

## 28th January 2022 Newsletter

### Dates for the next two weeks in school

Mon 31st Jan	Tues 1st Feb	Wed 2nd Feb	Thurs 3rd Feb	Fri 4th Feb
Week 2 <a href="#">Menu</a>				
Mon 7th Feb	Tues 8th Feb	Wed 9th Feb	Thurs 10th Feb	Fri 11th Feb
Week 3 <a href="#">Menu</a> Year4 & 5 Conway Residential. Parents' evening bookings open 6pm	Year4 & 5 Conway Residential	Year 4 & 5 Conway Residential		

### Upton Heath chosen to join the Times Table Rock Stars Entourage Team!

We are delighted to announce that Upton Heath has been chosen to join the Times Table Rock Stars Entourage Team led by Maths Circle due to our commitment and support of TTRS. We have been using TTRS at Upton Heath C of E Primary School for 5 years with the aim of helping our children become fluent with their times tables. We look forward to working with the TTRS Entourage team over the next 12 months on future ideas and developments. Thanks to Mrs Barker, our maths lead, and to our children and families for their dedication to honing their maths skills!

We also updated our Times Table Rock Stars and Numbots displays recently, and celebrated our top three players across the whole school!



### Beech class' adventures with Beebot!

This week in computing we predicted the outcome of a sequence by writing down our instructions first then tried them out using the Beebot APP. If we got it wrong we looked back at the instructions to see if we could spot and correct the mistake.



## Year 1

Year 1 have also been learning about coding this week.

We have learnt how to program the Beebot to move in different directions and to give clear instructions with a partner. We even investigated and discovered how to make the Beebot do a full turn!

## Astronomy Club

Lots to learn this week in our virtual Astronomy Club, like how to spot The Pleiades (also known as The Seven Sisters) and Orion (The Hunter). Thanks to Mr Brankin for putting the [February](#) edition together for us!

## County champions!

Having won the Chester Schools U11 FA tournament in November, our amazing football team represented Chester schools in the county finals today, at the Alexandra Soccer Centre in Crewe.

The boys outplayed the other teams in the group stages, winning all 3 of their games and advancing to the quarter finals. With great determination, skill and teamwork, they won the quarter finals and went through to the semi finals. This was a tough game which ended 0-0 and was decided on penalties but thanks to some cracking saves from Tyler, another game was won. The final was played against Childer Thornton and after a tough game, which ended 1-1, again we won on penalties.

The team will now go on to represent Cheshire in the North of England finals in March. Congratulations to all the boys for a well deserved win. Many thanks and congratulations also, to Mr Deighton and Mr Gray for their excellent coaching and support.



## Parent/carer forum Event

The next parent/carer forum event will take place on the 9th February 2022, find out more [here](#).



**YEAR 5 SCIENCE**

Birch and Elm class investigated gravity this week. We used different shape and size objects and dropped them into flour. We measured the depth and diameter of the craters to investigate how the size and shape of an object might affect gravity. We had to think carefully about fair testing and our scientific questioning.



# STARS OF THE WEEK

<p><b>ACORNS:</b>  <b>Oscar Lewis</b> for his fantastic writing;  <b>Alfie Clarke</b> for blowing Miss Wilkinson away with his amazing reading!</p>	<p><b>CONKERS:</b>  <b>Anastasia Rancev</b> for always being ready to learn;  <b>Max Murphy</b> for his amazing perseverance when making his dinosaur.</p>	<p><b>ASH:</b>  <b>Ellis Parkinson</b> for his fantastic home learning;  <b>Mari Cookson</b> for her perseverance when coding with BeeBots!</p>
<p><b>YEW:</b>  <b>Alfie Graham</b> for applying his phonics knowledge to reading and sharing some interesting books!  <b>Sam Arnold</b> for putting so much effort into his writing. We loved your interesting questions!</p>	<p><b>WILLOW:</b>  <b>Skylar Pritchard</b> for her commitment to reading every night at home and always trying her best;  <b>Stanley Fletcher</b> for his consistent hard work and engagement and for always having a positive attitude towards learning.</p>	<p><b>SYCAMORE:</b>  <b>William Shaw</b> for his perseverance when adding two 2-digit numbers in maths;  <b>Jack Warrilow</b> for creating a fantastic informative leaflet on how to take care of a dragon!</p>

