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## Friday 20th January 2023 Newsletter

### Dates for the next two weeks in school

Mon 23rd Jan	Tues 24th Jan	Wed 25th Jan	Thurs 26th Jan	Fri 27th Jan
<a href="#">3 WEEK MENU.pdf</a> Week 1 Menu  Meet the new Principal 6pm		Year 6 Football Match	Cheshire Phoenix Basketball Coaching Upton High School	Year 3 cake sale
Mon 30th Jan	Tues 31st Jan	Wed 1st Feb	Thurs 2nd Feb	Fri 3rd Feb
Week 2 Menu			Year 5/6 Girls Football League Match	

### Mr Roberts' Letter

Dear parent/carer,

We've had a very exciting week in school this week, with the arrival of the snow! The children have made the most of it while it lasted, as you will see from some of the lovely photos posted on twitter and facebook.

As a school, we will be doing our best to post regularly on these platforms, as a way to celebrate the wonderful things that go on at Upton Heath and to promote the school to the wider world. You can help support our drive to get the word out about Upton Heath by liking and sharing anything that you think is great. In today's social media world, it really does help. @UptonHeathCE and @UHPrimarySchool

And there is so much to celebrate! I was blown away by the skills of our year 4 and 6 footballers this week, who won 8-0 and 9-0 respectively against JH Godwin, despite the blizzard that blew in half way through one of the matches. As well as the Year 5/6 indoor athletics team who comfortably won their competition at EPSV and are going through to the next round.

It is not just sports that our children are great at. I discovered today that one of our Year 6 children took part in the next round of an international computing competition!

This week I've also taken the opportunity to spend some more time in classrooms and to speak to children from every year group about their learning. In particular, myself and Mrs Randa, have been asking groups of children about what they have learnt in their non-core subjects (e.g. geography, history, RE), in order to understand what they have enjoyed and remembered and

what we need to improve on. It was a really useful couple of days that will feed into our plans to improve the curriculum for all children.

Huge thanks to our caretaking team this week, for diligently gritting and clearing safe paths around the school during the snowy, icy evenings and mornings.

I look forward to seeing as many parents and carers as possible on Monday evening at 6pm. My apologies for the wrong date going out last week.

Have a lovely weekend,

Stuart Roberts

## February Night Sky

### Afterschool Pop-Up Astronomy sessions

By mid-January the sky is too bright just after school, even at 4.30, to view even the brightest planets and so we must now wait for Jupiter and Saturn to reappear next Autumn!

Nevertheless there is still time to use the school's scopes this winter as the First Quarter Moon towards the end of January (and February) should be bright enough to view craters.

So fingers crossed for a few fine evenings out on the yard from 3.30!

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## S4YC

Please see the attached flyer for the holiday club this February half term. [S4YC FEB HALF TERM FLYER.pdf](#)

## Church Car Park

There is a funeral taking place at Upton Baptist church next Monday 23rd January in the afternoon.

Unfortunately the car park will be not be available for parents to use for pick up in the afternoon as it will be needed. However the pedestrian access will be open.

## Beech Class



In our Computing lessons in Year 2 we have been learning about computer algorithms. We have been giving and following instructions to robots (our friends). We then had lots of fun using the Bee Bots and the Bee Bot apps on the iPads to give instructions.





## **Snow Day!**

Year 3 girls enjoying the snow...



## Cheshire Phoenix Basketball Coaching Session 2



This week, at basketball club, the children learned some new skills and tactics. They practised layups and learned the half-court defence and backcourt violation rules. Some great baskets were scored today!

## Year 3 Stone Age work in the forest

Asset or Threat?

Year 3 spent a fun afternoon in the woods as part of their history work on the Stone Age. They imagined they were hunter gatherers and were looking for threats and assets to their survival.



## Year 3 Girls football team - AFC Waverton

Please see the attached flyer for more information on year 3 girl football training sessions at Christleton 3G pitches at 5.30pm-6.30pm every Wednesday.

The girls learn new skills and play in matches and tournaments against other teams. Everyone is welcome to join, have fun and make new friends. [Football for girls.pdf](#)

## Spinney Day Nursery 25th Anniversary

Please see the attached link for an invitation to The Spinney Day's open morning party on Saturday 4th February from 10am to 12 noon. [Spinney Day Nursery Hoole - 25th Anniversary 2023.docx](#)

# The Academy Landscape

Headteachers, Chairs of Governors and Senior Leaders are all welcome to discuss the changing Academy landscape.

