

**Newsletter 38 Term 6**  
**19th July 2024**



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### **Happy holidays!**

It seems hard to believe that I am already writing our final newsletter message of the 2023-2024 year! The year was passing at a reasonably sensible pace and then has suddenly speeded right up since about March! We have had another fantastic year at Upton Meadows with our children working hard and enjoying a huge variety of different experiences, which we have enjoyed sharing with you on this weekly newsletter and via our accounts on 'X' (formerly Twitter). From climbing mountains in Wales to walking along barefoot in the mud in Norfolk; from playing brass instruments to meeting nocturnal animals; from felt workshops to designing and making soup – we have loved every moment of this year. I am incredibly lucky to lead such a brilliant and inspiring team of people who give their all every single day to give your children these opportunities, along with all the day to day brilliance that goes on in our classrooms! Thank you for your continued support – we wish you all a fantastic summer holiday (although please remember we don't finish until Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3.15pm!) and we will look forward to seeing the children back in school on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September!!



### **Dates**

#### **July**

**23rd Y6** Leavers Assembly  
9.15am

**23rd** End of Term

#### **September**

**2nd** Training Day

**3rd** Training Day

**4th** Children return to school

### **Farewells and Staff Celebrations!**

We enjoyed our final celebration assembly of the year this morning, which included some farewells and the marking of other occasions with some of our staff. Mrs Waldron is retiring, Miss Grundy is leaving us to go and work at Simon de Senlis as a Reception teacher and Miss Johnson will be heading off on more adventures, teaching in far away places! We also said a temporary goodbye and good luck to Miss Cumberpatch who leaves us on Tuesday to start her maternity leave – we look forward to hearing the exciting news very soon! And Miss Hunt gets married over the summer – we also look forward to hearing all about her day and welcoming her back as Mrs Gibbs!!



### **Teddy Bear's Picnic**

Thank you to everyone that came to our EYFS Teddy Bear's Picnic. We were lucky to have the sun shining. We had lots of fun on the field with our families. We hope you all enjoyed our performance too.



## News from Mrs Rew

Children will have heard about this year's Summer Reading Challenge from the assembly with Alan Boon, who works at Duston library. Please do encourage them to join in and, if possible, take them to a local Library.



There are these online links too, for added fun:

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/book-sorter> will help with book choices, as well as for games and activities and author chat.

And these all provide suggestions for what to read or even inspiration for birthday gifts:

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/resources/summer-reading-bingo/>

<https://toppsta.com/blog/view/best-books-for-summer>

<https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/blog/brilliant-childrens-books-to-read-this-summer-6092>

Happy Holiday Reading!

## FUMPS

We would like to say a massive thank you to FUMPS for all that they do for us. They are a small but dedicated group of parents who support us and have contributed to books for the library, English resources, new ipads, contribution to the Year 6 leavers hoodies, resources for Eco Club, repairs to the reading shed and resources for forest school!

Also huge thanks to the TESS Group who have often matched our contributions. We are all so very grateful!



## P.E. News

On Monday we had a great day at the county cricket finals for both our boys and girls teams! Our girls finished 8th and the boys finished 3rd!

Last week our Year 5 and 6 rounders team had a great time at The



Duston School and finished in 3rd place. Well done everyone!



## Super Stars

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

**RJF:** Lillie-Grace for her amazing artwork inspired by Henri Matisse.

**1AH:** Ariana for always trying her best and always demonstrating the school values.

**2MF:** Finlay for following instructions very well and helping those around him when they are stuck!

**3EB:** Adriana for working incredibly hard all year, always trying her best and showing the school values. Well done!

**4LJ:** Izzy for always showing the Upton values, being an amazing talk partner and making everyone laugh and smile! Thank you, Izzy!

**5AK:** Ethan for going above and beyond with learning all year! Well done!

**6LW:** Anton for consistently modelling excellent attitude to learning and school values.

**RKC:** Hunter for always trying his best across every area of the curriculum.

**1KB:** Lucy for always being a kind and caring member of the class. Always thinking of others.

**2FJ:** Mina for always showing respect, being a kind friend and give all tasks a go with 100% effort.

**3IH:** Sophia for being a super star every week and always upholding our school rules and values!

**4SL:** Mia J for making fantastic progress this year and always striving to better herself!

**5GD:** Harvey for demonstrating perseverance all term and producing brilliant work!

**6GH:** Victor for a fantastic piece of art!

### Termly awards

A huge well done to the children who have won the termly awards for this term!

Gracie-Mae in RJF

Olivia F in 2FJ

Mason in 4SL

Albie in 5AK



### Gold Awards

Congratulations to the following children who have been awarded their gold badges this week.

Talia in 1AH

Lucas in 2MF

Halle & Yesmine in 2FJ

Antonina in 3EB

Grace, Charlotte & Marysia in 5AK

Ashton & Eloise at 6GH

Tamosa, Julia & Anton 6LW



### Silver Awards

Congratulations to the following children who have been awarded their silver badges this week.

Cavanah in RJF

Kiara, Matei & Ali in RKC

Euodia in 1AH

Messiah & Amin in 1KB

Olivia F in 2FJ

Oliver B in 3EB

Aiden K & Amelia G in 3IH

Ayesha, Odosa, Milcah, Reggie & Uriel in 4LJ

Aluar, Dominiks, Lucas, Albie, Mirian & Jemimah in 5AK

Hermione, Wanessa, Alaric & Sara in 5GD

Isla, Adriana, Shane & Kamila in 6GH

Ion, Milo & Victoria in 6LW



### Bronze Awards

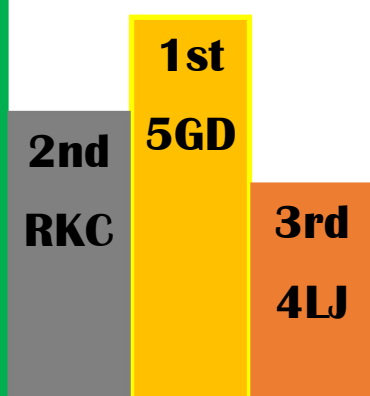
Well done to the following children who have been awarded their bronze badge this week.

Tillie in RJF

Bonnie-Rose in RKC



### Attendance



### Rainbow Star of the Week



Our Rainbow star of the week is Camden in 5AK for adapting really well to lots of changes this week and for trying really hard in Maths.