



## USL Primary News

Term 4 School Newsletter 21: 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019

### SCHOOL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### Class Worship

Next Class Worship:

**Y2W**– Tomorrow, Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March

All class assemblies are on Tuesdays at 2.40pm and parents/carers are welcome to attend.

#### Easter Services:

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April, 9am at church – Y6S/Y5J/Y4M/Y3H.

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at school – Reception/Years 1 & 2.

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at church – Y6L/Y5WY/Y4P/Y3T.

### SPORTS NEWS

#### Boys' Football Report

##### Knock out plate Round 1 – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February



The first round of the Plate football competition saw Abbeymead and Heron come to Upton. Sadly we were missing our Captain, Lewis V, on the day and this seemed to effect the performance of the team. We lost 3-2 to Heron and 2-0 to Abbeymead. All of this meant that we were knocked out of the competition and have now completed the 2018/19 football season. A huge congratulations once again to the players involved in the campaign. Well done for this round of matches to Lewis C (c), Reece, Tom, Alfie, Josh, Jay and Leo.

#### Boys' Football Report

##### B Team Knock-Out Cup, Semi-final – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March



On Tuesday, we played against Robinswood in the semi-final of the B team knock out cup. It was a very exciting game and in the second half our team went ahead after forcing their team into a mistake, through which they scored an own-goal. As full-time approached, we gave away a free

#### Parents Consultation Evenings



Our Parent Consultation Evenings are next week on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March. The booking system is still open on eSchools to arrange your appointment. Visit our school website and log in:

[www.upton-st-leonards.gloucs.sch.uk](http://www.upton-st-leonards.gloucs.sch.uk)

Your log in will be your first name. surname and a four digit code.

#### Year 6 Residential Visit



We would like to wish all the Y6 children and staff who are going to PGL today a wonderful week! Let's hope for some dry weather! The children will be back at school on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March around 12pm.

#### Gymnastics

##### Advanced Key Steps 3 Gymnastics Competition Ribston Hall High School – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March

11 pupils represented the school at the advanced gymnastics competition on Wednesday. Similar to our other gymnastics competitions, each gymnast had to take part in two gymnastics routines. The first floor routine that included a backwards roll into a straddle, two consecutive cartwheels or a handstand forward roll, a bridge or splits and a round-off. Extra points could be included for linking elements and some of our gymnasts were very thoughtful with how they included these.

The second routine was a vault routine that saw athletes use a spring board to try to land on top of a high box top with their feet and then dismount from the other side using a straight jump. All of our gymnasts performed well on the day and should be proud of themselves. Well done to Ella J, Halle, Olivia, Sophie W, Jessica, Saskia, Darcy, Phoebe, Sophie P, Kyla and Jessica P.



#### Disco



The PTA would like to thank all the parents and staff who helped at the two school discos last week. It was level to have such great support and the committee really appreciated it. The children had a fantastic time and we raised lots of money to support the school.

#### Family Lunch

Thank you to all the Year 2 parents who came to the lunch today, we look forward to seeing the Year 1 parents on Wednesday.

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kick in the edge of the box. Robinswood scored to take the game to extra time. In extra time we conceded a penalty, which Robinswood missed and then we missed a free kick from a good position. Just as the game looked like it was heading to penalties, Robinswood scored the Golden Goal to take them through to the final. Our player of the match was Caden. Well done to Ben S (c), Todd, Thomas E, Caden, Alex D, Harry P, Harry S and Harry B.

#### HOUSE POINT BADGES

Well done to the following children, who have been awarded their 500 house point badges: **Ash** – Y3T - J-J. Y5J – Sophie. **Beech** – Y3T – Paige, Charlie, Gvozden. **Elm** – Y2W – Edward. Y3T – Esmee, Tiya. Y5J – Ruby K, Brooke. Y5WY – Poppy. **Oak** – Y3T – Ben, Emily. Y5J – Callum, Amy-Rae.

#### OPEN THE BOOK

Thank you to our Open the Book Team, who told the story 'Going through the Roof' in Thursday's worship.

#### NOTICES & REMINDERS

##### Menu this week

Week 1 of the menu

##### Crossing Patrol

There will be no crossing patrol the afternoons of -  
March – 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> at Commeline's Farm. Please take extra care when crossing the road.

#### Primary Schools' Engineering Challenge

On Saturday, Upton entered 2 groups from Year 6 into a Primary Schools' Engineering Challenge at King's School in Gloucester.

They were presented with a **High-Rise Challenge** with criteria:

"Build the **tallest** tower,

That is able to support the **most weight**,

From the **highest** point possible....."