## Session Focus

- The Government's White Paper
- The removal of the Schools Bill
- How to prepare for the future
- Everton Free School's ambitious vision

## Speakers

Steven Baker OBE, Principal of Everton Free School and Football College.

Jeff Marshall, National Leader of Governance and Founder of J&G Marshall Ltd.

## When and Where

**8th February 2023, 4-5:30pm**

Everton Football Club  
Goodison Park  
Goodison Road  
L4 4DF

The event will be held in the Alex Young Lounge and parking will be available in the player's car park at the Park End, on Goodison Road.

Please reply with the names of attendees to [daniel.hitchin@evertonfreeschool.com](mailto:daniel.hitchin@evertonfreeschool.com)

## Academy landscape event at Goodison Park



# STARS OF THE WEEK

<p><b>Acorns</b> Esme Birch- for always showing an interest in everything we learn about and for your fantastic ideas about toys from the past!</p> <p>Raphael Langford-Oldfield – for being creative and imaginative during your play this week. I loved watching you build exciting models with your friends!</p>	<p><b>Conkers</b> Archie Collins-Ducker – for always showing so much enthusiasm in everything that you do. We loved hearing about what your grandad did in the past!</p> <p>Elliott Vernon- for your fantastic efforts in phonics sessions. You are super at spotting the digraphs!</p>	<p><b>Ash</b> Sofia Lamont for her brilliant use of the number line to solve subtraction problems.</p> <p>Alfie Clarke for fantastic teamwork and strategic thinking in our PE games.</p>
<p><b>Yew</b> Millie Owen-Phillips for her fantastic efforts in writing this week. She is applying her phonic knowledge very well and her confidence has grown so much!</p> <p>Thomas Furnifer for his efforts in writing this week. He is becoming more independent and confident – keep it up Thomas!</p>	<p><b>Sycamore</b> Elijah Webb for sharing his ideas and what he notices with enthusiasm in every subject! Thank you and well done.</p> <p>Rose Mahoney for working hard with her reading and persevering with her writing about dragons.</p>	<p><b>Beech</b> Evie Stephen for showing lots of enthusiasm towards all of her learning!</p> <p>Emilia Taylor for adding lots of detail to her leaflet about dragons!</p>
<p><b>Cedar</b> Declan Hall – For his enthusiasm and interesting facts about the Stone Age!</p> <p>Sophie Brown – For showing resilience when working independently in Maths and not giving up! A great example to others!</p>	<p><b>Hawthorn</b> Jake Wainwright-Hewitt for working well in lessons this week.</p> <p>Lily-Rose Seale For always waiting patiently ready to learn.</p>	<p><b>Juniper</b> James Mangan for showing such interest and enthusiasm for learning, for asking good questions and making me laugh every day.</p> <p>Aarav Kapur for being first on the carpet, ready to learn nearly every lesson this week.</p>
<p><b>Lime</b> Elsa Hardacre for her excellent computing skills and supporting others in computing this week.</p> <p>Alex Jones for being an enthusiastic regular reader and for his fabulous contributions to our reading sessions.</p>	<p><b>Hazel</b> Sonny Lynch for an excellent effort in Writing lessons, using correct punctuation for his speech sandwich.</p> <p>James Thomas for working hard, enthusiastic contributions in class and striving to improve. <b>J</b></p>	<p><b>Elm</b> Brooke McWilliams for accurately applying the writing keys in her own work.</p> <p>Mayumi Wijekoon for her understanding and application of fractions when solving problems.</p>
<p><b>Birch</b> Flora Taylor for her outstanding contribution to our Battle of the Bands on TTRS.</p> <p>Sofia Ball Lee for her outstanding contribution to our Battle of the Bands on TTRS.</p>	<p><b>Chestnut</b> Athan Precious for his exceptional geography knowledge. He is our class atlas.</p> <p>Louisa Taylor for super listening skills and eloquent contribution to our class discussions, especially during our English lessons.</p>	<p><b>Oak</b> Siddharth Parthasarathy for his fantastic effort and resilience in art.</p> <p>Sophie Griffith for her resilience and hard work adding and subtracting fractions.</p>

