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Friday 14th October 2022 Newsletter

Dates for the next two weeks in school

Mon 17th Oct	Tues 18th Oct	Wed 19th Oct	Thurs 20th Oct	Fri 21st Oct
3 WEEK MENU.pdf Week 1 Menu Year 2 Parents Meeting 5pm	Year 1 Stay & Play		Year 1 Stay & Play	Year 4 Football Match - Acresfield
Mon 24th Oct	Tues 25th Oct	Wed 26th Oct	Thurs 27th Oct	Fri 28th Oct
Half Term	Half Term	Half Term	Half Term	Half Term

Please note we come back on week 2 lunches.

Dear Parents / Carers,

Another sporting success story this week, as Ms. Hodge enabled teams from Key Stage 2 to represent the school at the Chester Tag Rugby Festival at Chester Rugby Club. Our Year 3-4 team did incredibly well playing lots of games all morning without a significant break in between, winning most of their games and only losing one game really narrowly. The children were a delight and were impeccable in their behaviour and attitude to the games. Our Year 5-6 team had similar success only losing one of their matches and winning all of the others. Again we were very proud of the children's attitude, sportsmanship and behaviour. Thank you also to those parents who were able to come to support the teams and provide us with giving lifts, it was very much appreciated. I know that many children also represented our school on Saturday at the Cross Country competition, we were very well represented in numbers and achievements.

It was the PTA's AGM this week, reviewing the successes of last year and plans for this year. The Christmas Fair will be held in school on Thursday 1st December, keep an eye out for more details! The Summer Fair is being planned for Saturday 1st July 2023. Most of the funding raised this academic year is going to be targeted at improving the outdoor playground environment for the children.

Gentle reminders:

Can parents please keep to the one way system when picking up and dropping off the children? It can become problematic when children are running around in different directions and people are doing their best to respect our protocols and some people don't. Also when picking up from clubs, can parents not use the staff car park area. Last evening, 13/10/2022, the staff car park was rather chaotic, with parents parking across teachers cars, blocking them in. When children were being picked up there were cars manoeuvring around the car park and children and families walking and milling around. It was an accident waiting to happen. When picking up from clubs can parents please DO NOT USE the staff car park! Last evening was quite dangerous and certainly put our children at risk of injury.

Can I also ask parents to refrain from allowing their younger children to play on the Trim trail, outside the STEM room and Studio. The Trim Trail is designed for children of school age. **Thank you.**

We are approaching the Half term break, so school will be closed from Monday 24th October through to Friday 28th October. We will be open normal time Monday 31st October. Parents evenings will be held that week, again virtually. Year 6 parents' evenings will be the week after Monday 7th to Wednesday 9th November, due to the Year 6 children performing "A Midsummer Night's Dream" at the Flora Pavilion (01/11/2022).

Yours faithfully

Mr Conrad North

Headteacher

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Our **Year 6 Shakespeare** crew have thoroughly enjoyed creating their 3D Midsummer Night's Dream character portraits as part of their DT project. The children used layering techniques to create their 3D character and selected relevant colours and materials to decorate them!



Cross Country: We had 40 children running in the first race of the WCAC schools races. There will be four races overall, run on Saturday mornings. The children who ran last Saturday were amazing! The children in years 3 and 4 ran 800m and the children in years 5 and 6 ran 1km. We had two medal winners with Noah and Evan taking 1st and 2nd places in the Y6 boys' race. We also had many top ten places. All this bodes well for our overall school position at the end of the four races. However, it is not all about medals and top ten places. Every child who ran on Saturday had to show resilience, determination and a positive attitude. Everyone enjoyed it and for every single child that took part, they achieved the distance, which is a fantastic achievement. **Well done all!** Next race will be on Saturday 5th November. Details to follow. Letters will be handed out on Monday.



Year 4 Touch Rugby Festival

This was the first sports event of the year for many of our Year 4 children and for some, although they have been practising in PE lessons, their first real experience of rugby. The children learned the game quickly and played well as a team. They played eight games of 14 minutes without a break in between, so it was a test of fitness as well as rugby skills. **We are so proud of all the children.** They won 5 of their games, drew 2 and lost only 1. What a team!



