

18th March 2022 Newsletter

Dates for the next two weeks in school

Mon 21st March	Tues 22nd March	Wed 23rd March	Thurs 24th March	Fri 25th March
Week 2 menu Tattenhall trip Year 2	Tattenhall trip Yr 2	Tattenhall trip Yr 2		
Mon 28th March	Tues 29th March	Wed 30th March	Thurs 31st March	Fri 1st April

Please see the clubs letter for details of clubs.

World Book Day winners!

On World Book Day, we had a 'Guess the book titles' competition. Mrs Mistry put up 25 book front covers with the titles blanked out all around the school, and the children had to try and work out what all of the books were.

It was wonderful to see how excited everyone was to take part and there was a lovely 'book buzz' in the corridors! Thank you to everyone who joined in – there were so many correct entries!

The winners of the competition were Oliver in Lime class and Freddie in Hazel class pictured here with their chosen prizes – brand new books!



North of England regional football finals

Massive congratulations to our boys who, having won the Cheshire finals, progressed to the next level and this week travelled to Sunderland, to the Washington Hub, for the North of England Regional Finals.

The first two games, against the Merseyside and then South Yorkshire teams were both 1-0 to Upton Heath.

The third game, against Cumbria, was 2-0 to Upton Heath. The fourth game we drew 1-1 against Durham. This meant we were top of our group and through to the semi-final.

Unfortunately, this game did not go our way and we didn't quite make it to the final. However, the boys were great ambassadors for Cheshire, Chester and for Upton Heath. They played fantastically well, with determination and team spirit and they really did us proud.

Thank you to all the parents who travelled to Sunderland to support and especially to Mr Deighton and Mr Gray who have coached and managed the team this year. The football season is not quite over either. There are two league games still to play and we have won all games so far. It has been an exceptional season!



Joining the Upton Heath Millionaire's Club this week is...

Congratulations to Stanley Golding in Birch class, who has read a million words since September and is the latest member of the Upton Heath Millionaire's Club!

Our Accelerated Reader reading programme tracks words that the children read and adds them to their word count once they pass the book's quiz. You can check on your child's current word count by logging into your Home Connect account. We will also be looking to see who our 100% quizzers are so please keep reading!

Stanley has received a certificate, a free book of his choice and his photo will be displayed in our Millionaire's Row display area in the library.

Families Cheshire

Here is the latest [Families Cheshire](#) magazine.





Behind the scenes at...Science Week!

Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed investigating the dunking properties of different biscuits this week.

They planned their investigations, ensuring the tests were fair. Then they observed the biscuits dry and made predictions.

Finally, the dunking! Each biscuit was scored out of 5 on the dunking scale. Chocolate hobnobs were a clear winner.

The BIG review

Every show needs a review and Upton Heath's performance of Romeo & Juliet at the Floral Pavillion is no different.

This review by Lisa O'Hanlon captures the little details of this awesome play, alongside the extensive preparation and rehearsal that went into it.

Well done to all involved!



Stonehenge in biscuits!

Continuing with the biscuit theme, Year 3 made models of Stonehenge using biscuits.

First, they studied diagrams of Stonehenge and learned about the different stones used.

Shortbread was used for the trilithons, bourbons for the sarsens and custard creams for the bluestones.

We used the imotion app to record the process as a stop motion film.

I would like to send my sincerest congratulations to Upton Heath Primary School your wonderful production of Romeo & Juliet as part of the Spring 22 Shakespeare Schools Festival. It was a brilliant evening of theatre, and I'd like to talk about a few elements that really shone.

Your company was a joy to work with on the performance day, presenting yourself at the technical run fully prepared and well-rehearsed. You remained very focused throughout the dress rehearsal and showed fantastic stage discipline throughout the festival, along with generosity and support for your fellow actors. Your ensemble produced a Romeo & Juliet full of creativity, which took our audience (and me!) on an emotional journey through the streets of Verona.

The tableau you created at the beginning of your play was very strong and one excellent example of your visual storytelling. Two houses, (signified by their flags) with an ancient grudge – a story so clearly and effectively told by a stage full of actors in total stillness. I am always impressed when young actors can achieve that level of focus and self-control. This atmospheric opening was truly mesmerising to watch. Very well done!

