

Newsletter No. 6

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NPAT Curriculum

Our teaching staff attended the launch of our brand new NPAT curriculum on Wednesday evening, which has been developed following a huge amount of research and hard work from groups of staff from across the Trust. After half term, Years 1-6 will begin teaching the new units of work for Geography, R.E. and Science. The new curriculum has a clear focus on the acquisition of knowledge content and has been constructed as a meaningful journey over time with clearly planned vertical, horizontal and diagonal links. The teams working on its development have undertaken extensive research about Cognitive Science and how we learn and there will be high quality training opportunities for teachers to develop their appropriate subject knowledge before delivering the lessons to the children. This forms a crucial part of our school focus on providing the best quality education we can for our children and all staff are very excited to start work on this in Term 2. For you as parents, you can expect to receive 'Knowledge Organisers' for Geography (or History depending what term we are in as they alternate), R.E. and Science before the holidays so that you can see what your children will be learning in the following term – these will replace our existing 'Curriculum News' bulletins. They will also be available on the school website each term. In-line with our new homework policy, you may want to consider any work or trips you want to do with your children prior to them starting the unit although this is not compulsory.

Dates

October

22nd Parents Evening 3.30-6pm

23rd 6TG Class Assembly 9am

23rd Parents Evening 4-6.30pm

25th End of Term

November

4th Teacher Training Day

5th Children return to school

5th Y5 Swimming starts

House Christmas Card Competition



We will be running our first house competition over the next couple of weeks – children are invited to design a Christmas card with the winning design being recreated to be used to send to all our community partners and volunteers that we send to at Christmas. All entries will earn dojos for their house team, with the winner in each class getting a bonus and the overall winner giving an extra boost to house dojo totals. Entries need to be 2D on A4 or A5 sized paper and submitted by Wednesday 23rd October - winners will be announced on Friday 25th October.



Governors

We are currently looking for a new 'co-opted' governor to join our enthusiastic and forward thinking governing body. This doesn't need to be anyone with a direct link to the school, just someone with an interest in the role who has the capacity to volunteer some of their time. Business and Finance along with Health and Safety are skills areas where we could do with some more experience, but if you know anyone who might be interested please ask them to contact Ms Searing at school.

Gates in the morning



A reminder that we lock that gates to the side of school promptly at 8.55am. Any children coming in after this will need signing in through the office.

Attendance

3JC	98.89
6TG	98.33
2SB	97.67
1LB	96.07
4PW	95.71
5AS	95.16
6GD	95.16
2MM	94.67
4CS	94.67
RLB	94.07
3GH	92.59
5BM	92.41
RKB	90.60
1LA	89.60

Superstars

All our superstars have shown excellent, determined attitudes to their learning this week. When asking them what their favourite learning has been, nearly all responded with 'Maths', making Miss Hunt very happy!



Good Work Awards

We had some wonderful descriptive writing this week describing the volcano erupting in Pompeii, along with a large amount of brilliant Maths – well done everyone!!



UMPS Football News



Our Year 5/6 Football Squad have taken part in two NTSSF (Northampton Town School Sport Federation) League fixtures this week, against Duston Eldean Primary and Millway Primary School. The results saw two losses but two very strong performances from both of our Year 5/6 teams who showed determination and perseverance throughout, as well as outstanding sportsmanship.

Fixtures continue over the next few weeks for both the Year 5/6 and Year 3/4 Football teams.

Reminders

Parents Evenings

Please remember Parents Evenings will be held on Tuesday 22nd October 3.30pm-6pm and Wednesday 23rd October 4-6.30pm.

Please book now!

<https://uptonmeadows.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>

Secondary Applications

The deadline for secondary school applications is 31st October 5pm.

Year 6

Our Y6 children who have stayed in the school this week have been absolute superstars, enjoying some learning activities in the morning, including a trip to Stanwick Lakes yesterday, and working around school helping our younger children in the afternoons – well done all of you for being such great role models! We look forward to sharing the Kingswood visit with you in next week's newsletter.



Calling all Gardeners!!

We are still looking for help with our garden and outside areas.



Are you available to give some time to help?

If you are interested in helping us out, either as a one-off or on an ongoing basis, please contact Mrs Kenyon-Bell or the school office.