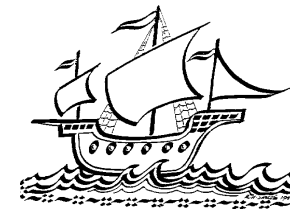


Upton Junior School



Nature Area: Pond and environmental area is in desperate need of TLC! Grandparents, parents and friends of Upton - we require the services of anybody with a passion for gardening, ponds or has some spare time and would be willing to volunteer to assist us in our project to rejuvenate our Nature Area project!

Thankfully we have 'Good Samaritans' in the form of a small band of volunteers that have already put themselves forward as willing volunteers to improve our nature area but (as always) we would really appreciate additional volunteers - as the saying goes... "Many hands make light work!!!"



Already our 'working party' have made a list of resources required to get to work. The Upton PTFA funds are going towards the renewal, but this is just a request for the following:

- Chicken wire to help cover the pond so as to prevent leaves falling in - approx 4 metres by 4 metres
- Batons to help support the wire
- Pond liner

Please contact Mrs Lord (Year 3 Leader) in school if you can help in any way - either with providing materials or giving of your time!!! As always, your help and support would be greatly appreciated.

UPTON PTFA

Last Monday evening saw our annual PTFA AGM. Unfortunately we only had two parents turn up to support the meeting. Our PTFA members truly are such a dedicated, hardworking group of people that are successfully managing to juggle family life, work and being a member of our PTFA - all to raise funds for the children of Upton. Not an easy task, as I truly appreciate free time is something many of us find hard to find - or spare!

I do want to share with Upton parents my genuine thanks to our PTFA for their continued support of the school and commitment to keeping our PTFA running when it must be so tempting to do otherwise. On behalf of the staff, pupils and parents of Upton I would like to thank our PTFA members for their hard work and efforts at fundraising. ALL money raised goes directly back in to the school and is used to benefit the children.

Please, please, please...show your support to our PTFA and if you cannot join and become a full member, offer support to the many events across the year.

Contact our PTFA by email: PTFA@upton.kent.sch.uk

200 Club WINNERS!!!!

1st prize: 16 - Sarah Kluibenschadl - wins £100

2nd prize: 38 - Michaela Lewis - wins £75

3rd prize : 17 - Sophie Dyett - wins £50

If you wish to enter the 200 Club prize draw for this year please contact the office for a letter or email the UPTFA - You've got to be in it to win it!!!!

SAVE THE DATE: • 18.11.11—FAMILY FUN!!! BINGO NIGHT: 7—9pm

Lost Property: Please don't let the term end with items from your child's PE Kit or school uniform lost and not returned to YOU it's rightful owner. Every Year Group has a 'Lost Property Box' - clothing and items found around the school (outside and in) are returned to the person - IF NAMED - or else put into a Lost Property Box.

Tables will be set up on the school playground tomorrow and Friday from 3pm.

Please make sure everything your child owns is named - and names have not faded in the wash. We do not throw anything away, please check the Lost Property boxes or tables before Friday. Thank you!

Special Achievements: We have an extremely talented group of children at Upton. Many of our pupils are able to develop their talents through the wide variety of clubs we have on offer in school. Lots of our children are fortunate to participate in a range of clubs and activities outside of school. We want to be able to share your child's talents and successes - whatever they may be! In order for us to celebrate success we need to know about it! Don't be shy - be proud and let us know. We have a 'Celebration Assembly' every Friday and encourage children to bring in their certificates, trophies and medals and receive congratulations from the whole school community. We also have a 'Special Achievement' display board coming soon (term 2) and welcome photographs and newspaper articles celebrating the many talents and successes of the children of Upton!

Congratulations and Well Done to...

Omar Ellassri (6G): Omar participated in a swimming competition last weekend and won 5 medals: 1 bronze and 4 gold! An excellent achievement Omar - well done!

Nell Tipping (6Y): Nell competed in a recent Gymnastics competition and won a gold medal. She now progresses to the next level.

Bailey Gillette (3B): Bailey is a member of 'Greenhill Gymnastics Club' and has enjoyed frequent success across this term. Currently she can be seen in the local paper sporting her recent silver medal achievement.

As I say to all the children frequently, success and hard work go hand in hand. Omar, Bailey and Nell are fine examples of children that enjoy their chosen sport, they practice and have had a taste of success!

The Upton Ship After School & Breakfast Clubs

Great news - You can now pay your Breakfast & After School Club fees with Childcare Vouchers.

Electronic Childcare Vouchers - For parents/carers paying using electronic Childcare Vouchers, please use our Carer Account Number, P20671249.

Paper Childcare Vouchers - For parents/carers paying with paper Childcare Vouchers please use them as you would when paying with cash or cheque.