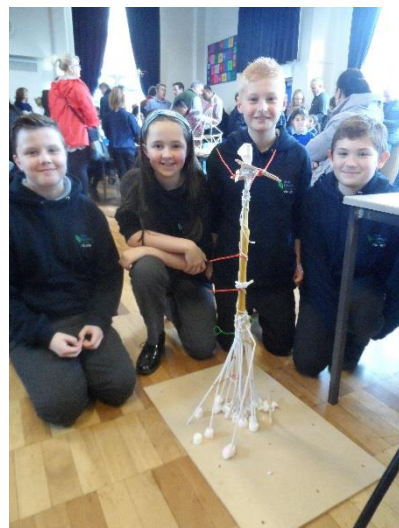
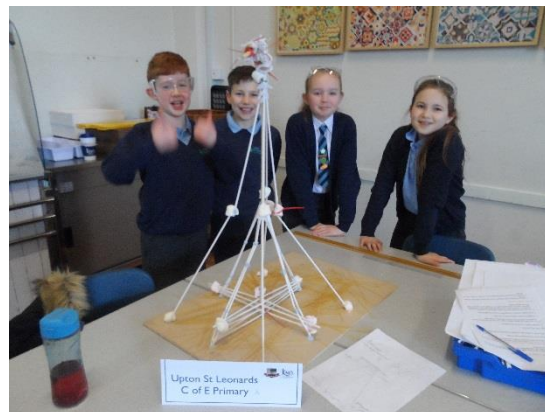
Both teams did incredibly well to meet these criteria and were judged not only on how they met the criteria, but also on **teamwork, creativity and design**.

Team 6L made a tower that supported 290g at a height of 69cm and Team 6S supported a weight of 360g at a height of 81cm!!!

We are very proud to announce that Team 6L came first place in the challenge!

All eight children represented our school superbly and showed incredible determination and resilience!

(Aubrey's Dad had the most fun working on his own high-rise structure! Which Miss McCrudden did feel as though he perhaps should also have got a prize!)



### Year 5 Shakespeare Day

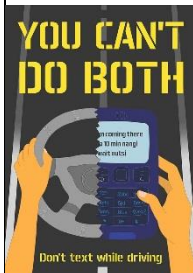
Year 5 had a visit from Konflux theatre on Wednesday as part of their T4W on A Midsummer Night's Dream.

The children were given the opportunity to perform in scenes from The Tempest, Macbeth and A Midsummer Night's Dream.

They explored some of the language and themes running through his plays. It was a great introduction to Shakespeare.



### Mobile phones and driving



We have had reports of parents being on their mobile 'phones whilst driving and being involved in near misses with children crossing the road. Do drive carefully and remember that you can now receive a fine of £200 and 6 points on your driving licence for using your mobile 'phone whilst driving.

### Here we go again!

#### Mamma Mia Sing Along Night in Aid of School Chess Team

Thank you to everyone who came along on Saturday night to the Mamma Mia Sing Along. It was a great success and they raised a fantastic £346.60.



### Big Pedal 2019

This year's Big Pedal will start on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March and will finish on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April. Please try to cycle, scoot or walk to school as much as possible during the fortnight. The total number of journeys made will be calculated and there will be a prize for the winning class. The Big Pedal website will also show the totals for all schools who have entered this year. Keep an eye on the newsletter for updates and please try to take part. It would be great to have a reduction in traffic and pollution in the immediate area around the school. Thank you.







### Easter Egg Hunt

There is an Easter Egg hunt on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April from 1pm – 3pm – starting and finishing at Upton St Leonards Primary School. Entries cost £3 per child and all entries win a prize. Refreshments will be available in the school hall.

### Wellness Day

On Wednesday this week we will be focussing on the children's "wellness" during the day. An assembly and a programme of activities has been organised by Mr Prince. We'll share how it went in next week's newsletter.



### Comic Relief – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March

Thank you to everyone that donated towards this worthy cause. We will let you know the total raised very soon.



### Attendance

This week's class with the highest attendance was Y4P and they will be entered into the termly draw for prizes! Well done!

### Year 1 Phonics Sessions

We are looking forward to welcoming our Year 1 families into school this week to find out more about how we teach phonics in school and the phonics screening check the children will take in June.

### Found – wallet

We have had a report from a local resident to say that the postman found a tan wallet in Whornes Orchard on Saturday. If you think it may be yours please let the school office know and we can put you in touch with the local resident.

### World Wildlife Fund (WWF) Earth Hour 2018 Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March - Lights out at 8.30pm



In the UK, every year millions of us take part in Earth Hour. By making pledges to help our planet, and by being part of a movement of hundreds of millions more around the globe, we can show we're fighting for our world.

We are the first generation to know we are destroying the world. And we could be the last that can do anything about it. We have the solutions, we just need our voices to be heard.

That's why Earth Hour is so vital – it gives a powerful voice to people everywhere who want to put the world on the path to recovery.

The world's biggest landmarks – such as the Sydney Opera House, Empire State Building, the Eiffel Tower, Buckingham Palace, and Edinburgh Castle – switch off lights as a visual display of their commitment. And you can switch off too.

Join the global movement this Earth Hour – switch off your lights and be part of the change.

#EarthHourUK



### Easter and Summer Holiday Clubs

Our Easter holiday club will run on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> through to Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

**Booking forms are now available from the office.**

#### Eco tip of the week

## SAY NO TO STRAWS



### Tip of the Week

One of the easiest things you can try doing this year is saying NO to straws! If you don't need a straw, don't take one! All too often, we take a straw, use it for a few minutes, and throw it in a bin. What a waste! It may only look like a small piece of plastic, but they still impact landfill waste and water pollution.

1. It takes up to 200 years for a plastic straw to decompose and they can't be recycled in most places.
2. Plastic straws are the 11<sup>th</sup> most found ocean trash.
3. Americans use about 500 million straws daily. That's enough straws to circle the Earth 2.5 times!
4. Each year, 1 million sea birds and 100 000 marine animals die from ingesting plastic.

So do your part and refuse straws! Many businesses are already trying to swap plastic straws for cardboard ones!