<p><b>BEECH:</b>  <b>Jake Wainwright-Hewitt</b> for super independent sentences describing Zog the dragon in English;  <b>Freya McGarrity</b> for a super dragon information leaflet, using lots of commands.</p>	<p><b>HAWTHORN:</b>  <b>Alex Jones</b> for showing great determination and perseverance when solving multiplication problems in maths;  <b>Tommy Hunt</b> for his wonderful perseverance in maths and for his super 'Stone Age Boy' writing in English.</p>	<p><b>JUNIPER:</b>  <b>Will Bassett</b> for fabulous home learning  <b>Ella Woodcock</b> for tremendous enthusiasm and for extending learning at home by making a stone age spear and poster.</p>
<p><b>LIME:</b>  <b>Paige Gibbs</b> for all of her hard work and perseverance with reading and quizzing;  <b>Itay Magal</b> for excellent times tables work in maths.</p>	<p><b>HAZEL:</b>  <b>Grace Novak</b> for showing dedication to her learning, going above and beyond when completing her work at home when isolating  <b>Martin Ivanov</b> for always sharing his amazing mathematical knowledge with his peers.</p>	<p><b>ELM:</b>  <b>Billie-Rae Ritchie-Westwood</b> for her super attitude and achievements in swimming;  <b>Thomas Moseley-Moore</b> for his excellent reading, demonstrating fluency, expression and an awareness of the audience.</p>
<p><b>BIRCH:</b>  <b>Lucas Beddows</b> for his great attitude to learning and always trying his best;  <b>Holly Balenaka</b> for resilience and determination, especially in swimming.</p>	<p><b>CHESTNUT:</b>  <b>Chloe Nightingale</b> for perseverance in her maths learning  <b>Junior Kelly</b> for showing an improved attitude towards his learning.</p>	<p><b>OAK:</b>  <b>Josh Iwaniszak</b> for working hard at all times and being an active participant in lessons;  <b>Rimsha Hamid</b> for working hard in maths and practising fractions.</p>

**Mrs Morris' Award for Acts of Kindness:** **Harry Gibbs** (Hawthorn) for sharing

## Letter from Mr North

Dear Parents/Carers,

Another challenging week has gone past, but one in which we have been delighted to welcome back the majority of our UHPS family. We have missed our children and colleagues who have been isolating due to COVID, but we are very pleased and proud with how they have linked via Seesaw and other means of communication. Children and staff have continued to produce, plan and deliver fabulous activities and work; congratulations and thank you everyone for working together to overcome those challenges and achieve some fabulous results. I would also like to acknowledge those parents who have taken the time to send some lovely messages of support. It has been humbling to read them and I have shared these with relevant colleagues. It means a lot to receive these positive words, which are so valued and appreciated. On behalf of our team "thank you".

Our virtual Parents' Evening appointments will go 'live' on Monday 7th February at 6pm and will close Sunday 13th February at 9pm - invite letter will be issued next week.

This week our Y6 Footballers have been representing Chester Schools in the Cheshire Finals, in Crewe and I am delighted to inform you that they have been very successful. UHPS are now the CHESHIRE Champions! This is great news and huge congratulations go to the boys, Mr Deighton for his support and Ms Hodge for all she does to support the team. They will now go on to represent Cheshire in the North of England Finals.

Our Year 6 children will be performing "The Scottish play" (16th February). It has been an absolute delight hearing and seeing them rehearse, we have got some real acting talent in our school. I am delighted to say confirm that we have booked the church for our Year 3 Easter Service and thank Rev Paul for his support and for confirming our use of Holy Ascension Church for our Year 6 leavers service (19th July).

Finally, we are still getting some positive COVID-19 cases reported, so we will be maintaining our safety measures in school, including the wearing of face coverings and asking any visitors to take an LFD test before coming into the school building. Our team continue to test on a regular and sometimes daily basis, but I can also confirm that the number of cases reported is now starting to reduce. Once again, thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Conrad North

Headteacher

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### **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.