



# Victoria Primary Academy Weekly Newsletter

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Friday, 28th February 2020

## DIARY DATES

### 2nd March

Year 1 Phonics  
Information meeting for  
parents in the hall at  
2.30pm

### 5th March

World Book Day

### 5th March

"The Big Sing"

### 6th March

Olympic Athlete visit

### 9th March

Ducklings in Reception

### 9th March

Year 2 SATs information  
for parents

### 11th March

Year 3 trip to West  
Lodge Park

### 13th March

Sports Relief Day

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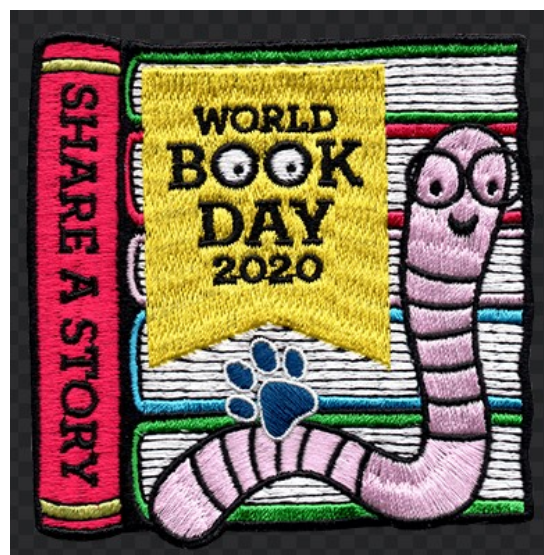


Victoria  
Primary Academy PTA

Next Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> March, is **World Book Day** and we will be celebrating our love of reading.

Having built up a huge following this is a very popular event, taking place in schools, hospitals, hospices and pre-schools all over the UK.

It is a **magical day** for the children, who can ditch their uniform for the day and come to school dressed as their favourite literary character.



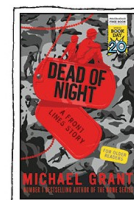
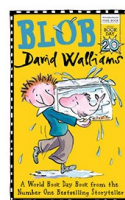
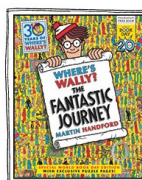
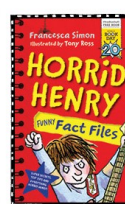
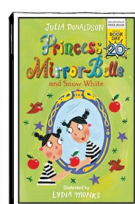
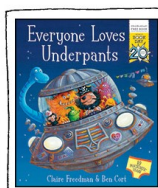
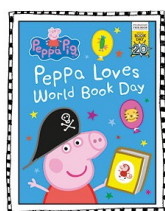
The main aim of the day is to **encourage children to explore books and reading** by providing them with the opportunity to have a book of their own.

Book tokens are given to children so they can purchase £1 books from a special selected list of titles.

Evidence suggests that children who read for enjoyment every day not only perform better in reading tests than those who don't, but also develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures.

**World Book Day book tokens are valid from Thursday 27 February – Sunday 29 March 2020.**

**MUST-HAVE  
£1  
BOOKS**



Stellar  
reads for  
everyone...

Enjoy the weekend.

H. Scargill

Principal

*If you have any good condition children's books that your family have finished with, please bring them in to school on World Book Day.*

*Donated books will be given to the classrooms or to the library for other children to enjoy. Thank you*

# WEEKLY ATTENDANCE WINNERS

Teacher	Class	%
Miss Holmes	RA	95.2
Miss Gent	RB	90.3
Mrs. Hill	1A	91.0
Mrs. Walmsley/Ms. Briscoe	1B	94.1
Mrs. Giles	2A	97.6
Mr. Tyson	2B	94.1
Ms. O'Mahoney	3A	98.7
Miss Cooper/Mrs. Spencer	3B	98.7
Mrs. Embling	4A	96.0
Miss Lees-Collier	4B	98.7
Miss Goodman	5A	97.2
Ms. Spencer	5B	96.7
Miss Costanzo	6A	93.0
Mrs. Wall	6B	98.7

KEY STAGE 1		
	1st place	Class 2A
★	2nd place	Class -
★	3rd place	Class -
KEY STAGE 2		
★	=1st place	Class 3A
★	"	Class 3B
★	"	Class 4B
★	"	Class 6B

WHOLE SCHOOL  
WEEKLY AVERAGE

95.7%



## HOUSE POINTS

House	Class	Points
Artists	RA, RB	1592 ★
Musicians	1A, 1B, 2A	1070
Explorers	2B, 3A, 3B	968
Scientists	4A, 4B, 6B	940
Inventors	5A, 5B, 6A	1097

This week's  
house point  
winners



Artists  
Amazing

## Absence

If your child is not able to attend school, please telephone to let us know by 9.00am each morning of absence.

