Matthew Howes, Lowri Robinson and Tia Allen. They were escorted to the Abbey College by Mrs Howes.

They had a wonderful day of experiments and mysteries. It was a day of being crime investigators. They discovered people who were pretending to be murderers by looking at finger prints and DNA. They all had a wonderful day!

Watch out Miss Marple, Upwood School are now after your job!

## Great Fire of London

The Great Fire of London is what Y2 have been studying in class. On the Thursday 8th January Y2 dressed up in clothes that they might have worn if they were around in the past, then made a few things. These activities included making bread, smelly bags to make people better

feel better, bookmarks and candles. All the Y2s enjoyed the day. For example, Holly Jaszkiwicz said, "It was great fun doing all the activities." James Widdess said, "I loved listening to the diary of Samuel Peeps."

All the Y2s loved the day!

## World Book Day Assembly

On March 4th, Mrs Hart presented an assembly on World Book Day. All the children in the school made a mask of an animal before hand to show in assembly. The whole assembly was based on a book called 'Dear Zoo.' When each child's animal was called out, they went out to the front to show their mask. At the end of the assembly, one person was chosen out of each class for the most creative design. The winners were:

Y6 Ben Ares

Y5 Tia Allen

Y4 Orla Simpson

Y3 Rose Dean

Y2 Rhys Thirtle

Y 1 Charlie Norton

Reception Jared Wheeler

## Vivian French

On Monday 10th February Vivian French came into the school to run two workshops.

She has written many well known books like 'We're going on a Bear Hunt' and 'The Tiara Club' series. While running the workshops she began to write a story about a monkey called Cheeky Charlie who was very mischievous and got into a lot of trouble with his friends.

Despite being an author, she said that she can find it quite hard thinking of ideas for a story, so she thinks of an idea for the beginning and then the end. Next she starts to think about the middle and

how you could get from the beginning to the end without making a total mess of it.

In one of her first stories she didn't know what to write about so she called a friend and said, "Look I really don't know what to write about can you help me with some of your ideas?"

Her friend replied and explained to Vivian that she should write about feelings.

This advice gave her the perfect idea. She thought about her feelings and the first thing she thought about was how annoying she thought her brother was so she decided to write about that. She used her

imagination and decided that she would write about a pig with a brother. She was the pig and her annoying brother was a pig too.

Everybody is now looking forward to finding out whose story she will choose as a winner from the competition she set.



## Certificate Assembly

On March the 30th 2009, a certificate assembly took place. Here are the winners:

### Numeracy Work

**Reception** - Carlo J and Owen G were chosen because of their enormous improvement in counting.

**Year 1** - Shannon A and Joe S were chosen because of their extremely hard work in class.

**Year 2** - Max L and Katie H were chosen because of their confidence with numbers.

**Year 3** - Courtney K and Darcy C were chosen because of their improvement in class.

**Year 4** - Hannah J was chosen for being more accurate in her work. Eleanor B was chosen for not giving up in Maths when the work was hard.

**Year 5** - Holly M was chosen because of her improvement in work and Thomas P was chosen because he gets his work right.

**Year 6** - Phoebe C and Lydia B were chosen because they give up extra time so they can improve their Maths.

### Team-Work

**Reception**- Tamsin B was chosen for taking turns in playing with others and Joe E was chosen for sharing his ideas in building.

**Year 1**- Oliver M and Zoe J were chosen because of working well together.

**Year 2** - Rachel M and Laurenz W were chosen because of their exemplary team-work.

**Year 3** - Joe M and Zoe W were chosen because of their kindness and patience.

**Year 4** - Kayla J and Oliver Y were chosen because of their helpfulness to adults and children.

**Year 5** - Joseph B and Harry G were chosen because they are very quiet and they get on without even being asked.

**Year 6** - Kelsey C was chosen because he will work with anyone and will listen to them and Matthew E was chosen because he is encouraging and supportive to his team.

### Art and Design

**Reception** - Ellie G was chosen because she uses good details in painting and Lewis T was chosen because of his creative ideas.

