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22nd October 2021 newsletter

Dates for the next two weeks in school

| Mon 1st Nov | Tues 2nd Nov | Wed 3rd Nov | Thurs 4th Nov | Fri 5th Nov |
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| Week 1 Menu INSET DAY | School open to pupils | | | |
| Mon 8th Nov | Tues 9th Nov | Wed 10th Nov | Thurs 11th Nov | Fri 12th Nov |
| Week 2 Menu | | | | |

SCHOOL JUMPERS/CARDIGANS

PLEASE can you name your child's jumper/cardigan for school. We are inundated with lost property. Just a name on the label will be fine and then they can be returned to the children.



At Upton C of E Primary we know that attending school every day is crucially important for all areas of learning and development. Each year we strive to improve the attendance of all pupils. We always encourage excellent attendance with our children and families and this term we have decided to present a weekly class award for best attendance. This will be celebrated in our Friday assemblies and in our newsletters.

THIS WEEKS ATTENDANCE AWARD WAS PRESENTED TO...

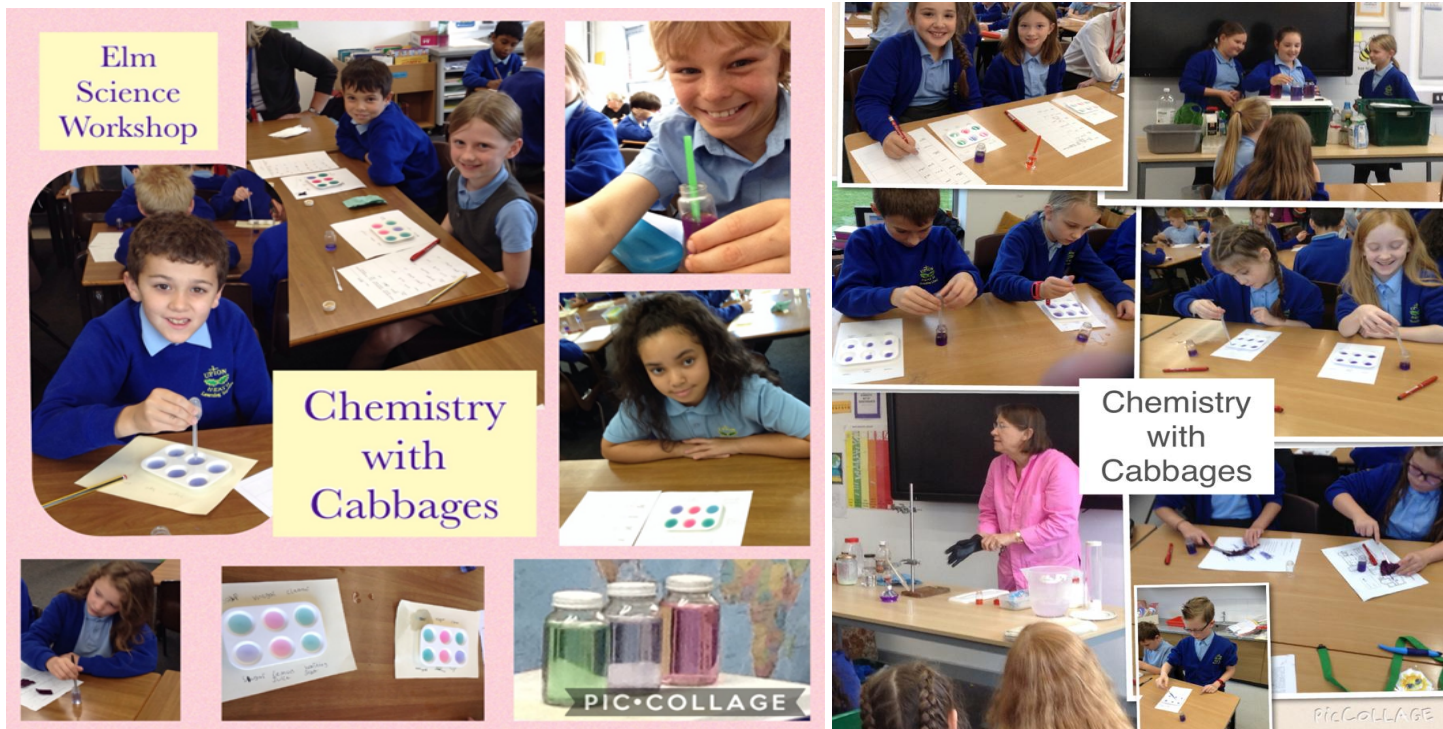
Willow Class 99.6% Attendance

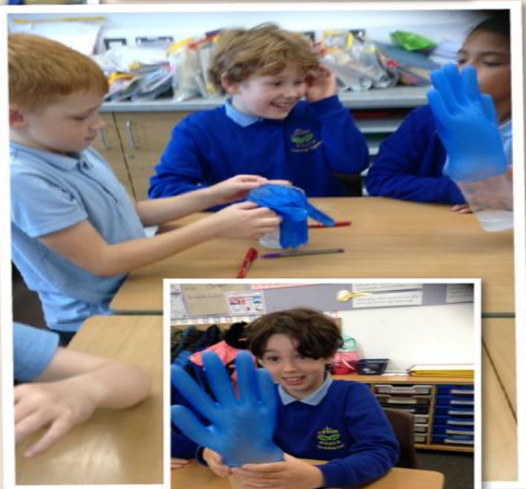


WELL DONE!

Year 5

Year 5 have had fun this week, taking part in **Chemistry with Cabbages** workshops with Professors from the University of Chester. The children investigated a wide range of chemical reactions, creating their own Cabbage water indicators to test liquids and determine whether they were acid or alkali. The children investigated ways to neutralise their liquids and chemical reactions that produce gas. Birch class particularly enjoyed learning more about condensation, evaporation and distillation but the most popular investigation by far involved a fork on strings to listen to the vibrations in our ears... definitely one to try at home!





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HEADTEACHERS AWARDS

| Class | Name | Reason |
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| Acorns | Jack McIntock | for an enthusiastic learner and a great role model for others. |
| Conkers | Selma Wallace | for being kind and caring and showing empathy towards others. |
| Ash | Annabelle Butcher | for always being very polite and listening very well to instructions. Annabelle takes on board suggestions for how to improve her work and has been working really hard on remembering finger spaces in her writing. |
| Yew | Vaughn Williams | for his positive attitude and enthusiasm in everything he does. Also for his infectious smile! |

