

News from us



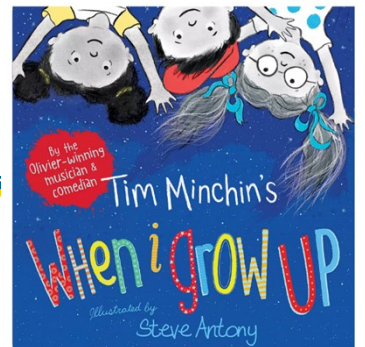
Spring Term Newsletter

Week Ending 05/03/2021

From Mrs Mayo

What an amazing Book Week we have had. I hope that you have really enjoyed the activities that the teachers set for you. A big thank you to Miss Jones who organised the whole week including the letters and competition and to all of the staff who helped her with organising the activities and zooms. Unlike previous book weeks though, I have found it hard though to decide what to dress up as because ever since I have been little, I have wanted to be a teacher. When I was little and at school, I did do work experience in a bank, but this confirmed teaching was for me. Luckily though Stanley came to my rescue and helped me out with my costume and an idea of what I would like to do when I grow up! Hopefully he can start helping me more at school with this job when restrictions are lifted even more.

The whole team have worked incredibly hard during this lockdown period and thank you to all of the support and gratitude that you have shown them. Thank you also for supporting your child to complete their work and for being there for them. I have a great in-sight into what a difficult time it has been for you so thank you for persevering. I have seen a few clips of people dancing and memes to show what they will be like Monday morning - I wonder if any of you will be like them! I hope at least that you will be enjoying the peace and quiet at home, and will get some time to be able to recharge your batteries or least be able to complete a work call without anyone gate-crashing. Please also remember, the children may not be at home 24/7 now but please do let us know if there is anything that we can help you with.



Book Week at USFS

Monday - PSHE

We started off the week by introducing the song and book and explored all the different values we believe are important when we grow up. Things such as being: brave, grateful, caring and happy. You can see pictures below of us pretending to be teachers or parents, sharing what makes us happy and creating cards for our friends. In the afternoon, we had a wonderful workshop with Mrs Dawson-Jones who was talking to us about turning our passions into careers. It is great to see so many wonderful who am I grids filled in to reflect on what you could be.

Tuesday - Topic

Tuesday saw the children looking at a range of jobs that used all manner of skills to be able to do. They had a chance to be a zookeeper, first aider and archaeologist to name but a few. The use of bandages for the first aid session seemed to be a big hit and it looks like we have some budding medics on our hands! Mrs Dunne also treated us to a live Zoom down on her farm and we were able to see some newly born lambs and find out how the lambs are looked after.

Wednesday - Maths & Computing

Wednesday was a day filled with careers linked to maths. Jobs such as a banker, architect, post person, baker, café or shop worker, game designer and a train conductor. Below you will find the children busy creating buildings, baking and role playing.

Thursday - Art

We explored a range of jobs in the arts today. We had a fantastic workshop, led by Holly Dale Spencer - a West End Actress, to learn the choreography to Revolting Children. We spent the rest of the day exploring different jobs such as fashion designer, by making clothes for our Upton Snodsbury bears. We also became musicians and composed our own songs. We have some Youtube stars in the making, after some fantastic vlogs and challenges were recorded too!

Friday - World Book Dress up Day

Today, was a day to finish our book and careers week off. We had the chance to be what we want to be when we grow up! Some of you may not even know, but that's okay. Some may want to do loads of different careers when they're older and that's fine too! Today was a day all about having fun and dressing up as a career of your choice. It was lovely to see so many different careers and hear about why you want to become that role when you're older. We wrote riddles, created CVs and job descriptions, role played and even made lanyards for our new job.

R/1 — Mr Skelton



Sophie's café.



Year 1/2 Miss Jones



Year 3/4 — Miss Earp



Max making gliders.



Freya and Ruby exploring
being a nurse



Children in school
exploring coding to
create their own
game!



Children in school
completing the first
aid course.



Bug Club Overview of the past 2 weeks

18 books read altogether by Year R/1 with highest amount read by Ewan and Amelie with 4 books!
(9/22 children have read at least 1 book so 41% engagement)

13 books read altogether by Year 1/2 with highest amount read by Sophie with 8 books!
(4/10 children have read at least 1 book so 40% engagement)

17 books read altogether by Year 3/4 with highest amount read by Maria with 4 books!
(10/25 children have read at least 1 book so 40% engagement)



Flower Donations & Thank You

We are busy preparing our school grounds for the Spring/Summer term, and in preparation for this we would like to add new bedding plants and bulbs to our planters around school.

We would be most grateful if any parents would be able to donate some bedding plants, bulbs etc. for our children to use, or donate some cash to the office for us to purchase some, if easier.

If you can help, please do bring in any donations into school by Monday 15th March.

We are also looking for any unwanted wood paint, to spruce up our stage area
**** Please drop off at school office ****

The school would also like to say thank you to Mr Hurn, for kindly volunteering to fix our school stage.



