



## USL Primary News

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### SPORTS NEWS

#### Football Success

Congratulations to Roxy on being selected for the Gloucester Ladies Under 10s Gloucester FA Cup Final. It takes place this Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> April. Good luck Roxy!

#### Tag Rugby Report vs Churchdown Village Junior School

On Tuesday, nineteen children travelled to Churchdown to play in some friendly tag rugby matches. On pitch 2 there was some great rugby played and all players were commended for their fair play and understanding of the rules, which can be tricky to understand! There were some great passing moves and tries too, most notably from Kamea and Thomas. The final score in this match was 6-4 to Upton.

On the other pitch the first half was fairly even but some more good passing moves and a great individual effort from Rio saw the half time score 5-3 to Upton. In the second half the team really got into their rhythm and ended up scoring more tries to win the match 9-5. Jamie and Olly were two who scored a number of tries and George played well in his first match as team captain. Well done to everyone involved.

#### Tag Rugby Tournament Report

Last Thursday, we travelled to Gloucester Gordon RFC to play some friendly tag rugby matches. Our first Match, against Meadowside, proved to be the toughest. We went ahead twice through tries from Olly and Will. In the second match we played against Parton Manor Junior School. We really got into our stride in this match and some great team play and saw tries from Olly (2), Will (2), Jonas, Kamea and Troy to see the final

#### Our Governor of the week this week is Sarah Denholme Parker

Sarah is a Co-opted Governor and is a member of the Pay and Personnel Committee. Sarah has returned to the governing body recently after a short break. She has worked at the Emergency Department at GRH since 2000 and her current role is as an Emergency Nurse Practitioner and she is also a respite nurse at The James Hopkins Trust. Sarah says, "I have a good knowledge of safeguarding and SEN provision and this is my main area of specialist interest. I'm a parent of Grace who attends the school and two other children and have had a child in the school since 2001. I have seen the school change and develop over the years and I feel privileged to be involved as a governor with some of the ongoing developments."



#### It's BACK!

Get Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July booked in your diaries..... Happy Circus will be at Upton.



**TICKETS ON SALE NOW at Just £9 each, don't miss out get your ticket from the office!** Cheques should be made payable to 'Upton St Leonards Primary School' or bring exact change to the office. Many thanks.

#### Upton Earlies 4<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations

##### Today marked the 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our fantastic breakfast club, Upton Earlies.

We are very fortunate to have this facility at our school and we know that it makes a huge difference to our families. Mrs Lock, Mrs Wright, Mrs Emerson, Mrs Rivers, Mrs Daw and Mrs Crawford make the club a wonderful, fun and very safe place for the children to start their school day, we are lucky to have such a fantastic team. All of the team were at work this morning to ensure that the children had an extra special day, Mrs Morris dished up a cooked breakfast and Mr Eley, our Chair of Governors was on hand to help serve the breakfast and judge the colouring competition. There were also prizes for other traditional party games such as pass the parcel and musical statues. All of the children were treated to a birthday muffin too. So all in all it was a very successful morning indeed.

#### The Big Pedal 2018

Today was the start of the Big Pedal 2018. The event runs until the end of next week and we encourage you to try to cycle or scoot to school as often as possible. Don't forget that supporter (parents, younger siblings, etc) journeys count too and please remember to wear a helmet. If you are unsure where to park your bike or scooter please ask a member of staff. Thank you.



#### Golden Book

Congratulations to Jolie whose name appears in the Golden Book for her outstanding homework. 📖

score as 7-0. In the third match, against Comey Hill, we played some more great rugby and this time the tries came from Jonas (2), Will (2), Josh and Troy and the final score was 6-2 to us. Our fourth game came against Robinswood and tries from Olly (2), Will, Kamea and Jonas helped us to a 5-2 win.

Our fifth game, which was against St James, ended 4-2 and the tries were scored by Will, Jonas, Josh and George. The sixth game came against Hempsted, who are always very competitive. The team played exceptionally to win 3-0 with tries from Kamea, Olly and Will and some great tagging. Our penultimate game was against Waterwells and we won with tries from Will (2), Josh, Jonas and Kamea. The final match was against St Peters. We won this 4-2 with tries from Will (2) and Josh (2). A superb display from everyone and very promising ahead of the league season. Well done to George, Will, Olly, Jonas, Josh, Luke P, Halle, Roxy, Kamea and Troy.



#### Dance Success

Congratulations to Evie Bodman on passing both her first Tap Dancing and Modern Theatre examinations obtaining a Merit in both.

#### HOUSE POINT BADGES

Well done to the following children, who have been awarded their 500 house points badges: **Ash** – Freddie, Carwyn, Rufus, Joseph, Sienna P, Abigail, Adam, Alex, Tegan, Harvey, Delano, Hannah, Lily L, Rose, Jorja, Annabel, Emily, Braeden, Ellie N, Kellan, Ella W, Lacie, Felicity, Scarlett, Sophie, Troy, Izzy, Jaime, Jeneice, Brooke, Ruby-Leigh, Can, Lottie, Daniel L, Ella M, Ellis. **Beech** – Rana, Jack, Joseph C, Niko, Ayush, Poppie, Jacob, Sihi, Jack, Sienna-Lei, Izzabella, Florence, James, Lucy, Connie, Alfie D, Daisy, Jackson,

#### Upton Holiday Club – Feedback

We are absolutely delighted with the feedback we have received from our families following the successful Upton Holiday Club which we ran over three days during the Easter holidays.

Here are a few of the comments from parents, carers and the children themselves:

- *I thought it was brilliant. A huge amount of effort had obviously gone into it and the children felt much happier going to a club where they knew staff and other children.*
- *A real success, my daughter really enjoyed. We would definitely use again if available during school summer holidays!*
- *Fantastic idea for children during the holidays. We did not use the facility as pure childcare, we wanted Thomas to enjoy a club in a safe, secure and trusted environment. We felt assured that this club was run by experienced staff whose central focus was our children enjoying themselves.*
- *My kids said it was awesome!*
- *Great fun!*
- *Really enjoyed it, Grace liked being in school when school wasn't on!! Said everything was really fun - I had to book her into the afternoon on the second day as she wanted to do Forest School! Molly said it was 'ok'....as a year six that finds most things boring, that's high praise these days!!*
- *My child had fun, learnt new skills and was happy being in familiar surroundings with caring adults. He's desperate to go again!*
- *Please can we have more holiday club! :)*

18 out of 19 respondents felt that the club was excellent value for money and that the variety of activities were spot on. So, the question now should be .....

Shall we go for a summer holiday club?

#### London Marathon

Congratulations to Mr Allen (Year 2A Class teacher) on running the London Marathon yesterday. What a fantastic achievement!

#### Mountain Bike Report

On Tuesday, we took two teams to our very first mountain bike competition at Beaufort School. There were 4 in a team and each child in the team had to cycle one lap of the course and pass the bike over to the next person. Both teams did very well. In their final, the B team received gold in their final. Over the course of the competition, the A team had the second best time and came away with a certificate and in June, will be racing at Hartbury College. Well done to everyone who took part:- Will K, Rio, Aashna, Jaime, Rian, Ruby-Leigh, Georgia and Luke.



Reem, Bobbi, Harvey J, Jessica, Lauren, Matthew, Lydia, Anna, Hussam, Vienna, Emily, Keira, Millie, Samantha, Thomas, Aashna, Harry, Jacob, Kamea, Luke. **Elm** – Adam, Harry, Rebecca-Jayne, Charlotte, Sofia, Elizabeth, Evan, Lily H, Alex D, Beatrice, Harrison B, Paige, Ruby, Isabell, Poppy, Olivia, Ben, Luke, Olly, William D, Alicia, Mina, Sunnie-Jai, Tom, Toby. **Oak** – Alfie D, Lily G, George, Jaden, Arthur, Harry, Carmen, Janesen, Brooke, Olivia, Aaron, Harley, Sam, Evie, Paige K, Heidi, Amelia, Callum H, Lucas, Tobi, Ella, Daniel M, Josh P, Rosie, Calum, Ethan, Rian, Ella P, Georgia, Natalie, Noah, Riley-Jak, Rio, Thomas T.

