

OCTOBER 2019



Dear Parents/Carers

Another half term that has gone by in a whirlwind, or rather a storm of rain. The pupils and staff have coped well with the water, in some cases dodging leaky roofs and jumping moats. We are working with the Local Authority to address the roofing issues at Woodlands as a priority this year and will update with news as soon as possible.

There have been some very muddy sessions at Forest School over the past few weeks. I think the staff have enjoyed puddle jumping just as much as the pupils!

With this Newsletter you will see that Governors are recruiting for a Parent Governor. Nominations to be returned by the 8th November please, after this there will be a follow up vote which will be sent out with your child.

We have Parents' Evening planned for Years 5 and 6 and Chamberlain students in November. Parental Surveys will be available at this, please take the time to fill this out and give your feedback. Paper copies will be sent out to those parents not attending the Parents' Evenings.

This term we hosted the first Meet and Greet session for our new Year 7 parents. This was very well attended and with so many positive responses I am keen for us to host more parent visits to the school. Watch this space!

Yours faithfully

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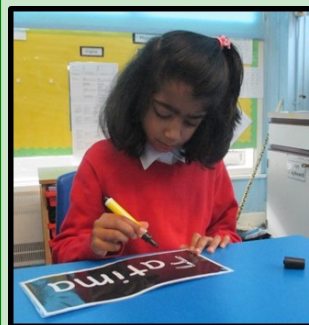
Charlotte Stubbs, Head Teacher

Class 50

50 have had a busy start to the year!

- They have enjoyed a trip to Back to Back houses in Birmingham to support their history topic (houses from the past)
- They will also be going to SafeSide at Eastside on 22nd October to learn about how to be safe in the home, road safety and about the emergency services.
- After half term, 50 will be going to watch a film at the cinema to use as a writing stimulus in Literacy, tickets courtesy of the IntoFilm festival.

During our English lessons 5/6T have been enjoying the story of the Hungry Caterpillar!



WOODLANDS—DIARY DATES

Individual EHCP review dates and times will be coming out to parents after half term.

Parents' Evening Year 5 and Year 6
Thursday 14th November from 3.30pm to 5.30pm

This year's Christmas production will be on Thursday 19th December. The time will be confirmed shortly.



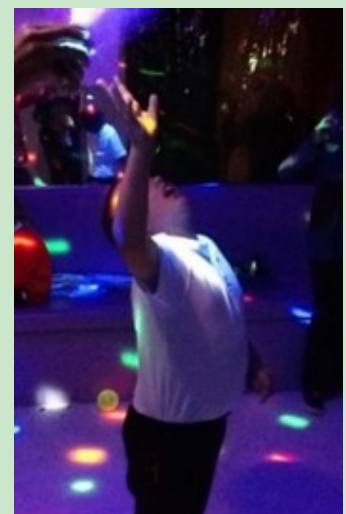
Forest School

Over the last 2 weeks of the summer holidays, we had our very own Forest School summer club. The kids absolutely loved it. We had lots of brilliant interaction and fun. We enjoyed climbing trees, water fights, painting rocks, making pancakes and swinging in the hammocks. It was a great success for both staff and pupils. We are hoping to do this again next year so we can have even more fun!



Fun in 3/4/5B

3/4/5B have had a great start to the year! We have enjoyed exploring the MILE room, looking at the different lights and tracking them. We made lots of different sounds with the instruments. We also loved the feeling of the wind on our faces from the wind machine.

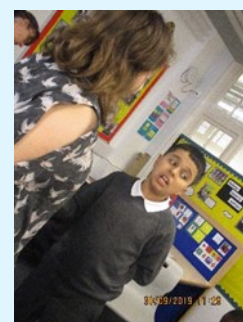




6E had a fantastic day at Kenilworth Castle. The children particularly enjoyed the Elizabethan Gardens and climbing to the top of Leicester's Building that was built for Elizabeth I.

KS3AS Enjoy Open Theatre

KS3AS have been really lucky to experience Open Theatre on Monday mornings. They work with Marlien and love engaging with her and exploring ways to move. During these sessions they give super eye contact and smile the whole way through. Their good use of eye contact during Open Theatre is now reflected in other lessons too. They make me so proud!

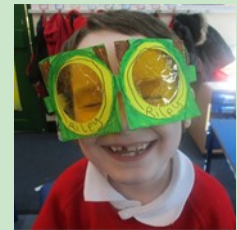
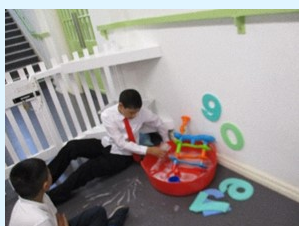
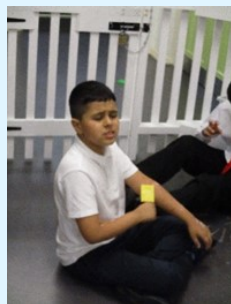


KS3AS Exploring With Their Senses!