Your strong ensemble dance/movement/physical theatre skills continued throughout the piece to great effect. I particularly liked the creative way in which the actors formed the balcony walls, echoing the romance of the scene between Romeo and Juliet. The attention to detail e.g. when Romeo caught Juliet's kiss in his hand was also beautiful – proving that great storytelling is not just about the words! The (Pink Panther music) plot to get Romeo and Juliet some alone time was inspired visual storytelling too! In contrast to the gentleness of the young star-crossed lovers you expertly portrayed the tension and aggression of the feuding families in the street fighting scenes, with energy, commitment and a fabulous slow motion fight sequence. And of course, not forgetting the joyous dance sequence to a bit of Whigfield...what a crowd pleaser!

Vocal work was equally strong and the choral speaking was particularly impressive. The ensemble had a good command of the language and delivered it with strength, expression and clarity. It was great to see and hear the "Top Tips" in action on stage and to share in your excitement, fun and professionalism whilst backstage and in the wings.

Thank you for a visually beautiful and emotionally heartfelt Romeo and Juliet performed by a hard-working, disciplined and physically expressive company.

Staging a Shakespeare play in these changing times takes extra courage, tenacity, and creativity. You should be incredibly proud of what you and your teachers have achieved.

I hope to see Upton Heath Primary School in the next Festival!

Lisa O'Hanlon

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STARS OF THE WEEK

<p>ACORNS:</p> <p>Francesco Monaco- for his perseverance with his letter formation</p> <p>Neha Parthasarathy- for developing so much confidence in her reading!</p>	<p>CONKERS:</p> <p>Edha Kapur - for being a caring and kind friend.</p> <p>Peggy Stanley – for her consistent efforts and confidence in writing</p>	<p>ASH:</p> <p>Beatrice Stanley for making and explaining her prediction in science</p> <p>Stephen Fletcher for writing independently.</p>
<p>YEW:</p> <p>Lily Quick- for being such a helpful member of the class.</p> <p>Elijah Webb – for his enthusiasm in writing</p>	<p>WILLOW:</p> <p>Tilly Coathupe – for super focus and effort with her writing.</p> <p>Poppy Fleming – for fantastic maths work ALL week (counting in 2s, 5s and 10s)!</p>	<p>SYCAMORE:</p> <p>Lorrin Muniu for coming to school with a positive attitude and for being a good friend to others.</p> <p>Perry Layland for using lots of imperative verbs when writing instructions on how to make a peg doll.</p>
<p>BEECH:</p> <p>Cade Precious for working to the very best of his ability.</p> <p>Alex Horsham for improving in his Maths and English work.</p>	<p>HAWTHORN:</p> <p>Jack McWilliams for being tremendously focused and for super letter writing in English.</p> <p>Juno Masters for being so kind and thoughtful to others and for sharing wonderful ideas during our class discussions.</p>	<p>JUNIPER:</p> <p>Millie Hall for helping other groups to complete their I-movie animations when she'd finished her own.</p> <p>Isla Novak for taking such care over the biscuit dunking investigation.</p>
<p>LIME:</p> <p>Ethan Kativhu for his clear scientific explanations during our Science week activities.</p> <p>Lucy Iwaniszak for always being so kind and thoughtful to others and for being such a helpful member of the class.</p>	<p>HAZEL:</p> <p>Hunter Huckle for having a fantastic week of learning and following instructions – super work!</p> <p>Frederick Rawson for showing amazing scientific enquiry skills during our Biscuit Bonanza experiment.</p>	<p>ELM:</p> <p>Evan Jones for his achievements in sports and for representing our school so brilliantly.</p> <p>Dylan Johnson for excellent explanations and understanding in science lessons.</p>
<p>BIRCH:</p> <p>Albiie Huckle for drawing, labelling and creating a complete circuit in science.</p> <p>Isobel Taylor for fantastic determination this week and an excellent explanation of the grid method in maths.</p>	<p>CHESTNUT:</p> <p>Ava Higgins for her engagement and perseverance in maths lessons especially during our outdoor maths sessions this week.</p> <p>Malakii Huckle for approaching his work in a positive manner.</p>	<p>OAK:</p> <p>Jareth Freemantle for excellent use of PE equipment in our mirroring and matching topic.</p> <p>Terrel Kuma-Mintah for excellent use of PE equipment in our mirroring and matching topic.</p>

