



Newsletter

Head Teacher Message

Year 6 pupils will be sitting their end of Key Stage 2 tests in the week beginning 14th May. These are very important tests and can be quite stressful for the pupils. We can support them by making sure we approach the tests in a calm but confident manner. Please make sure they get to bed early that week so they are ready for tests each day. We will be inviting all Year 6 children to breakfast club that week so that they are refreshed and fully prepared for the tests. They have worked incredibly hard and we are very confident that they will do everybody proud come test week.

Many thanks to all the parents and carers who attended our consultation evenings. We had a fantastic turnout and the feedback from you all was extremely positive. The school continues to make many improvements and we value your support on our journey to become an outstanding school.

Dates for your Diary

May 1	Y4 Bushcraft day at Newstead Abbey
May 14	Y6 SATs begin
May 24/25	Y6 visiting Conkers Education Centre
May 25	School breaks up for half term

In the last Month...

On Friday 16th March 2018, Jon Ashworth (the local MP) came to visit us at Uplands. As a school, we collected donations for the Food Bank in order to help less fortunate families in the community. Jon congratulated us on this and awarded the school council children certificates to say thank you for all the hard work they have done at the Food Bank every Thursday. Our school also appeared in the Leicester Mercury newspaper on Tuesday 20th March 2018 as a Good News Story. Well done to everyone!

5SR recently took part in the 'I have a Dream' project with Kaine. It involved the children learning about many inspirational legendary people, in particular Martin Luther King and his Dream. We learnt about resilience and in particular: that failure is an important part of life's journey, it's part of our flight to where we want to be.

We joined other city schools and had the opportunity to sing together at DMU, we even got to meet Damon Buffini, who originally came from Thurnby Lodge, but who realised his dream and is now a very successful businessman.

The children had a great time and their exemplary behaviour was commented on by the organisers.

The school choir recently performed at the Curve Theatre in front of a packed audience of parents and carers. They sang three songs and performed magnificently. It was a great experience for the children and they also got to watch children from other schools in the city and county perform. We are committed to developing performing arts across the school through subjects like PE, art, music and drama. We continue to build relationships with a range of outside agencies to ensure that we offer children as many opportunities as possible to grow in a range of academic and social settings.

British Values

23rd-29th April

Mutual Respect

It's important to spot the signs of loneliness and look out for those who are lonely. If we experience loneliness ourselves we should tell those around us and get the support we need.



Student Voice

Playing is exploring and exploring is learning...Aliya Shaikh Y6

Important Notices

We are still experiencing a very high number of requests for term time holidays. So far this year **we have had a staggering 67 requests** from parents and carers to take their children out of school during term time. Please do not take your children out of school during term time as this can have a negative and long lasting impact on the progress they make. Absence during term time will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances.

We have just completed the installation of a high tech CCTV system in school. This will help to ensure that we keep children and staff safe in school and out on the playground. We have 25 cameras in place and they are all linked to a large ultra high definition screen in school.

Attendance Figures

Winning Year group for this month: Year 6

Year 3 – 98.00%

Year 4 – 96.70%

Year 5 – 96.60%

Year 6 – 98.20%



We value **your voice** and would like you to join us on our journey of improvement.