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| Willow | Stanley Fletcher | <p>is a fantastic role model and example of our school values - respect, resilience, together and compassion. He always makes good choices and has worked hard throughout the half term settling into Year 2 routines well.</p> <p>I am proud of all he has achieved so far and can't wait to see what the rest of the year has in store!</p> |
| Sycamore | Edith Rae | for always coming to school smiling. She shows lots of resilience towards her work and always brightens up the classroom with her positive attitude. |
| Beech | Reggie Tomlin | for always trying his best in everything he does. He listens and tries to include new ideas in his work to improve. |
| Juniper | Isabella Lewis | for being a complete superstar: always ready to learn, always listening and applying herself to all tasks with a positive, conscientious attitude. |
| Hawthorn | Elsa Hardacre | for always being an absolute superstar. She is hardworking, resilient, kind to others and a lovely member of Hawthorn Class. |
| Lime | Charlie Stanway | For always being hard working, resilient and super sensible. He always approaches all activities with his endless positivity and excellent sense of humour! |
| Hazel | Lilian Horsham | Lilian tries her best in everything she does. She is a supportive, hard-working, and creative learner who is a friend to everyone in Hazel and with many people around school. Although she is usually quite quiet, Lilian always tried to be a risk-taker by answering tricky questions. Fantastic job, Lilian! |
| Elm | Owen Hall | for being ready to learn and showing resilience, especially when faced with new challenges. Owen has demonstrated a growing love of learning, contributing to our lessons with enthusiasm and confidence. |
| Birch | Bella Turnbull | Bella is always ready to learn and always tries her best. She is an independent learner who takes ownership of her learning and pride in her work. She is never without a smile and her positive attitude and cheerful nature is noticed by all. |
| Oak | Ava Will | for being the perfect role model in Y6: she is extremely helpful, determined, and hardworking and always goes above and beyond both with her peers and adults around school. |
| Chestnut | Amir Hassan | consistently working hard in all subjects. He is polite, considerate and well-mannered to everybody and a joy to have in the classroom. He's a superstar and a role model to all. |