Year 5 and 6 Touch Rugby Festival

Again, we had some children in the team who have only experienced the game in PE lessons but they learnt fast and we had many positive comments from other schools about our team who used the space well and supported each other. They won four out of their five games and lost one game only 1-0. There were some challenging games against other very experienced teams and the children showed great determination and skill. **We are so proud of them.**



After School Astronomy

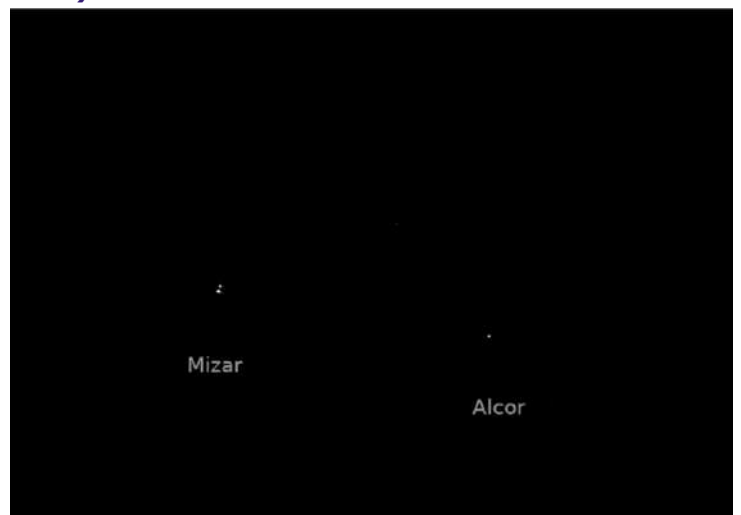
As the early evenings after school become darker and darker during the months of November, December, January and February this is an ideal time to make use of the school's telescopes to view the night sky.

The unpredictability of the weather make it impossible to set specific dates for observing with the 'scopes but on some of the clear, starry evenings it is hoped to have them out on the yard from about 3.30 to 5.30. If you see me outside with the telescope, please come and say hello and you are welcome to join me.

Keen young astronomers may well want to start observing from home and so a guide to the early evening skies will be published for each of these months. The first one for November will soon be in the Newsletter.

Clear skies, Chris Brankin

The Plough .. part of Ursa Major (The Great Bear)



Upton Heath Primary – After School Astronomy

Some things to observe in the early evening skies: during November 2022

The Moon:

To view craters (with a small telescope or binoculars) the best time is around **first quarter Moon** which will be at the beginning and the end of November (about 6.00pm and later) looking South.

The Planets:

The planetary gas giants **Jupiter** and **Saturn** are on view throughout the early evenings low(ish) towards the South.

However on the 1st of the month **Saturn** will be just above the Moon while a few days later, on the 4th, the Moon will have drifted to be just below **Jupiter** (which is much brighter than Saturn). So using the Moon as a guide you really cannot miss the two planets. A pair of binoculars will show craters on the Moon and some of the moons of Jupiter (little tiny pinpricks of light all in a line). A small telescope will show the amazing sight of the rings around Saturn.

A few constellations to learn and recognise: (see the Skymap)

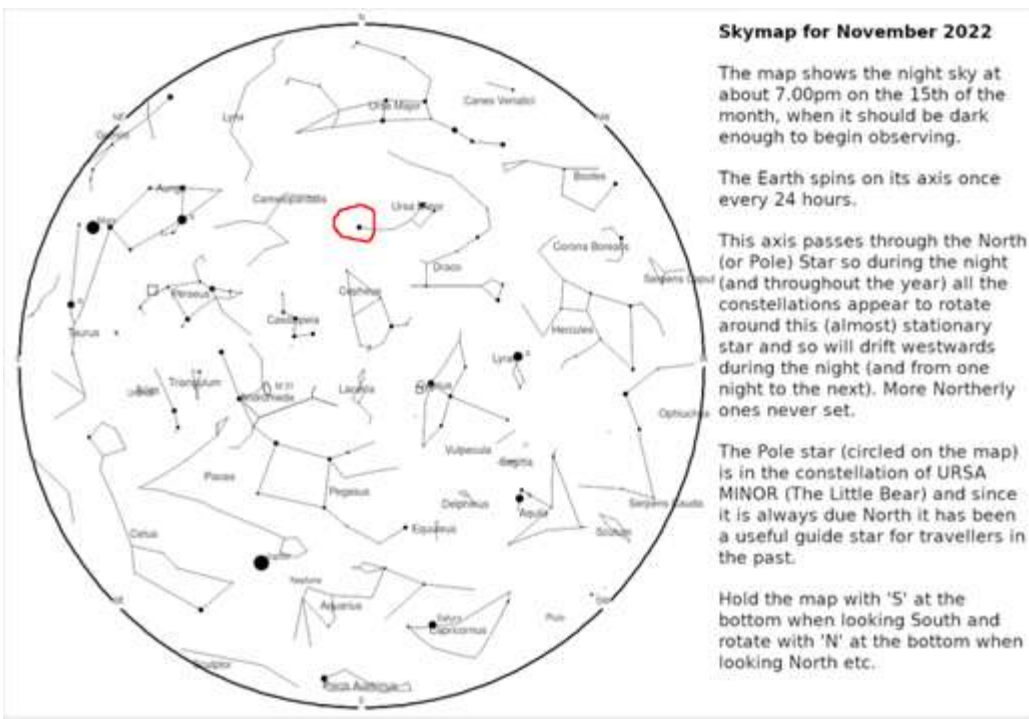
Constellations are just patterns of stars in the sky. They have LATIN (and English) names.