01933 223323

## Medicines

Medicines prescribed by a doctor can be administered at school by a member of staff. The label with the child's name and dosage instructions must be intact and legible. An adult must bring in and collect the medication from the office.



Being late for school reduces learning time.

Please make sure your children are in school, on time, every day.

8.40am	There is staff supervision on the playground from this time. Please do not leave your child unattended until then.
8.45am	Whistle blows! Children come inside and go to their classroom. GATE CLOSES
8.50am	Registers are taken in the classroom
8.55am	Children move to their first lesson.

## MORNING ROUTINE



## Attendance

*As parents/carers it is your legal responsibility to ensure that your child comes to school regularly and on time.*

### Attending school every day helps your child:

- To take part in all lessons, access all learning and reach their full potential
- To be involved in every aspect of school life
- To have a structured routine
- To make friends and develop social skills
- To feel part of the school community
- To value and understand the importance of education
- To have greater success throughout Secondary school

### Coming to school on time everyday helps your child:

- To be ready for learning and not miss any learning opportunities
- To settle into the day
- To get into good habits throughout their school career and employment in the future

### Impact on your child's learning:

100%	96%	95%	91%	90%	85%
<b>GOOD</b> Best chance of success		<b>WORRYING</b> Less chance of success		<b>SERIOUS CONCERNS</b> Not fair on your child	
Of pupils who miss less than 5% of school, 73% achieve five A* to Cs, GCSEs including English and Maths.		Of pupils who miss between 10% - 20% of school, only 35% manage to achieve five A* to C GCSEs, including English and Maths.			

### Requests for Absence

HOLIDAYS – as a school we are **not permitted** to authorise any holidays taken outside of the term dates. The termly dates can be found on our website, newsletters or via the school office. These are published at the end and start of each school year. Any absence taken for holidays, will be coded as **UNAUTHORISED**.

If you require leave from school, for whatever reason, you must obtain a '**request form**' from the school office. It is appreciated if requests are made **prior** to any arrangements being made.

## FANTASTIC VICTASTIC AWARDS

Mrs. Holmes	RA	<b>Kacper Kaliszewski</b> for helping and supporting his peers this week on the balance bikes, showing them what to do and encouraging them to have a go. <b>Elena Lewandowska Olubinska</b> for her amazing contribution this week, discussing what the magic seeds might turn into!
Miss Gent	RB	<b>Tanay Monya</b> for this super maths work this week, Well Done Tanay! <b>Ricards Jegorovs</b> for trying extremely hard to share with his peers. Well done Ricards!
Mrs. Hill	1A	<b>Hudhayfah Ali</b> for his super story writing. <b>Parker Lacey</b> for his super story writing.
Mrs. Walmsley Mrs. Briscoe	1B	<b>Devon Troughton</b> for an improvement in making positive choices and following instructions. <b>Ember Lamb</b> for her ability to use a ruler to measure and to explain her findings using mathematical language.
Mrs. Giles	2A	<b>Roza Stankiewicz and Berenika Mielniczuk</b> for fantastic homework, designing her own car.
Mr. Tyson	2B	<b>Hafiz Mohammad</b> for demonstrating brilliant understanding in Maths when looking at fractions. <b>Maja Nicpon</b> for showing perseverance when tackling some tricky fractions in Maths.
Mrs. O'Mahoney	3A	<b>Mateusz Krajewski</b> for working well in all lessons and persevering when finding things difficult. <b>Aleeza Begum</b> for consistently working hard and trying her hardest to complete all work.
Miss Cooper Mrs. Spencer	3B	<b>Andreea Sandor</b> for being a supportive partner and always trying to include new vocabulary in her writing. <b>Olivia Grzesiak</b> for improving her independence and applying herself in all lessons.
Mrs. Palmer	4A	<b>Shabana Yasmeen</b> for showing great understanding of area in maths. <b>Kacper Styczynski</b> for excellent contributions to our PSHE discussions.
Miss Lees-Collier	4B	<b>Kayra Orhan</b> for working extremely hard to improve his handwriting. <b>Maja Hirs</b> for systematically drawing rectilinear shapes.
Miss Goodman	5A	<b>Sean Botwe</b> for asking some thoughtful questions to Year 4 children when conducting market research. <b>Joshua Russell</b> for his effort and imagination in writing a persuasive presentation.
Mr. Crosbie	5B	<b>Szymon Szczodrak</b> for always demonstrating integrity and respect inside and outside the class. <b>Logan McMillan</b> for showing perseverance when writing a persuasive letter.
Miss Costanzo	6A	<b>Maya Kapatel</b> for continued hard work in everything. <b>Kacey Brown</b> for showing the Victoria value of integrity.
Mrs. Wall	6B	<b>Toms Pilskalns</b> for settling in really well to his new class. <b>Gurbaaj Nag</b> for working really hard in all lessons.



