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Bronze Awards

It has been really exciting to see our first children in school achieving their bronze awards over the last couple of weeks. This happens when the children reach 50 individual dojos, which are awarded for showing our school values: respect, responsibility, kindness, unity, perseverance and excellence. Children will receive a certificate and a badge, which they can keep forever! Once every child in the class has received their bronze award, the class get a 'Bronze Values Party'. Individually, children can continue collecting dojos to aim for their silver award (100 dojos) or even 'go for gold' (200 dojos!) by the end of the year! I'm looking forward to presenting many more of these over the coming weeks – which class will be the first to get all children to bronze?



Dates

- 5th Feb** Safer Internet Day
- 6th Feb** 4b Class Assembly 9am
- 6th Feb** Community Drop-In Meeting 6.30pm-8.30pm
- 7th Feb** Parent ESafety Workshops 9-9.30am, 2.45-3.15pm, 5-5.30pm
- 13th Feb** 4a Class Assembly 9am
- 15th Feb** End of Term
- 25th Feb** Teacher Training Day
- 26th Feb** School reopens
- 5th March** School Class Photos
- 5th March** Class 5b Parents Evening
- 6th & 7th March** Parents Evenings
- 6th March **3a Class Assembly**
- 8th March** World Book Day



Parking

Please can we remind all parents to park responsibly when dropping off/picking up their children. Please do not park on the paths or block residents driveways. There is lots of parking available in surrounding streets or down at The Elgar Centre.

Attendance

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| 6b | 99.67% |
| 1a | 99.33% |
| 2a | 97.14% |
| 2b | 97.14% |
| 3a | 97.10% |
| 4a | 96.67% |
| 1b | 96.33% |
| 5a | 96.33% |
| 6a | 96% |
| 4b | 95.67% |
| 3b | 95.48% |
| 5b | 95% |
| Rb | 94.04% |
| Ra | 86.07% |

Romeo and Juliet

This term every class at Upton Meadows and across all NPAT schools will be learning William Shakespeare's most famous love story: '*Romeo and Juliet*'. All children will be engaged in a huge range of drama, reading and writing activities to immerse them in this profoundly tragic but immensely engaging play.

If you would like to support your child by gaining a better understanding of the play, this is a great place to start: <https://www.rsc.org.uk/shakespeare-learning-zone/romeo-and-juliet>

Some of our Year 5 children will also be working on a scene which will then be part of a spectacular evening at the Royal and Derngate Theatre, featuring a performance of scenes from *Romeo and Juliet* from each of the eleven NPAT schools. Prepare to be amazed by the talent and confidence of children who have all been studying the play **at the Royal and Derngate Theatre on Monday 18th March at 7pm.**

Tickets cost £11 and are available from: <https://www.royalandderngate.co.uk/whats-on/npat-royal-shakespeare-company-associate-trust-romeo-juliet/>

Other children in Year 5 will be working with a professional musician, John Bowman, to write, perform and record an original piece of music to be played during the Derngate performance.

This will be a spectacular event to go along to!



Superstars

Our Superstars have shown perseverance, confidence, kindness, respect, participation and great effort.



Good Work Awards

Our children have produced some amazing work this week including magnificent writing, super Maths and working hard on phonics!



Chinese New Year

Year 3 have been learning about the Chinese new year and this week participated in a Chinese dance workshop. Both classes performed amazingly. 3a focussed on a lion dance and 3b on a fan dance. Thank you to the large number of parents who came to watch the children perform.



Year 2 Masked Ball

This week Year 2 were invited to a masked ball by Lord and Lady Capulet. We dressed in our smartest clothes and made our own masks so we could attend. We danced, listened to music and tasted delicious food and drink. We then planned and wrote a recount about our experience at the ball.



Upton Community Drop-ins

An opportunity to bring questions, issues, seek advice and chat with police, councillors, local church, residents' association & others about your area over a cuppa and some cake.
All Upton & St Crispin residents welcome!

Wednesdays
6th February, 3rd April, 5th June

6:30-8:30pm
Upton Meadows Primary School