Among the many constellations you might view at this time of the year is the well known constellation of URSA MAJOR (The Great Bear), part of which is more commonly known as The Plough. See the attached photo.

Some see this as a saucepan and if you look low to the North you should see a pan with its handle off to the left (West). Follow the last two stars of the pan itself upwards and they point straight to the North (Pole) Star.

Binoculars will show that the second star from the end of the handle is in fact an easily seen double star (MIZOR and ALCOR) and a telescope shows that Mizor is itself a double star. See the attached photo.

Clear Skies! Chris (Brankin) - UHPS Volunteer



STARS OF THE WEEK

<p>ACORNS:</p> <p>We will be doing individual stars of the week in the New Year</p>	<p>CONKERS:</p> <p>We will be doing individual stars of the week in the New Year</p>	<p>ASH:</p> <p>Albie Apsley for listening carefully to the instructions in our computing sessions in the STEM room to complete his own picture.</p> <p>Bobby Shipton for teaching Miss Wilkinson and the rest of year 1 team to be brave by being so brave herself!</p>
<p>YEW:</p> <p>Millie Owen-Phillips for being absolutely 'on fire' in every area of learning this week, we are so proud of you.</p> <p>Gene Roberts for working really hard in our computing sessions in the STEM room, using the mouse pad and keyboard very carefully.</p>	<p>SYCAMORE:</p> <p>Coen Ismay for quickly learning how to use Seesaw tools in our Computing sessions.</p> <p>Vaughn Williams for writing a set of instructions to wash our hands independently and sharing his ideas in class.</p>	<p>BEECH:</p> <p>Ivie Stowell for sounding out words independently when writing her Troll story!</p> <p>Layla Turnbull for showing lots of enthusiasm towards all of her learning and for always being super helpful!</p>
<p>CEDAR:</p> <p>Will Chaloner for producing an imaginative piece of extended writing and editing successfully!</p> <p>Violet Bollard for always trying her best and showing great skills of resilience!</p>	<p>HAWTHORN:</p> <p>Reggie Tomlin for showing respectful behaviour and always trying his best in all lessons.</p> <p>Jessica Dean for neatly writing great sentences using prepositions.</p>	<p>JUNIPER:</p> <p>Theo Stocking for working very hard on his excellent recount - the life of the seal.</p> <p>Josie Dunning for working very hard on her excellent recount - the life of the seal.</p>
<p>LIME:</p> <p>Jake Ashall for always working hard and trying his best in all lessons.</p> <p>Juno Masters for always sharing her thoughts and ideas in class discussions.</p>	<p>HAZEL:</p> <p>Isla Novak for always trying her best and thinking of others.</p> <p>James Thomas for confidently sharing his ideas to a small group in our writing sessions.</p>	<p>ELM:</p> <p>Jahnelia Ashton for Settling into Elm class so well, being a kind an considerate friend and always trying her best.</p> <p>Itay Magal for displaying quiet determination, putting 100% into all his work and being a positive role model in class</p>
<p>BIRCH:</p> <p>Isabella Sanderson for her outstanding effort in maths with week, showing off her knowledge of place value!</p> <p>Mia Wilson for always being a resilient learner and compassionate friend.</p>	<p>CHESTNUT:</p> <p>Jahnelia Ashton for Settling into Elm class so well, being a kind an considerate friend and always trying her best.</p> <p>Itay Magal for displaying quiet determination, putting 100% into all his work and being a positive role model in class.</p>	<p>OAK:</p> <p>Seb Leeson for being SUPER enthusiastic in SPAG and delighting Oak class with his dance moves.</p> <p>Rosie Broadbent for excellent engagement in our History lessons.</p>