Mrs Morris' Award for Acts of Kindness: for Charlie Stanway/Lime- for being kind and looking out for his friends

Letter from Mr North

Dear Parents/Carers,

Another amazing week at UHPS! More sporting success with our football teams and our Year 3/4 netball team. We are so proud of the achievements of our U11's football team, who represented Cheshire in the North of England Finals yesterday. Having topped their group with 3 wins and a draw, they went into the semi-finals with some confidence. Unfortunately, they were defeated, but they represented our school, our county, and our community with pride, resilience and fortitude. They are in the top 4 school football teams, out of 360 in this competition, so should be exceptionally proud of themselves. Congratulations gentlemen! Our Year 3/4 girls netball team represented Chester in the County Finals also yesterday, winning 3 of their games and drawing 1. So they came away from this non-competitive tournament undefeated! A brilliant display ladies, congratulations, we are so proud of you.

Excitement is mounting as our Year 2 team are preparing for their first residential visit to Tattenhall next week. Thank you for your support with Red Nose Day, yet again this event has come upon us so quickly, but it has been great to see so many of our children and adults able to support this valuable event. Next week is Down Syndrome Awareness week, so if you want your children to make others aware they can join me in wearing odd socks for the week!

It's been a pleasure to see most of our parents this week, as I have been able to support Mr. Codd outside doing the gate duty and see our community at pick-up time. My apologies for not being outside as often as I would like, but I have been supporting Mrs Dickenson in the office at key times of day, in the absence of Mrs. Parker-Rich and Mrs Beddows. I am pleased to say that Mrs Beddows has now had her cast taken off and she is now the proud owner of a weight-bearing boot and is making good progress. We are hoping to see her back in work after the Easter break. In the meantime, we are being supported in the office by Mrs Wood, Mrs Morris and Mrs Wilson on a temporary basis.

We have had incredibly positive feedback from Shakespeare Schools Festival who worked with our Year 6 children and supported their fabulous performance of Romeo and Juliet earlier in the term at the Floral Pavilion in New Brighton. I quote:

"Thank you for a visually beautiful and emotionally heartfelt Romeo and Juliet; performed by a hard-working, disciplined and physically expressive company. Staging a Shakespeare play in these changing times takes extra courage, tenacity, and creativity. You should be incredibly proud of what you and your teachers have achieved."

We pride ourselves with this association and the experience that it gives our children and staff. I also express huge thanks to Miss Williams for leading this aspect of our English work and look forward to seeing what we will be performing next year.

It has been brought to my attention that parents are wanting to see teachers in the morning, which is taking them away from their classes in the morning. If you do wish to make an appointment to meet with a teacher, please do either contact them via Seesaw to enable them to make a mutually convenient time, or, contact/pop into the front office and we will get the teacher to contact you to make the necessary arrangements. Thank you for your help with this request.

There has been a review of our Safeguarding and Code of Conduct processes as a Trust and it has been decided that staff should not use their own personal phones to Tweet/post onto Facebook etc. This is to protect our staff and our children. As a consequence of this we will not be able to post as quickly as we normally would do, as we will be using school equipment only to complete such tasks. This is especially relevant to the Tattenhall visits next week. Consequently, if away, teachers will contact school directly and we will be able to post messages etc. from school. At Tattenhall, tweets and updates will be completed by the teachers in the evening, rather than doing these throughout the day, as they will be using a school iPad.

I haven't mentioned COVID-19 for some time, but it hasn't gone away. This week we have had 8 new cases, so please do be aware that the virus is still with us and that we should still be vigilant. New guidance, from the DfE and UKHSA, has been sent to schools yesterday, which I will share once they have been processed. Thank you for your continued support

Yours faithfully

Conrad North. Headteacher