



# Newsletter

Thank you to all parents who came to the Online Safety meeting. It was great to see so many of you. We have uploaded the PowerPoint on the school website for those parents/carers that were unable to come.

We would like to invite you to join our free 'Keeping Children Safe Online' workshop taking place on the 29<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

A very kind member of the community has bought Uplands Junior Academy a defibrillator. Let's hope we never have to use it, but it is mounted in the school reception area and available for use by the community.



## Farewell

We say a fond farewell to Mr Thompson today, We wish him the very best in his new journey. He will be missed by all the children and staff at Uplands Junior.

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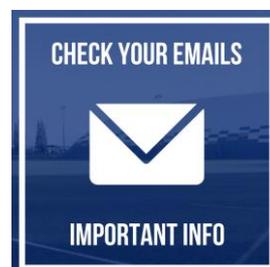


## Diary Dates

24 <sup>th</sup> March	Author Visit Peter J Murray
29 <sup>th</sup> March 2-3pm	NSPCC Parent Workshop 'Keeping Children Safe Online'
17 <sup>th</sup> April	3MS and 3SR Snappy Opera Performance at 'The Venue'
18 <sup>th</sup> April	3MM and 3YA Snappy Opera Performance at 'The Venue'
18 <sup>th</sup> May	Book Fair
9 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Residential to Crowden Education Centre in the Peak District.
7 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of summer term is Thursday – no school on Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July.

## Safeguarding

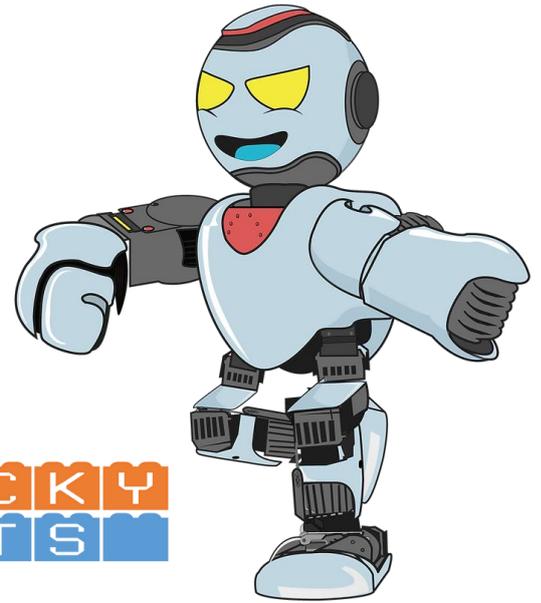
The Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mrs Gatherum, Miss Southwell is the Deputy Safeguarding Lead and SENCO, Mrs Raybould is a Deputy Safeguarding Lead.



It is important to check your email/app daily to keep up to date with the latest news, trips and changes to clubs.

## The day the robots came to school.....

Year 4 children all attended a fantastic, interactive BlockyBots workshop on Wednesday 16th March. They had the chance to create their own humanoid robot using Lego. Using iPads, they explored creating different coding sequences to control their robot.



**BLOCKY  
BOTS**

I really liked the part when I was doing coding and when the robots started to move. I really want to do something like this again!

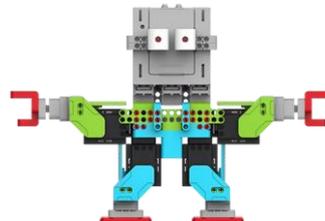
Ayshah 4CS

I loved how we made those little robot heads and because my iPad was the first one it connected to the robot first.

Nusaybah 4TW

I like the part when we made our own robots and then had the chance to control it.

Rizqin 4TW



## Art Club

Year 4 children have enjoyed attending Art Club this half term. They began with looking at famous art work of animals. They explored different ideas about what a tiger can represent such as courage, bravery, strength and pride. Using different media they decided to create their own version of a tiger in the wild.



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## Year 4 Gurdwara Visit

In Year 4 last week we were able to visit the Ramgarhia gurdwara temple in the local area. The children enjoyed a leisurely walk through the park to reach the temple and were greeted by some very welcoming sheikh worshippers. Some of the children have included a recount of the event.



When we went to the Gurdwara we took off our shoes because we are like guests. They showed us where they cooked the langar (food) which they give to anyone who wants it. They can be from any religion.  
(Hamza and Hifza 4CS)

We felt very excited to see what happened and the Guru Granth Sahib because we have been learning about Sikhism and wanted to see it face to face. It is good to learn about and respect other religions (Maheera, Iqra S 4JD)

First we listened to the instructions and so we had to take our shoes off before entering the congregation hall. The boys sat on the right side while the girls sat on the left. They explained about Sikhism and then we asked some questions. Before we left they have us some chocolate and a view of the room where the holy book is kept. (Munawar, Sarah and Yusuf 4JD)



I liked the way the Gurdwara had lights around the Guru Granth Sahib. It was also interesting to learn about how lots of religions are mentioned in the holy book. The boys and girls sat separately but the man told us you don't always have. (Rumaisah and Umama 4CS)

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## Tag Rugby Festival

Thirteen children from Year 4 took part in a Tag Rugby Megafest Festival this week. They participated in a series of 7 different Tag rugby themed sessions in the morning followed by an afternoon of small sided games. One of the entertaining parts of the day was watching some of our children trying to run forward whilst passing backwards. With pure determination and persistence most of our children were successful. Well done to all!



## Girls Football festival

A group of girls took part in a football festival at Goals Football centre. The sun was shining which made the experience more enjoyable. They participated in a series of different activities aimed at developing football skills prior to playing a mini tournament.



Today, I have learnt new football skills with the people from Crownhills. We were taught by Miss Annie who is an expert at football. She taught us different styles of tackling the ball from each other. We played a match with each other and then swapped. Although we had a long walk, it was really fun making friends with other schools.

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Does your child spend time exploring online?

The internet's a great place for children to learn, create, chat with friends and family, access information or support and explore fun apps, sites and games. But exploring comes with risks, so it's vital we know how to keep them safe online.

That's why we'd like to invite you to join our FREE workshop: 'Keeping children safe online'.

### **Our workshop will:**

- Help you understand how kids experience the online world
- Show you resources and tools that could help keep them safe
- Empower you to guide them on their journey

**For: PARENTS, CARERS, FAMILY MEMBERS (THIS WORKSHOP IS FOR ADULTS SO PLEASE ARRANGE CHILDCARE IF POSSIBLE)**

**Location:** Uplands Junior L.E.A.D Academy

**Date:** Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2022

**Time:** 2.00 -3 .00 pm

**Price:** free

**Delivered by:** NSPCC – Rachel Wallace

Many thanks,

Uplands Junior L.E.A.D. Academy



**EVERYCHILDHOOD IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR**