

Newsletter 13 Term 2
8th December 2023



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Nativity

This week EYFS and KS1 have worked really hard with their nativity. The camels were funky, the stars were angelic and the towns folk escorted Mary on her donkey beautifully. We could not be prouder of them all. Thank you for all of your support.



Dates

December

12th Y4 Rainforest Workshop

13th School Christmas Lunch

14th Christmas Fayre

19th Christmas Carols on the playground

20th Christmas party day

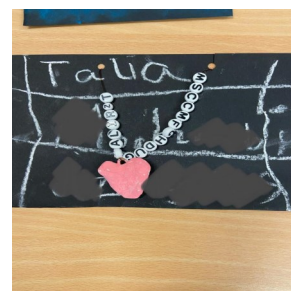
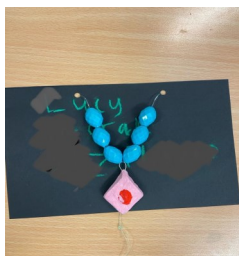
20th End of term

January

4th School reopens

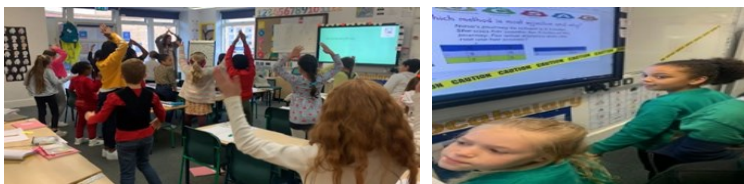
Jewellery Club

Jewellery club has been busy this term and the children have made some beautiful clay necklaces. Some budding jewellery designers in the making!



Year 4 News

This half term, we focused on character description, using a “defeat the beast story”. It all started with Year Four playing detectives to investigate their ransacked classrooms.



In maths, we have counted, read and written numbers with tenths and hundredths. Now, we can compare, order, round, add and subtract with numbers with two decimal places.

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Burps, bile and poo have all been topics for conversation in Science. Can you guess what we have been learning about?

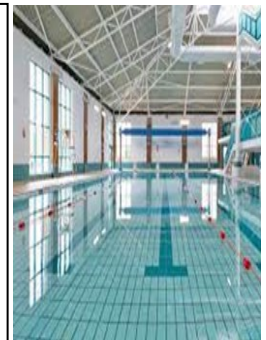
You have got it: digestion. We investigated the effects of different drinks on teeth enamel in a fun filled egg experiment.



We have travelled to the rainforest in geography. Classes learned about the layers of the rainforest and how it benefits the environment and all living things.



We also went swimming this term. All the children showed courage and perseverance and tried their best.



During the month of November, we have celebrated: Diwali, Pupil Parliament Week, Anti-Bullying Week and Children in Need.



Super Stars

Well done to all the children who have worked so hard this week and demonstrated lots of our school values!

RJF: Mollie for shining bright in our nativity.

1AH: Daniel for always trying his best and fantastic work in phonics.

2MF: Holly for growing in confidence, hardworking, determined and a pleasure to teach.

3EB: Kai for always being such a kind member of our class and always looking out for his peers.

4NC: Nicholas for showing he is ready to learn straight away and for excellent work in maths.

6LW: Anton for always pushing himself to be the best learner he can be.

RKC: Taya for being an incredible Innkeeper in the Nativity.

1KB: Rainie for being consistently ready to learn and trying her best.

2FJ: Malachi for performing with confidence during our nativity and for applying new maths skills taught during lesson.

3IH: Hope for being such a lovely and kind member of her team and trying her best (especially when it comes to performing "Never Tickle a Tiger").

4SL: Alfie for demonstrating courage and perseverance in our weekly swimming lessons.

6GH: Jack for amazing contributions in our shared write.

Bronze Awards

Well done to the following children who have been awarded their bronze badges this week.

Talia, Ariana, Vlad & Shanelle in 1AH

Ariana & Lucy in 1KB

Luca, Imelda, Mateusz & Gabriela in 2MF

Yesmine, Jacob, Mina, Halle & Ava in 2FJ

Adriana, Gabriel, Krisia, Oliver B & Zion in 3EB

Mirela, Aiden K & Elijah in 3IH

Maja, Olivia, Riri, Parneet & Ieva in 4SL

Brian in 4NC

Nomaan in 6GH



Rainbow Star of the Week



Our Rainbow star of the week is Nikita in 5AK for working so hard on his hot write and for trying to understand and manage his emotions.

News from Mrs Rew-Librarian

Click here and, each day until 24th December,

open the door to reveal some booky delights from Mrs Rew.