**Year 1** - Lauren was chosen because of her detail and the time she takes. Ellie S was also chosen because she always wants to draw pictures.

**Year 2** - Joshua O' Reilly was chosen because in Golden Time he is always drawing. Imogen B was also chosen because of her huge improvement.

**Year 3** - Joe P and Sam W were chosen because of their progress.

**Year 4** - Chloe S was chosen because of her superb quality and Cassie P was chosen because of her care in work.

**Year 5** - Jason Q was chosen because of his printing and Michael B was chosen because of his artistic detail.

**Year 6** - Georgina R and Tabitha S were chosen because of the amount of time, detail and effort they put in whilst working.

## Y5/6 Boys Football Tournament

On the 23rd March the Upwood Boys Football Team went to the Abbey College to play in the final of the Cup. About 3 months ago they won the first round to qualify. If they had won this time not only would they be the best team in the county but they would be representing the County at the Nationals. The team that went were made up of 2 Yr5 boys, Matthew H and Jason, and 6 Yr6 boys: Jordan H, Jordan M, Jordan D, Matthew E, Marco and Harry. Their first match was against St Anne's which they drew 0-0. Their second game was against Holywell which was very difficult at first with Upwood going behind but then Matthew E scored two brilliant goals to give Upwood the victory. Their last game was against Holme which they had to win 2-0 to go through. Upwood started off brilliantly going 1-0 up but then right at the very end Holme grabbed an equaliser. So in the end Upwood finished second in the County which is still quite a big achievement.

On the 19th March Mrs Myles - Gardiner and Miss Cox led a Special Achievers Assembly on sport. Children from each class were chosen by their teacher for doing something fantastic in PE. The winners were:

Reception - Jared Wheeler  
Year 1—Hermione Crawford  
Year 2 -Jessica Hollington  
Year 3- Kieran McGlory  
Year 4 - Ciaran Seabridge  
Year 5 - Xander Waters  
Year 6 - Marco Fiore  
Well done!

## Yr5/6 Boys Football Match

A couple of weeks ago, the boys football team were playing Somersham in the second round of the Cup. The team was made up of Matthew H, Jason Q, Harry D, Dominic P, Jordan H, Jordan D, Jordan M, Marco and Matthew E. The game started off at a slow pace but then Jordan H made a blistering run down the right wing catching the Somersham defence by surprised but got tackled right at the end. It was like that until, near the end of the first half, Somersham grabbed a goal out of the blue. The second half started off at a quicker pace this time and straight away Upwood grabbed an equaliser with Matthew H heading in from Marco's great cross. The ref blew for full time with it ending in a draw so it went to penalties.

Somersham	Upwood
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0	0
0	0
0	X

So in the end Somersham won 4-2 on penalties but Upwood did put up a good fight but it just wasn't their day.

## Special Achievers

On Wednesday 25th February there was an assembly about people who had worked really hard during the term. There was a winner from each class and the winners were:

Briony Giddings from Y6  
Tawney Evans from Y5  
Kayla Jordan from Y4  
Rose Dean from Y3  
Ashley Gray from Y2  
Demi Porthouse from Y1  
And Harry Holman from Reception.

## Yr1 Multi Skills Day

A couple of months ago Yr1 went to the Abbey College for a multi skills day. They competed in a variety of different events which included: balance ball, hurdles, bean bag balancing, balance beam, rolling a ball, shuttle run, throwing a ball, hopping and skipping.

Chloe said that it was great fun and her favourite event was running in and out of sticks.

Sheree said that it was fantastic and she really enjoyed the skipping.

Oliver said that it was awesome and he liked throwing the ball to each other.

James said that it was fantastic and liked running around through the cones with a beanbag on his head.

Katie liked jumping through the ladder holes and thought the day was brilliant. So altogether it was a great day out.

Year 1 had a thoroughly enjoyable time. Miss Cox proved to be very competitive and really encouraged the children to do their best whilst having fun and enjoying the challenge of the activities.

They certainly worked well to-