

**Newsletter 13 Term
13th December 2024**



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Christmas Production

Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 2 have completely blown us away this week with all of their performances. Thank you for all of your support at home. Hope you all enjoyed watching your stars on the stage!



Dates

December

17th Carols on the Courtyard

18th Christmas Dinner (order on School-grid)

20th Party Day (children to wear muf-ti)

20th End of term

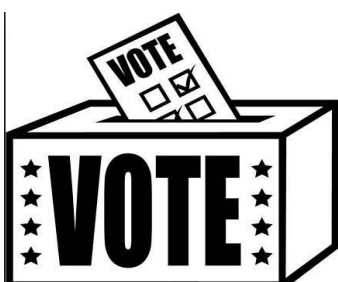
January

6th School Reopens

15th Year 6 Showcase 9am (parents invited)

Parent Governor Election

You will have all received an email last week to let you know that Mrs Alexandra Cucoara has been elected as the new parent governor and will join our governing body in the new year. We would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Josie Neziri as her term of office comes to an end for all her hard work and contributions to the governing body over the last 4.5 years, including supporting us through our Ofsted inspection in 2022 – we will also miss your delicious cakes at our meetings!!



Staffing Update



Next week we will say goodbye to Upton's two longest serving members of staff. Mrs Nuttall from the school office will be retiring at Christmas having worked at UMPS since it opened in 2006 – she began her Upton journey working as a

lunchtime supervisor and a TA before moving into her admin role in September 2007 and has worked in the school office ever since. Mrs Sear is also leaving her classroom teacher role at Christmas having also worked at UMPS since it opened in 2006 – she will continue to work with Reception on Tuesday afternoons but will not be teaching in Y1 – parents of her class have already received an email about this.

We would like to say an enormous thank you to Mrs Nuttall and Mrs Sear for their long years of service to the Upton community and we wish them both all the very best of luck in their future endeavours.

P.E News

Our Year 3-4 athletics team were amazing last Friday at there tournament finishing in first place! [#teamUMPS](#)



13th December to the

20th December

3IH v 6LW

3KB v 6SL

4CG v 5AB

4GG v 5AK

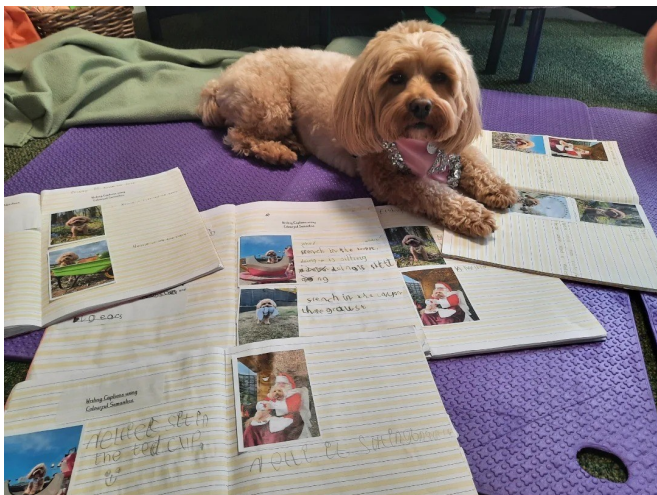
Who will be the winning teams?

Nellie

The Read2Dogs Scheme provided by @petstherapy_uk helps to improve literacy skills and well-being in young people by developing their confidence, interest and enjoyment in reading.

Nellie has been enjoying her weekly visits to UMPS. Nellie loves listening to the children read and hearing their stories. We love you visiting us Nellie!

@nellietheshihpoo



Digital Leaders

DIGITAL LEADERS

Many of our digital leaders are continuing in their roles this year and we welcome a few new members to the team. This term we have been making sure our new members are familiar with the basics in order to support their classes in lessons. We have a go at the Bebras Challenge which involved us solving a range of Computational thinking puzzles which were lots of fun. We have had go at using the Microbits and used them to code a festive tree decoration.

After Christmas we will be running a lunchtime computer club for KS1 and have lots of fun activities planned so do sign up when the letters are sent out.

News from Mrs Rew

Some of our children will already have certificates from previous challenges. This latest (Winter mini) challenge asks children to read 3 or more books over the festive period. In return they get hours of entertainment - plus a badge and certificate - and parents get a little quiet time. Plus, if you visit Duston or any other local library, then the whole family can enjoy what is on offer: books, (including audio and e-books) to borrow, craft events, warmth on cold days, and access to all the support/advice this public service offers. For more information visit <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/> or <https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/libraries>.



School Christmas Lunch is on Wednesday 18th December. Please book via Schoolgrid.



Party Day

On Friday 20th December we will be celebrating the end of term with a party day. Children can wear their own festive and party clothes.

Super Stars

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

RJF: Ranayya-Mai for working really hard with her phonics.

RFH: Purity for speaking with confidence on the stage and always giving 100% effort.

1EB: Maya for being amazing while we have been practicing our Nativity and in our performances to parents. Well done!

1SK: Eric for his beautiful writing in English!

2AJ: Lucy for always trying her best and having fantastic confidence in the Nativity.

2CD: Amelia for increasing confidence in class and working hard in the Nativity!

3KB: Adam for always making excellent contributions during lessons and driving the learning forward, well done Adam!

3IH: Hanad for a great term overall and really securing his strategies in Maths and impressing us in arithmetic!

4CG: Olivia for stepping out of her comfort zone and putting her hand up in lessons to share her ideas.

4GG: Sofiya for trying her best in everything she does and always striving to improve her work!

5AK: Noa for showing a positive attitude towards learning all week. Well done!

5AB: Rinnah for always being ready to learn and having fantastic contributions in every lesson!

6LW: Aluar for such a hard working attitude all week.

6SL: Malachi for always being a kind and caring member of team 6SL.

Termly awards

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

Max in RJF

Vlad T in 2AJ

Ethan in 4GG

Scarlett in 6SL



Bronze Awards

Well done to the following children who have been awarded their bronze badges:-

Emily, Leia & Noah in 1EB

Rosalie, Eric & Darcie in 1SK

Krish in 2AJ

Marysia in 6LW

Victoria, Timothy, Kevin & Caiden in 6SL



Rainbow Star of the Week

Our Rainbow star of the week is Abdullah in 4GG for making an extra effort in English and impressing us all with his creativity in poetry. Well done Abdullah, amazing work!



Attendance