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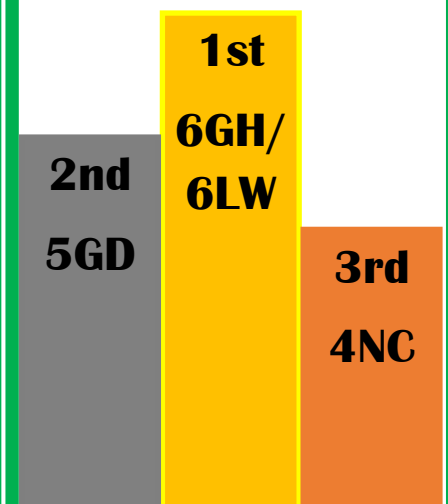
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Attendance



SANTA

Will be visiting

Upton Meadows Primary School

On Thursday 14th December 5pm —7pm

Look out for him and his helpers



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Club of Northampton Becket



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Collecting money to support the Northamptonshire Community

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Christmas Fayre

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THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER

From 3.30 to 6.00

UPTON MEADOWS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION AND
UPTON MEADOWS PRIMARY SCHOOL (AND THE FRIENDS OF)
INVITE YOU TO A FESTIVE PACKED EVENING.

DON'T FORGET YOUR MONEY FOR
DELICIOUS HOT FOOD, HOT & COLD DRINKS AND A WIDE VARIETY OF
STALLS TO PURCHASE THOSE SPECIAL CHRISTMAS GIFTS!

See you there!

FREE ENTRY

FUMPS

Fundraising

As we recently shared with you Eli and Dexter recently raised a fantastic amount of money for Birmingham Children's Hospital and have now made the Birmingham Press!

Well done boys, we are extremely proud of you!

BIRMINGHAM WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST HAS THOUSANDS OF SUPPORTERS & FUNDRAISERS. EACH WEEK WE TELL THE STORY OF SOME OF ITS DEDICATED CHARITY CHAMPIONS...

Brothers go beyond to raise huge sum

CHARITY CHAMPIONS

Two young brothers from Northampton managed to raise over £1200 for the sick kids at Birmingham Children's Hospital over the summer holidays. In honour of their baby cousin, Penny, who received a life-saving liver transplant there.

Dexter, 11, and Eli, 6, chose to take part in the hospital charity's Summer Fundraising Challenge during the six-week holidays by unrolling and cycling over 50 miles and jumping on a trampoline for six minutes every day respectively. The boys decided they wanted to do this for the hospital after the incredible care Penny received.

Eleven-month-old Penny was born with a genetic condition that affected her liver. Her family, who live in Peterborough, found out about the condition in December last year, just a few weeks after she was born. She was quickly referred to Birmingham Children's Hospital, which is home to the UK's premier paediatric liver unit and is also one of the busiest in the world. Her condition started to worsen in April, and by the end of May it was evident she would need a liver transplant.

Penny spent the next few months in hospital until a donor was found. Initially, the brothers had planned to raise £100 for the hospital to say thank you for everything the various teams had done for their cousin. Over the course of the six weeks, come rain or shine, Dexter pulled on his trainers and ran or cycled a mile, while Eli went into the garden and did six minutes of jumping on his trampoline. Their dedication didn't falter, even on holiday, with Dexter running along the beaches and lakes of Blackpool and the Lake District.

Their determination was infectious and thanks to donations from their classmates, family and friends, they finished their challenge having raised in excess of a phenomenal £1240.

Mum Heather said: "The boys really got the fundraising bug from this challenge. Dexter ended up exceeding his total miles, hitting around 60 miles instead of the 50 he'd originally planned, and Eli even enjoyed completing his challenge in the rain. The money they raised was beyond anything they could've dreamed of and every time a donation came through it spurred them on even more. The total raised is a testament to their incredible spirits."

When asked what he hoped the money would help towards, Dexter replied: "I'd like the money to go to all the children who need to stay longer at the hospital, getting their toys, decorations for their ward and the equipment they will need."

On the challenge, Eli commented: "It was really fun. The hospital helped Penny, so we wanted to raise lots of money to help them too."

Miranda Williams, head of public fundraising at Birmingham Children's Hospital Charity, said: "We're so grateful to Dexter and Eli for the amazing fundraising they did as part of our Summer Fundraising Challenge. The amount they raised is astounding and will make a huge difference to the lives of the patients and families at our hospital. We can't thank them both enough."

If you've been inspired and would like to fundraise for Birmingham Children's Hospital Charity, or if you'd like to donate, please visit bch.org.uk or call 0121 333 8506.

Left, brothers in arms. Above, Dexter (right) and Eli (left) present their hard-earned proceeds to Birmingham Children's Hospital