In KS3AS we explore a lot using our senses, both in the classroom, through play, music and during Forest School.

At the start of the term we made sensory bottles using water, cooking oil and glitter. Some students were creative and used rice crispies and sugar decorations for cakes instead!

The students love exploring in different ways. The pictures show some of the things we do.



3G have been learning about light and sound and have enjoyed making sunglasses to protect their eyes from the sun's harmful rays.



A Date for your Diary...

Class 5O and 6E shall be visiting Winter Wonderland at the Snow Dome next term on the 12th December

Full details to follow...



THE BIG DRAW 2019



Over the month of October pupils from Reception to Year 6 have been celebrating art through 'The Big Draw Festival'.

The Big Draw Festival 2019 celebrating the theme **#DrawnToLife** focusing on the vital role of creativity for health and wellbeing.

The October Big Draw Festival is an annual celebration of the power of drawing, and hundreds of schools from all over the world take part. For many students, drawing is a means of understanding the world, how it looks, and how it works. There is increasing evidence to suggest that drawing is the single most powerful tool for learning and retaining new ideas.

Drawing is a transferable skill which can be integrated into the entire curriculum.

The Big Draw believes everyone can draw and everyone should have access to the benefits of drawing. It is a truly universal tool that can build bridges, communicate across oceans and make dreams a reality.

Pupils at Uffculme have been celebrating the 'Great Outdoors' through creativity. This has been demonstrated in many ways – drawing, making, painting, collaging, writing and singing. Classes have been thinking about what inspires them and staff have been investigating what it is about 'nature' that inspires pupils and young minds?

The Portakabin at Woodlands campus will be transformed into a gallery to display the work of pupils and students across the school. On Tuesday 5th November Uffculme School will be hosting a coffee morning to showcase the pupils work for the 'Big Draw Festival' and to share the experience with parents and carers.

We would love for you to join us to celebrate the achievements and inspiration of the pupils.

Emma Harper
Curriculum Development Lead



Following the re-branding exercise that staff and pupils took part in last year, I am very pleased to show you the new emblem for Uffculme School. You will start to see this on all school letters and publications. Our new school website will be launched in January 2020 and will also feature this.



During the Autumn term the main curriculum Sixth Form students are going to Shirley Golf Club once a week with Mr Charley as part of their Sport & Leisure afternoon.

14 of our students are getting the opportunity to work with qualified coach Stuart Bottrill.



The students started with the basic actions and learnt about the correct grip.

They are now chipping and putting on the par 3 course and being asked to count their shots for the scorecard.

Some great progress so far-keep it up!!!!



Birmingham
Museums

Monster Madness Party – relaxed session!

Join us for an autism and SEN friendly Halloween party at Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery

Wednesday 30th October 2019, 11am – 1pm

£2.50 per child.



Pre-booking essential at :

www.BirminghamMuseums.org.uk/bmag/whats-on/monster-madness-party-relaxed-session

T: +44 (0)121 348 8000 **E:** enquiries@birminghammuseums.org.uk | birminghammuseums.org.uk
Birmingham Museums Trust. Registered Office: Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery, Chamberlain Square,
Birmingham B3 3DH Company No: 07737797 | Charity No: 1147014 | VAT Reg No: 765 3574 02

KS4RP have been designing and making masks in DT



**Pupils in Foundation Stage have been enjoying the rain!
in wetsuits, wellies and with umbrellas!**



This half term KS3KF have been working on an enterprise project. Each student was given £5 to invest in ingredients. Students worked individually, in pairs and groups to plan which food they would prepare, find a recipe and write a shopping list.

Each week we went to Asda to shop for our ingredients and then prepared the food for sale during our food lessons. We advertised our sale with posters, leaflets and messages to classes which we prepared together in our groups.

Every Friday we sold our food from 10:50am-11:10am in the food room. We learnt lessons about what our customers wanted and tried to make more profits each week. We have made a wide variety of dishes but the most popular have been our cheese twists, hot dogs and chocolate chip cookies.

We have now raised over £100 which we will donate to good causes later in the year. We plan to continue our project next half term so, pupils and staff, please pop in and buy a delicious savoury or sweet snack!

In class 3W we have been learning about light and sound. We have learned about vehicle sounds and have been exploring lights in the Mile room.