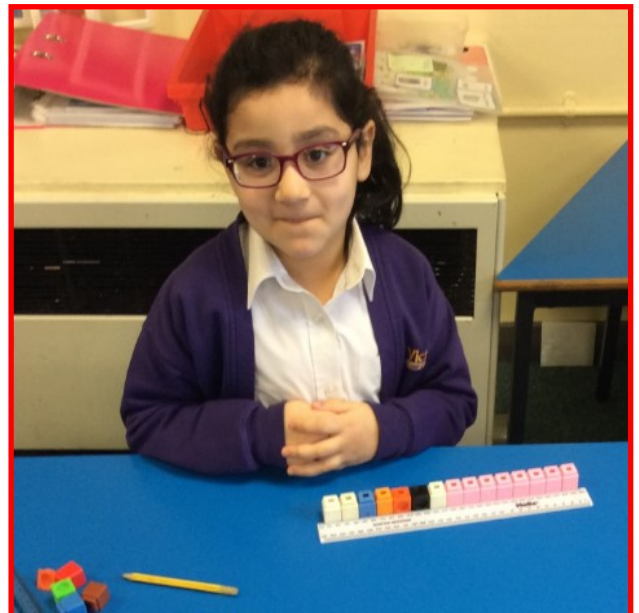


Year 1 has been measuring objects with non-standard and standard units. We used multi link cubes, lolly sticks, paper clips and even our feet!



**Mrs Scargill says,**

*"How did you measure using your feet?" :)"*







Year 6 are learning about microbes and how to wash our hands properly to get rid of as many microbes as possible.



Mrs Scargill says,

*"I love your scientific vocabulary! Microbes!" :)*

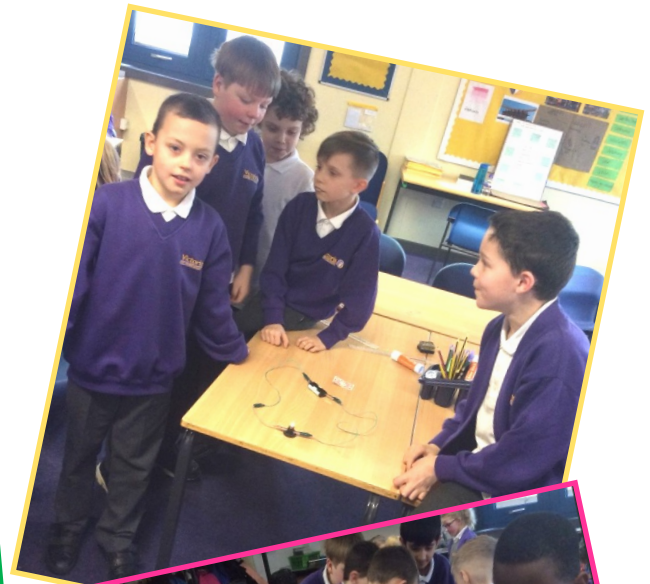
Infection spreads when we don't wash our hands....



