



USL Primary News

Term 2 School Newsletter 8 : 20th November 2017

SCHOOL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Next Class worship:
YRL – Tomorrow, Tuesday 21st November at 9.55am

SPORTS NEWS

Girls Football

 On Wednesday, 8th November, Upton girls played a football match away at Grange. In the first 5 minutes captain Safia had scored 3 goals. The next people to score were Kamea and Natalie, scoring their first goals of the season. Shortly afterwards Jaime had scored. With half time approaching Safia scored another 4 goals. At half time Safia and Molly swapped positions Molly going as a striker and Safia going in goal. In the second half Gemma scored 3 goals. With the last kick of the match Molly, who plays in goalscored a fantastic goal. Well done to Grange who carried on playing and demonstrated some great sportsmanship. The final score was 14-0. With captain Safia scoring 7, Kamea, Natalie, Jaime and Molly scoring one each and Gemma scoring 3 goals. Well done on a great performance.

Boys Football v Robinswood 2nd November

 At the half way point in the league season, the two top-of-the-table teams came together, both going into the game with 4 wins out of 4. We started brightly and before long went into the lead with a close range effort from Jonas. Not long before half time Will found himself with some space in midfield and so drove the ball towards goal and saw it nestle in the far corner to make the score 2 – 0 at half time. The second half followed a similar pattern. We dominated possession and the ball spent most of the game in the

New child

Last week we welcomed a new child into Year 1: we hope she will be very happy at Upton.

Working with us and your children

In previous newsletter we have advertised staff vacancies for Midday Supervisors and have been very fortunate to employ a number of parents of children at our school as a result. Working at the school where their children attend has enormous benefits for lunch time staff who are able to see first-hand that their children are happy, safe and well cared for in school. Our lunch time staff who are also parents really value the opportunity to be part of their child's school community and to be part of an effective team supporting the school in providing a safe, secure and happy lunch time experience for our pupils. We currently have vacancies for general support at lunchtimes and for one-to-one support for specific children who need that little bit extra. At Upton St Leonards our team of Mid-Day Supervisor Assistants (MDSAs) are recognised as valued members of staff. MDSAs are able to access a wide range of training opportunities and are provided with a uniform and a shiny whistle! Mrs Morris has regular meetings with the MDSAs to discuss areas for development within the team or for individual staff members. Vacancies arise at Upton because many of our midday team go on to do other roles within school. We would be delighted to chat about the role further should you have any questions. Please see Mrs Morris for details of what to expect in the role. Members of our current MDSA team would also be very happy to talk to interested applicants. Please visit our website www.upton-st-leonards.co.uk for an application pack. The current vacancy is offered at 6.25 hours p/w (12.15pm – 1.30pm) term time only.

Wine, Cheese and Internet Safety information Evening

Our evening last Thursday was really well received by the parents and carers who attended; the evening started with some wine and cheese and a chance to chat and mingle. We were very pleased with the turn out, our guest speaker said that it was certainly one of the best attended he had seen, so thank you to everyone who attended. The statistics and messages relayed during the evening were frightening at times, but it's worth a thought that if just one parent changes the way they monitor internet activity at home, uses appropriate filters and talks to their children about safer social networking, our evening will have had the impact we intended. If you were unable to attend and would like some information on eSafety information, please visit our website www.upton-st-leonards.co.uk and click 'our school' and select 'information for parents'.



New Menu and Tasting Event

Many thanks to those of you who attended school last Tuesday evening where Chef Kirby prepared and served a wonderful selection of tasty meals to sample from our new menu. The feedback was extremely positive. The PTA committee were on hand, to offer a warm welcome to parents and carers and to outline information about their role in school. The PTA explained that any help at any event is hugely beneficial to the school and the children. Thank you to the parents who came along and offered their support.

Parents Consultation Evenings



Our Parent Consultation Evenings are being held on Tuesday 21st November (tomorrow) and on Thursday 23rd November. If you have not already booked your appointment please contact the school office to book a slot to talk to your child's teacher.

Robinswood half. A third goal and possibly the most spectacular of the match came from the left boot of Reece with a delicious half volley. The game was finished off with a second from Will, who continued his incredible scoring record. Some impressive saves from Ellis meant that the final score was 4 – 0 to us. Well done to Will, Jonas, Riley-Jak, Toby, Reece, Lewis, Lewis and Ellis.