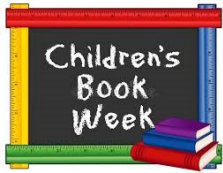
We have a staff vacancy for a Teaching Assistant Grade 1 with SEN experience. If you are interested or you know of anyone who maybe interested, please see our website advert for more details. Or apply via WM Jobs.

<https://www.uptonsnodsburyschool.org.uk/.../vacancies>

Our music provider at school Severn Arts have also asked us to share—they are seeking to appoint a Clerk to the Board of Trustees. If you are interested in this role please apply by 14th March.

Further information [here](#)

This Weeks Worship at Upton Snodsbury School



Worship Theme — Book Week

We started Worship by looking at a few jobs, and what skills were needed for them. We also looked at how we are lucky compared to people in the past, as we can choose, whatever job we want to do, regardless of whether we are a boy or girl. We then shared what the children had dressed up as for the day. Thank you for all of the great costumes. I wonder how many will continue on their chosen career path or will change.



Upton Snodsbury School Christian Values

are

Friendship, Respect, Thankfulness, Forgiveness, Responsibility, Trust

"Where a love of learning grows"

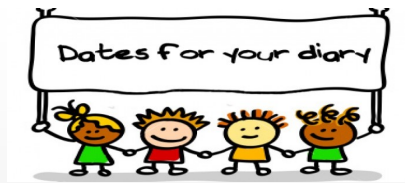
Competitions

- ♦ PTS are looking to create new bookmarks for pupils, and need your help. We'd love you to get creative and enter the Design a Bookmark Competition. You can use inspiration from this week to help you come up with a unique design — including drawings and quotes. Bookmark template has been emailed out.
- ♦ You can enter the NHS Competition. They would like you to say "thank you" to the NHS and its staff in a creative way. You can do a creative artwork: painting, drawing, temporary street artwork, performance, video or slideshow or creative writing: a story, song, poem or thank you card.

Either bring your entries into school or send them to Miss Jones on

bsj10@upsnodsfirfirst.worcs.sch.uk





8th March 2021—children back

Easter Half Term - 2th April — 16th April

16th April - Reception Intake Sept 21 & Middle School Notifications out today

19th April - children back to school

27th April — School Swimming Starts YR2/3 (10 wks) letter to parents still to go out

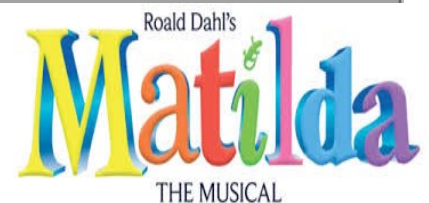
Half Term 31st May — 4th June

Inset Day - 7th June

8th June - children back to school

9th June—School Photographs

Last Day of Term—Friday 21st July



Book Week—Thank you

This week, would not have come to life without the support from our family and friends of Upton Snodsbury First School. So, I would like to say a huge thank you to Ruth Dawson-Jones for starting our week off with our careers workshop, to help us identify our talents and passions. Thank you to those that took the time to record a video to share with us, their chosen career. Thank you to Anna, Anthony Eden, Mat Dawson-Jones, George Cooper, Natasha Dent, Emma Faizey, and Hayley Reynolds. You can watch their videos on the school website on the whole school gallery. Thank you to Mrs Dunne who kindly spent time showing us a glimpse of what life is like for a farmer. We even saw two lambs being born half an hour before our video chat! A big thank you to Holly Dale Spencer, a West End Actress who played Mrs Wormwood in Matilda, the Musical, for teaching us some of the dance to Revolting Children.

Finally, thank you to our family and school staff who took the time to make our vision come to life.



Stars of The Week

All the children have worked so hard over the last few weeks and have been super stars!

Special star of the week goes to all the adults/siblings that have helped with home learning.

Useful Links and Local Information

As a school we all want to reassure you that your child's wellbeing and happiness is our number 1 priority. We have lots of activities planned across the school to help get your children excited and happy about returning to school.

Here are some resources and useful links to help support your child's transition back into school.

Follow this link and have a look at some amazing resources to help your child cope with returning to school.

<https://www.barnardos.org.uk/support-hub/back-to-school>

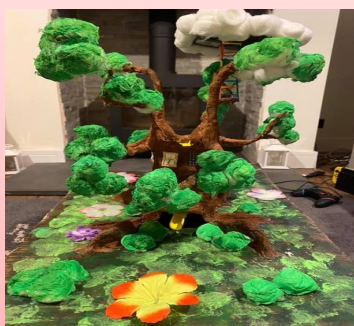
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<https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/content/dam/usa/reports/emergency-response/stress-busters-from-our-heart-program.pdf>

<https://www.mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk/media/2003/emotional-check-in.pdf>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/joinin/seven-techniques-for-helping-kids-keep-calm>

<https://www.mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk/media/2005/sentence-starters.pdf>



Thank you for sharing
your pictures on our
Facebook Page

Well done to Jacob for showing real perseverance spending 2 hours digging around the stump of an old dead plant totally on his own. Well done to Martha for making a clock using an apple as a battery along with her science kit, Ewan for building his interpretation of "The Magical Faraway Tree, amazing work!



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