**NOTICES & REMINDERS**

**Menu this week**  
Week 2 of the new menu

**Worship**

Well done to the following children for playing their guitar pieces in assembly on Friday:-  
Isabel and Alex (Y6L)  
Isabelle and Alex (Y5J)  
Rosie (Y5W)  
Rosa (Y4P)  
Harrison (Y3T)  
Sydney and Rose (Y3M)  
Heathcliff (Y2H)

**Grammar School Open Days for 2019 entry**

Sir Thomas Rich’s School – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> May  
High School for Girls – **tomorrow**, 24<sup>th</sup> April  
Marling School – 28<sup>th</sup> June  
Ribston Hall School – 26<sup>th</sup> April  
Pates School – 25<sup>th</sup> June  
The Crypt School – 27<sup>th</sup> June  
For times and more details please refer to each school’s website.  
If you would like your child to apply for the Grammar Schools Entrance Test you will need to do so by 12.00 noon on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018 – registration for the test opens on 1<sup>st</sup> June.

**Mathletics**

Congratulations to Adam C on gaining his Gold Mathletics certificate.

**Cake Sale**

There is a cake sale being held next Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> April, in aid of the Air Ambulance – more details will follow.

**Debts on ParentPay**

We are now in a new financial year at Upton St Leonards and have received our school budget from Gloucestershire County Council for the year ahead to March 2019. I am sure that most of our parents and carers are aware via the national news just how tight school budgets have become. As a school we have been quite lenient when it comes to collecting any money owed. We will now be taking a much stronger approach and implementing our debt policy fully purely because if debts are incurred the school budget has to pay for them, this means that money which should be spent on the children’s education is used to pay for debts incurred by parents/carers. We feel that this is unacceptable as I’m sure many of you will agree. It is a great shame that we have to chase payments from parents and carers, it takes a lot of time for office staff and senior management and it can be embarrassing for parents and carers so we would request that all parents give our policy their full support.

**Regarding School Meals:** If payment has not been received in advance children MAY NOT be provided with a school meal except those that are in receipt of free school meals. If a parent/carers genuinely forgets to pay in advance, the school may grant a debt allowance of 1 meal. However this debt must be paid the next day and future meals must be paid in advance before any meal is provided. (Please do not just pay what you owe and go immediately into arrears, add funds to your account). If the debt is not cleared, parents/carers must either provide a packed lunch or take the child home for lunch. In a case when a debt payment is not received nor a packed lunch provided, the School Business Manager or a representative will contact the parent/carers to ask them to come to school with the money or ask them to pay online immediately. Otherwise they must provide sandwiches before lunch time or arrange to take their child home for lunch. We hope that by implementing this debt policy we are able to help parents/carers manage school meals money better and at the same time ensure that all money that is for children’s learning is available.

**Regarding Before and After School Club:** Parents/Carers must pay in advance for the Before and After School Club facilities. Children will NOT be permitted to attend our clubs unless the session has been booked and paid for in advance in accordance with the clubs Registration Form and Agreement which parents/carers sign and agree to. If a parent/carers genuinely forgets to pay in advance, the school may grant a debt allowance of 1 session. However this debt must be paid the next day and future sessions must be paid for in advance. If the debt is not cleared any sessions booked will be withdrawn.

**Chepstow 5k Inflatible Run**

Well done to Scarlett, Cobey and Ella W on taking part in the Chepstow 5K Inflatible Run at the weekend.

**Parking**

Please park with consideration on the roads around school and do not park across people's driveways. Many thanks.

**Little Princess Trust**

Well done to Emily P on donating 10 inches of hair to the Little Princess Trust, a charity which provides real hair wigs free of charge to children and young adults up to the age of 24 that have sadly lost their own hair due to cancer treatment and other illnesses.

**Upton St Leonards 45<sup>th</sup> Spring Show**

Well done to everyone who took part in the Spring Show and the following children on winning in last week's Spring Show:

Section G: Class 37:- 1<sup>st</sup> Rex, 2<sup>nd</sup> Maisie, 3<sup>rd</sup> William.

Class 38:- 1<sup>st</sup> Eirwen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bella, 3<sup>rd</sup> Holly

Class 39:- 1<sup>st</sup> Jack, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grace, 3<sup>rd</sup> Luke

Class 40:- 1<sup>st</sup> Poppie, 2<sup>nd</sup> Niko, 3<sup>rd</sup> Emmi

Class 41:- 1<sup>st</sup> Hatty, 2<sup>nd</sup> Holly, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tegan

Class 42:- 1<sup>st</sup> Emily, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ruby, 3<sup>rd</sup> Esmee

Well done everyone!