On a Friday we do cooking. Here we are making biscuits.



A REMINDER FOR WOODLANDS PARENTS!

Primary sticker collection for ALDI'S Kit For Schools

The last date to collect stickers is **Sunday 3rd November**.

If you are not given stickers with your Aldi receipt just ask the cashier. 1 sticker is given for every £30 spent. We are accepting stickers until **Tuesday 12th November**. We need **300** stickers and currently have 75, so we would be grateful for your support in collecting as many stickers as possible. Thank you!

**Some pupils in 4/5A have enjoyed climbing at Redpoint Climbing Centre!
Look how high we can go!**



Cooking in 1/2T

In 1/2T we have been learning all about 'Ourselves'. We have been developing our cutting, sticking and painting skills to make pictures of ourselves and the clothes we wear. On Fridays we like to cook. We have made peppermint creams, fruit faces and vegetable faces. We like to look at, touch, smell and taste all the different ingredients. Here are some photos of us making faces using cucumbers, green beans, tomatoes and carrots.



Hafsah made 1, 2, 3, 4 peppermint creams.



Khadijah likes pushing and rolling the peppermint creams.



Ibrahim squashes the peppermint creams between his hands.

Ibrahim likes tasting the peppermint creams.



We like cooking in 1/2T.



cooking



Raees rolled the peppermint creams in icing sugar.



Farhan thinks the peppermint creams are sticky.



Seb pushed chocolate buttons into each peppermint cream.



Alfie rolls the peppermint creams into balls.



Useful Information for Parents

Play Scheme: Parks 4 Play run evening, weekend and holiday play schemes based at Uffculme School. **0121 441 4682**



Sound Box
is a new Inclusive Music & Play Session
Wednesday After School 3pm to 4.30 pm
Uffculme School Queensbridge Road B13 8QB
Book by phone: 441 4682
or email info@parks4play.org
Costs £5.00 per child. £8.00 for two children £10.00 for three children.
Concessions available. Walking buses negotiable. Childcare available to 6pm

Play is a natural process that is freely chosen, spontaneous, joyous, instinctive and absolutely vital to children as is their right to be musical. Parks for Play will never exclude a child on the grounds of disability / additional needs and gives priority to children most at risk of exclusion

Parks for Play has been connecting communities through inclusive play in parks, streets and clubs since 2000. The charity was awarded Gold Community Champion for its contribution to services for children and equality by King's Health B&D partnership. Charity number: 1123310
www.parks4play.org

 Children in Need

ART STOP
is a new Inclusive Arts & Play session every Tuesday
After School 3pm to 4.30 pm at Uffculme School
Queensbridge Road Moseley B13 8QB
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Diary Dates

13/11/19

Parents Evening (Pastoral)
(Chamberlain and Post 16)

03/12/19

Transition Meetings
for Year 10 and Year 13 parents

Details to follow

Attendance

In the unfortunate event that your child is ill, please call the school first thing in the morning to report your child's absence. School needs to speak directly with parents/carers. If you are not able to call, the Attendance Officer will make attempts to call home as required under safeguarding procedures. On your child's return please send in written confirmation with the date of absence, a reason why your child was absent and a signature. If we do not receive written consent, we will send out a letter.

PRIMARY PARENT WORKSHOPS

Parents of children at Woodlands are welcome to attend Parent Workshops every **Wednesday from 9.30am-11.30am** in the Portakabin meeting room.

Come along and meet other parents.

We look forward to seeing you!

School Calendar 2019–2020

Autumn Term 2019

Inset Days: Monday 2nd, Tuesday 3rd September 2019 and Monday 4th November 2019

Half Term: Monday 28th October 2019 to Friday 1st November 2019

Term Ends: Friday 20th December 2019

Spring Term 2020

Term Starts: Monday 6th January 2020

Half Term: Monday 17th February 2020 to Friday 21st February 2020

Term Ends: Monday Friday 3rd April 2020

Summer Term 2020

Inset Days: Monday 20th July 2020

Term Starts: Monday 20th April 2020

Half Term: Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May 2020

Term Ends: Monday 20th July 2020

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Allens Croft Disability Resource Centre

If your child is in the primary section of Uffculme we have a partnership with Allens Croft Disability Resource Centre, who often send a support worker to our coffee mornings. The centre offers advice and support for families with children aged 0-11 with SEND, running various sessions and events throughout the year. Information can be found on their Facebook page or they can be contacted on:

0121 675 0362



A GENTLE REMINDER...

We would be grateful if parents would refrain from parking on the zigzag markings when dropping off/picking up children outside school. This creates a potential danger for our pupils and we would be grateful for your cooperation in this matter.