Girls Football



On Wednesday, Upton girls played their final league match against leaders Elmbriage. We were prepared for a tough match against a team who are unbeaten without conceding any goals so far this season. From kick off we put pressure on them and dominated possession. Inside the first minute of the match Jaime set up Safia to score the opening goal of the game. Soon after, after some excellent passing from the team Safia made it 2-0. Elmbriage started the second half strongly and we put in a number of key tackles to protect our lead. Later in the second half, after a brilliant team move Upton made it 3-0 with Safia completing her hat trick. At the end of the game, Mr Smith said it was the best team performance he had seen at Upton. Well done to everyone who played. The team was Safia, Molly, Keira, Izzy, Gemma, Jaime, Natalie and Kamea.

Boys Football



Our 6th league game of the season was played in very muddy conditions. The boys adapted well and played a good passing game. An early headed effort from Will hit the post. It was not until nearly half time, with Jonas having moved up from defence to midfield, that the break-through came. Lewis took a corner from the right, Jonas passed it back out to Lewis who put a pin-point cross into the box for Jonas to finish and make it 1-0 at half time. The second half saw a number of chances, mainly for our team, but neither team scored any further goals as the game ended 1-0 to us. This means that the team have won all 6 of their games so far this season. Well done to Will, Jonas, Riley-

Golden Book

Congratulations to Gracie, Gvozden and Sam whose names appear in the Golden Book for their outstanding homework. 

Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who donated money for Children in Need on Friday. We will let you know how much was raised in next week's newsletter.

The day started with a Pudsey Breakfast; parents and carers were able to share breakfast with their children or grab a takeaway muffin and a hot drink. The money raised from the Pudsey breakfast will also be added to the total.



Christmas Fayre

The school Christmas Fayre will be on Friday 1st December between 3.30pm – 5.30pm. This week, all of the children will be bringing home a note from the PTA asking for donations for the Christmas Fayre.

Donation requests are as follows :

Reception - cakes

Years 1 and 2 (KS1) - jolly jars (a plastic pot for you to fill with goodies)

Years 3 to 6 (KS2) - bottles and/or chocolate. The notes for parents of KS2 children will say 'donations by 24th November' but if you do not have time before then please continue to donate until 1st December.

We would also be grateful for any donations of raffle prizes, unwanted gifts/toiletries and wrapping paper for our Secret Santa stall and any cuddly toys.

We look forward to seeing you all on 1st December. Kind regards. The PTA.

Cross Country Report – Beaufort School

Thursday 16th November

59 children travelled to Beaufort School to represent Upton in the inter-school district cross country competition. The Year 2s ran first and performed really well. The best individual year 2 performance came from Abi, who got a bronze medal through finishing 3rd! As a collective group, Year 2 finished 3rd out of the 30+ schools in attendance. The Year 3s did even better. Beau was the only winner of the day and the boys and girls together came 2nd. The Year 4s also came 2nd with Lauren the highest scorer in 6th. The Year 5s performed admirably with Lewis securing a 2nd place finish enabling him to take part in the county training sessions. Jaime was the pick of the Year 6s and she too gained county qualification. Well done to all 59 children who tried their best. A special mention goes to Ben who stopped during his race to help Lewis who had hurt himself.



Jak, Toby, Reece, Rio, Lewis and Ellis.

Netball News



On Friday 3rd November the netball A team played against St Peters Primary School. It was a very tough game but we managed to win 6-3. Everyone played very well and their technique has improved a lot since the start of the year. Well done.

Netball News



On Thursday 9th November the netball A team played a match against Robinswood. It was a very trying game but eventually we managed to win 14-2, with Safia as main scorer. Well done to everyone who played.

Martial Arts

Congratulations to Ruby on taking part in a mixed martial arts competition in Swindon.

OPEN THE BOOK

Thank you to our Open the Book Team, who told the story 'The Great Escape' in Friday's worship.

NOTICES & REMINDERS

Menu This Week

Week 1 of the new menu

Supadance – National Dance Competition

The Supadance is a ballroom and latin dance competition held over multiple events over the year. The country is split into Northern and Southern areas. Dance schools enter teams in different age categories. Dancestars dance school compete in these matches. The juvenile team consists of 4 couples, of these 8 individuals 4 are pupils at Upton St Leonards. The final team rounds were held in Reading last Saturday and the Dancestar juvenile team finished in 3rd place in the Southern Area. An outstanding achievement. The pupils who took part were Madison, Sam, Rosa and Theo. Well done!

Harvest Festival

We have just received our certificate from Gloucester Food Bank to thank us for our Harvest Festival donations, and to let us know that we collected 226.1kg. Our collections over the last few years have been:

2016 – 310.8, 2015 – 242.35, 2014 – 231.85, 2013 - 209.7 kg, 2012 - 41.1kg. Well done and thank you.

Mathletics

Congratulations to Rosa and Elizabeth on winning their gold mathletics award.

Attendance



Last week's class with the highest attendance is Y3M and they will be entered into the termly draw for prizes!
Well done!