We have spaces available at both clubs so if you would like your child to join in the fun please contact Mrs Crine in the school office or via email ellie.crine@upton.kent.sch.uk

For more information on Childcare Vouchers and how they work please go to:

www.edenred.co.uk/childcare-vouchers

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Newsletter

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19th October 2011

Dear Parents

Reading is at the heart of all that we do in school, and of course in life itself, so one of our key aims is to ensure that all of our children leave the school in Year 6 as competent, confident and avid readers. However we cannot do this alone, parents and guardians have their part to play by finding ten minutes every night to share a book. I have an additional supplement going out alongside this newsletter about how to read with a child at home, the ten minutes reading a night will turn your child from a good reader to an outstanding one, I hope you will support us in this.

Harvest Festival: Thank you for your generous donations towards Harvest Festival. The children were able to celebrate Harvest across last week, with two outside speakers leading Harvest assemblies; Paul Eastwood and Rev Steve Cave. My thanks especially to our Environment Club members (and Mr Bashford and Mrs Laffey) for the wonderful Harvest display and to Mrs Owen who organised the event. All money raised will support Global Challenge. Items left over from our Harvest shop will be on sale on the playground on Friday - anything left over then will go to our local branch of 'Age Concern'.

Upton Mini Bus Update: A HUGE 'Thank You' for your generous donations following the Sponsored FUN RUN. We were able to raise an amazing £3674.05 - with sponsored money still filtering in. If you have any sponsored money still at home please send in to school before Friday.

Term 2 will see our final push actively fund raising for the mini-bus with a non-school uniform day, a cake sale and a new fund raising initiative called 'PEEL TO SAVE' (information on this will be sent home on 1st November - watch this space!!) Mr Walker will soon be able to go mini-bus shopping!!!!!! Updates to follow - we are discussing mini-bus colour choices at the moment. Blue and yellow are our school colours so are popular choices, with GOLD featuring highly (as a variation on yellow - as it matches the many medals and trophies we win!!!!)

Parent Consultation Appointments: Parent Consultations evenings are in full swing. It is expected that every child is represented at these meetings so that we are able to discuss how your child has settled into their new class; share the targets for progress that the children have been set and allow you the opportunity to voice any concerns that you may have.

National School Sport Matters Awards - Upton in the final 3 primary schools in England!.....Incredible news reached us in the week that Upton have reached the final shortlist in the category of 'Primary School of the Year' in the 7th National School 'Sport Matters Awards' sponsored by Aviva and the Daily Telegraph. The award highlights exemplary practice in PE and the delivery of sport in schools in England. I have been invited to the awards ceremony in the 'Live Room' at Twickenham Rugby stadium with two Year 6 Pupils where a host of sporting stars will present the awards. Regardless of whether we win, to be in the best three schools in England for valuing and promoting opportunity and participation in school sport is a fantastic achievement. Well done to everyone in the school who has been involved in some form of sports event over the past year and a thank you to our school staff and volunteers who put in many extra hours outside of their working days to create these opportunities for our pupils.

Footballers reach Cup Final!.....our main school football team dominated a very strong qualifying group in the John Curran Cup to reach the finals this coming Friday. The winners of this competition will go on to represent Thanet in the County Football Finals and could then progress onto the National Finals (previously held at Wembley). After our traditional slow start, drawing with Cliftonville, Upton won all their matches against Newlands, Newington, Holy Trinity and St Peters to top the group and move into the finals.

Girls Bid to Retain Football Trophy..... Upton girls' football team will be trying to emulate the boys when they compete for the Thanet Primary Schools Girls' Trophy on Wednesday. With a place at the County Finals at stake we face strong opposition and will need to work hard if we are to win the trophy for the fourth year in a row.

Parents help needed.....with our girls' football practices on Wednesday. We have so many girls keen to be involved, especially those just starting out who need help with the rules. If you are available to help on a Wednesday after school please contact the office for information about a CRB clearance.

Huge Upton Success at Thanet Athletics Meeting.....really well done to all parents and children who made the effort to enter the final Thanet AC Open event at the Marlowe. Upton took more gold medals than the actual Thanet Athletics Club and this is an excellent incentive for many of you to join your local club and enjoy this success more often. I have Thanet Athletics Club info leaflets in my room for anyone interested. It is very well run and links well with our school. Selected Upton results from the meet will be in the next newsletter but all the results can be found on the Thanet AC web-page.

Biggest of all.....the biggest sport team we have in the school is our **Cross-Country** team, which anyone can be a part of if they compete for us in the first of three Thanet Primary Schools Cross-Country races this academic year. Runners earn points for their school and we have won the trophy for the last **SEVEN YEARS in a row** (every year since it began). Running ability is not important and everyone who finishes receives a medal. Every pupil in the school took home a letter with an entry form for the first race on 19th November and there are spares in the office foyer. Please try to make the effort to support our school in this event.

Jackets.....an extra 10 Upton jackets arrived recently. If you would like to purchase one for your child please speak to me or the office. They are very smart and perfectly suited for everyday use or for anyone who is going to be involved in a lot of sport during their time at Upton.