STARS OF THE WEEK

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| ACORNS: Stars of the Week will commence in January for EYFS | CONKERS: Stars of the Week will commence in January for EYFS | ASH: Harrison Dalglish for fantastic work on compass directions; Ivie Stowell for working really hard on recognising 'rainbow' words. |
| YEW: Rose Mahoney for excellent behaviour and trying her best every day this half term! Rees Woodcock for his enthusiasm for learning and cheerful smile. | WILLOW: James Mangan for his fantastic effort in all areas, especially when writing his own version of the Troll Swap story; Isaac Ashton for growing independence and confidence in all areas of school - we are so proud of you!! | SYCAMORE: Myah Thomas for her excellent participation and confidence in the Harvest service; Sophie Campbell for writing a fantastic independent story based on the Troll Swap. |
| BEECH: Freya McGarrity for growing in self confidence in her writing; Isobel Davies for applying lots of new skills to her Troll Swap story in English. | JUNIPER: Isla Novak for her lovely writing this week; Louie Lamont for an amazing English lesson when he answered all the questions and shared his ideas with everyone. | HAWTHORN: Juno Masters for having a super first week and settling in so brilliantly; Harriet Graham for her wonderful perseverance in Maths and super subtraction work. |
| LIME: Belle Thompson for her beautiful African artwork based on the artist Gakonga; Ava Williams for her excellent hard working attitude and positivity in everything she does. | HAZEL: Izaac Barnell for being a positive role model to his peers and showing confidence in his maths and reading; George Hirst for making positive choices all week and trying his best to improve his handwriting. | ELM: Noah Booth and Sam Bassett For outstanding observations and explanations in our science workshop. |
| BIRCH: Athan Precious for being a reading superstar and excellent mathematician. What a great start to a new school; Anbhika Limbu for her excellent attitude to school. Always ready to make improvements and try her best. | OAK: Adam Qaffaf for putting 100% effort into everything he does; Ido Magal for always working hard and demonstrating our school values. | CHESTNUT: Lucas Fletcher and Ili Tunisau For being happy and eager to please. For putting 100% into all work and being a pleasure to have in class. |

Mrs Morris' Acts of Kindness Award; - David Martelli (Beech)

Festival of Diwali



Saturday 23rd October 2021 in Chester City Centre. Everybody is welcome. [Click here](#) for further information and parade times.

HARVEST APPEAL



A huge thank you to our school community to your contributions to our harvest foodbank appeal. Your generosity was amazing.



Donations have been collected and are on the way to families in need in our area.

This does not mean that we have stopped collecting so please continue to send any donations you can into school.

Once again a massive thank you for your support.

The Ethos Team.

Astronomy Club

Now that we are well and truly into Autumn and the nights are closing in, it's time again to begin observing the Early Evening Winter Skies with the help of the Astronomy Club Skyguide. Here is the monthly [Skyguide](#) for November.

Letter from Mr North

Dear Parents/Carers

Well, the end of half term is upon us and we are looking forward to a bit of a break to recharge our batteries and take stock of the last few weeks. I have been very proud of our team and our children in how they have returned to school, the work that has been planned and delivered and the achievements that our children have made. These have continued to be very challenging times, but we are one of the few schools not to have had to re-introduce bubbles and other COVID-19 measures / restrictions, as many other schools in our area have had to do. We have maintained a very vigilant and supportive approach to ensuring that our children, staff and community are safe and your support of this is very much appreciated and valued and proves that together we can achieve anything that we set our minds to.