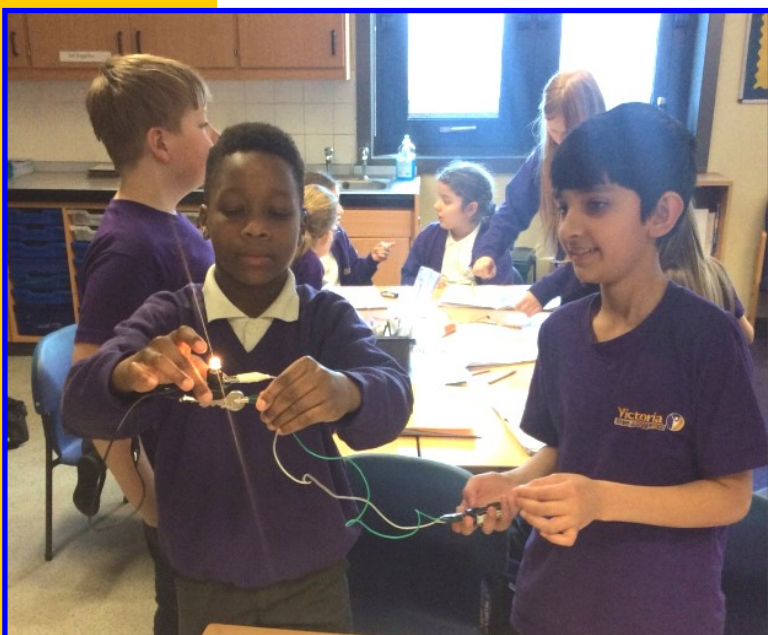
Mrs Wall's spelling group are helping each other with some tricky jumping orange words. Good cooperation today. How are other classes getting on with their words?

Year 5 conducted some market research today with their target audience for our new electrical product. We need to tailor our designs for Year 4 children, so we interviewed them about their preferences for our designs.





Year 5 revised how to construct circuits today. We also represented our circuits using circuit diagrams. We are aiming to use our circuits in a noisy, fun game you might find at a fairground - what do you think it will be?



We upgraded our circuits with electrical conductors and insulators. We investigated which materials allowed electrical energy to pass through (conductors) and which did not (insulators). Which material are we testing here?



Mrs Scargill says,

*"Super science! I think I might know the answer because the bulb has lit up!"*





Reception have enjoyed taking part in bikeability this week. It has been great fun!

Bikeability Balance is a series of school-based sessions that aims to give children the basic balance and co-ordination skills they will need to learn to ride a bike. It involves fun games carried out on balance bikes (bikes without pedals) to develop handling and awareness.





**Mrs Scargill says,**

*"This does look like great fun! What an exciting thing for you to be doing!"*



# Public health information

## CORONAVIRUS: PUBLIC INFORMATION

The Government and NHS are well prepared to deal with this virus.

You can help too.

Germs can live on some surfaces for hours. To protect yourself and others:

- Always carry tissues with you and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.
- Bin the tissue, and to kill the germs, wash your hands with soap and water, or use a sanitiser gel.
- If you have arrived back from China within 14 days follow the specific advice for returning travellers.

This is the best way to slow the spread of almost any germs, including Coronavirus.

Find out more at [gov.uk/coronavirus](https://gov.uk/coronavirus)



Novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV)

**If you have a cough, or fever, or shortness of breath and have been to any of these places in the last 14 days:**

- China
- Republic of Korea
- Singapore
- Thailand
- Hong Kong
- Malaysia
- Japan
- Taiwan
- Macau

**Stay indoors and call NHS 111**

**If you have been to Wuhan, or Hubei Province, China in the last 14 days ...**

**Stay indoors and contact NHS 111 even if you do not have symptoms**



Visit [NHS.UK](https://NHS.UK) for more information

## Returning travellers

Call NHS 111, stay indoors and avoid contact with other people immediately if you've travelled to the UK from:

Hubei province in China in the last 14 days, even if you do not have symptoms

Iran, lockdown areas in northern Italy or special care zones in South Korea since 19 February, even if you do not have symptoms

Other parts of mainland China or South Korea, Hong Kong, Japan, Macau, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan or Thailand in the last 14 days and have a cough, high temperature or shortness of breath (even if your symptoms are mild)

Other parts of northern Italy (anywhere north of Pisa, Florence and Rimini), Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar or Vietnam since 19 February and have a cough, high temperature or shortness of breath (even if your symptoms are mild). Do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital.

