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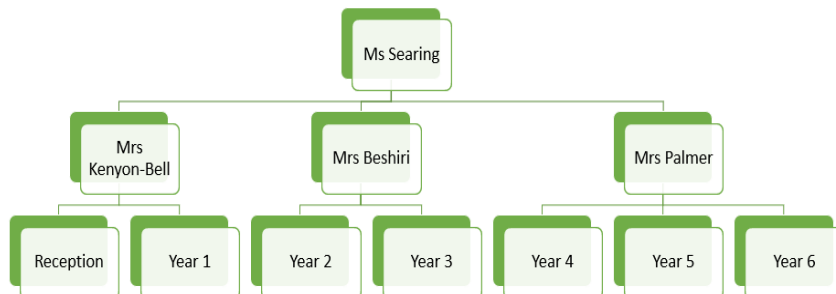
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Parent Survey Feedback

Thank you so much to all parents who completed our annual Parent Survey during February. We are so pleased to report that we had a really high number of responses, the vast majority of which were extremely positive. Over the next few weeks, we will be addressing some of the areas where we feel there could be some improvements through our newsletter.

The first point we wish to address is to ensure that parents are aware of how to escalate concerns that they raise if they don't feel they have been dealt with effectively. We would always urge parents to speak to class teachers in the first instance but if a problem persists and you don't feel it has been resolved, please do raise it with the **Phase Leader** for your child's year group – see diagram below. I am also always available to discuss any parental concerns and am more than happy to do so. All of us can be contacted via the school office or by email. In extraordinary cases, a copy of our complaints procedure can be found on the school website.



Dates

March

9th Parents Evening 4pm-7pm

10th Parents Evening 4pm-7pm

April

1st End of Term

29th Young Voices

May

5th-6th Y4 & 5 Caldecotte Residential

26th School closes

Queens Canopy Event

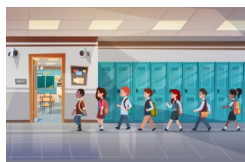
26th March

You may be aware that thousands of trees are being planted across the UK over the next few months as part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations – more information is available at <https://queensgreencanopy.org/>

The Upton Meadows Residents Association are working with the Land Trust to organise an event in Upton Country Park at 12pm on Saturday 26th March where 200 saplings will be planted and we have been invited to go along - each child taking part should be able to plant a sapling, with adult supervision, with the hope that the children not only learn a little about nature, but they can come and watch their trees grow, over their lifetime! Whilst some school staff will be in attendance, this is not a supervised school activity and you would need to bring your child/ren along and stay with them, perhaps you could all plant some trees as a family?



The Upton Meadows Way Fantastic Walking



In assembly this week the school have been learning more about The Upton Meadows Way. We use **Fantastic Walking** whenever we move around the school.

We use Fantastic Walking to keep everyone safe in school and to make sure the learning of other children is not disrupted as people move around school.

'Fantastic Walking' means we:

- Walk in line order
- Facing Forwards
- Walking at a steady pace
- In a straight line



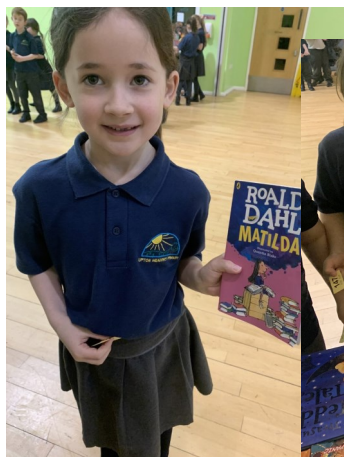
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#thebiguptonbookswap was a huge success with over 150 children swapping books. There was

lots of choice and all the children were very excited to start reading their new book!



Rocketfund

Thank you so much to everyone who has already donated to our Rocketfund to help raise funds for new iPads and storage lockers for laptops for each classroom.

<https://www.rocketfund.org/p/upton-new-devices-for-pupils>

If you have not done so already please help us by donating and sharing with friends, family and businesses that may be able to support us.



PE News

On Monday, three of our Year 6 boys represented the school at the Northamptonshire Boccia county finals where they finished 8th.



Also some of our children got the chance watch Northampton Town vs Walsall on Tuesday where they all had a great time and even got to be the flag bearers at the start of the match.

Finally on Saturday a small number of our year 5s are representing the school and attending the 125 year anniversary match for Northampton Town. The children will watch the game against Tranmere and participate in the celebratory parade before kick off.

Phonics

Children in KS1 and EYFS who are accessing phonics at school will come home with a parent booklet and a speed sound booklet. The booklet explains how to support your child at home with phonics and reading. These booklets are for you to keep. As always, thank you for your support.



Your child is learning to read with Read Write Inc. Phonics, a very popular and successful literacy programme. This first booklet shows you how you can get your child off to a quick start.

Your child will learn to read in a very simple way.

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How to listen to your child read



- Do not read the book aloud before your child reads it to you.
- Ask your child to read the words and sounds before he or she reads the story.
- When your child reads the story, ask him or her to sound out the words that he or she can't read automatically. Don't allow your child to struggle too much. Praise your child when he or she succeeds.
- Read back each sentence or page to keep the plot moving. Your child's energy is helping him reading the words (not the story).
- Do not ask your child to guess the word by using his/her lips.
- Do it all with patience and love!

Superstars

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

RLB: James for using his phonics skills in his independent writing

1AB: George for great English work.

2NC: Maja for persevering with her maths work and trying her best

3FB: Scarlett for brilliant maths work and being a kind friend!

4IH: Deyreseme- for showing a responsible attitude towards all of her learning.

5GH: Dexter for amazing work in English, especially your metaphors.

6GD: Ezbai for his improvement in behaviour this week.

RJC: Max for his concentration and effort with his writing.

1KB: Ethan for great use of phonics in his independent writing.

2MF: Amber for the most amazing Maths all week.

3CS: Lina for being so knowledgeable and enthusiastic in Geography, and for kindly sharing your volcano experiment with the class.

4JW: Ibrahim for concentrating and working really hard.

5LJ: Amelia for super writing in English!

6SW: Henry for constantly striving to improve his work and reflecting on how he learns best.

Bronze Awards



A huge well done to all of the children who have achieved their bronze awards this week!

Holly, Milli, Molly, Nyla and Imelda in Class RLB

Farida, K'iel and Max Class RJC

Insia in Class 1KB

Olly in class 2MF

Harry & Lina in Class 3CS

Isabelle and Leona in Class 4JW

Emerson in Class 5LJ

Caitlin, Elliot, Zachary & Eleanor in Class 6GD

Junior and Maksym in Class 6SW

Braiswick

Photographs

In conjunction with Braiswick we have raised £54.50 for Cancer Research UK.

Thank you for your support.



Scooters/Bikes

Please be reminded that we ask for children to jump off scooters and bikes at the outer gate and push them onto school grounds and then the reverse when leaving school. We also ask the same for younger siblings that are with you on the school run. This is to keep all children and adults safe and to avoid accidents during the busy drop off and pick up period.



Attendance