This week we have seen our children celebrate Harvest together, giving thanks for the food that we have and understanding the story of how our food gets from the field to the fork. Our Year 2 children performed on the stage to the whole school and they did a great job. Thank you to those children and also to the Year 2 team and you, for supporting the children and enabling them to celebrate with confidence and pride. Several of our children have been and continue to take part in different sporting events, especially the cross country and this coming weekend many (over 60 children) are going to see Cheshire Phoenix in their fixture against Newcastle Giants. This will be a tough fixture for the Phoenix after a heavy defeat against the Giants recently, so hopefully the additional home support will spur them on.

We have sent out some requests to parents relating to our residential visits that have been planned for this academic year. These have been arranged for the Year 6 children (going to Min Y Don in December) our Year 4 and Year 5 children (going to the Conway Centre February) and our Year 2 and Year 3 children (going to Tattenhall in March). There have been an increased number of residentials planned and booked for this academic year, due to the number of cancellations that were made over the last 18 months. From September 2022, we will only be planning residential visits for Years 2, 4 and 6, details of these trips will be sent out in the Spring Term 2022. We will do our best to get as much information about these visits as soon as we can, colleagues are still finalising what options we will have available to us, but these visits are a key part of our curriculum and we want all of our children to be able to experience the variety of activities.

We are planning some events for the end of the Autumn term and we are hoping to get our Choir singing again. Miss Wilkinson has asked me to contact you to see if anyone is willing to support our Choir club in school. So, if you have a love of singing, and maybe some experience, she would love to have some help and support with the Choir. If anyone can support this and is willing and able to do so, please do pop in to see Miss Wilkinson.

Our PTA, after an unavoidable delay have met this week to make plans for forthcoming fund raising events. We are hoping to raise funds for a variety of things over the coming months, including some sports kits for our school teams, more books to support the implementation of Accelerated Reader, playground equipment and much more. I am working on a project to see if we can get some support with getting a school minibus and our successful bid to get funding for Early Years outdoor development will come to fruition later in November. Mr. Bulman and I will be meeting with the installation team to discuss the Health and Safety practicalities of having the new equipment installed, and making a plan to have the installation completed on time and as safely as possible, with as little disruption as possible. More information will follow after our meeting in the first week back after the holiday.

We had a fabulous celebration worship this morning; Years 1 – 6 were in to share Stars of the Week and Headteacher Awards. It was lovely having all of our children together to celebrate their achievements. Our plan will be to invite parents to these half termly events moving forward, but we continue to be cautious, especially in light of the increased number of COVID cases locally and nationally. There is a letter for parents linked to this Newsletter from the Director of Public Health, please do take the time to read this information as it gives some clear guidance for us all. We may have to put some restrictions in place, but we are hopeful that you will understand and be supportive of those measures once we have planned the event. Finally, I want to say a huge thank you for your continued support this term, have a great half term break with your family and we will see you all Tuesday 2nd November.

Yours faithfully

Conrad North

Headteacher

Leave of Absence Request

Leave of absence during term time will not be authorised unless the reason meets the exceptional criteria. In response to your leave of absence request, a decision will be made and a letter sent to you within 5 working days. If leave of absence is authorised, a date to return must be agreed with the Headteacher. A child who is absent longer than the agreed date can be legally removed from the school register and the parent may be liable to prosecution.

When the leave of absence is 'unauthorised' and a child incurs 10 unauthorised absence marks in a term, i.e. five school days, the Local Authority may be informed and a fixed term penalty notice may be issued. The current rates payable by parents are £60 where the amount is paid within 21 days and £120 where the amount is paid within 28 days. This charge is per parent/carer per child. If the fixed penalty notice remains unpaid this could lead to prosecution in the Magistrate's Court.