## Health Information Advice

Read more important health and travel information ....

Please [click here](#) for the latest health information advice.

***Mrs Hensman is starting a regular feature with updated news about our wonderful library.***

Look out for our author of the month and book recommendations.

~ Did you know, there's a box in the library with book recommendations? So if you're not sure what to choose, look in the box and see what other children have enjoyed.

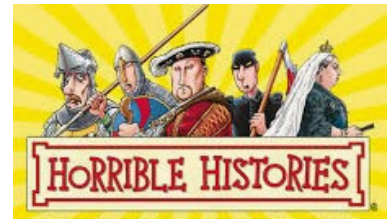
**Author of the month for March:**

**Terry Deary**, the co-author of the Horrible Histories series. Titles in our library include - Terrible Tudors, Blitzed Britons, Vicious Vikings.



**BOOKS**, by Mehnaz, class 3A

*Reading is really good for you! You get way more knowledge and if you're like a book worm, then you probably love books. Books are really good, you get smarter! So, if you like books, you would tell people about it! Reading is great! **Read more!***



Mrs Scargill's

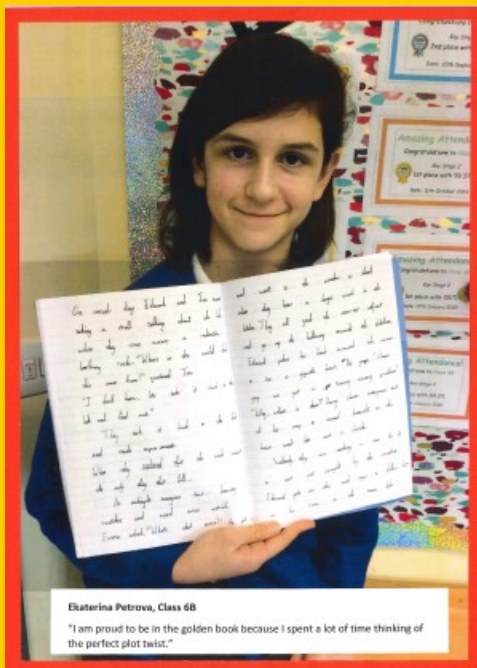
## GOLDEN BOOK

**Ekaterina Petrova, Class 6B**

Katya has put a lot of hard work and thought in to her "Big Write".

Great work Katya!

*"I am proud to be in the Golden Book because I spent a lot of time thinking of the perfect plot twist."*



Ekaterina Petrova, Class 6B

"I am proud to be in the golden book because I spent a lot of time thinking of the perfect plot twist."



## Year One Phonics Screening Check

### Information for parents

Year 1 parents are invited to a meeting on  
Monday 2nd March at 2.30pm

to share information for all Year 1 pupils.

*It will be finished by the end of the school day.*

## World Book Day

5<sup>th</sup> March 2020



Children may come to school dressed as their favourite literary character. Costumes do not have to be elaborate or expensive – many characters can be identified by the colour of their clothes, a hat or an item they carry.

Donations of good condition books would be appreciated for our classrooms and library.

Children going to the Big Sing may come to school in costume, but must bring their school uniform in a separate bag to change in to.

## The Big Sing

Thursday, 5th March

Derngate Theatre, Northampton.

The children in our “Big sing” choir will be performing the chorus numbers from the show “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat”, as part of the annual amateur youth group production staged by Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust (NMPAT).

### How To Book Tickets

Box Office: 01604 624811

Group Booking line (for Schools): 01604 620066

Website: [www.royalandderngate.co.uk](http://www.royalandderngate.co.uk)

## Year 3

### Trip to West Lodge Farm

Wednesday, 11th March 2020

*Please return consent forms and payment if you haven't done so.*



## Year 2 SATs information meeting for parents.

Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> March

2.30 – 3.00pm

Letters will be sent home next week with full details



Friday  
13<sup>th</sup> March

We will be holding our Sport Relief day and the children can come to school in sport related clothes.

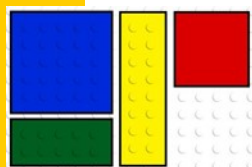
We will be selling Sport Relief wristbands which cost £1.

More information on page 14



3.15—4.30pm

<b>Code Club</b>	<b>Monday, 2nd March</b>	<b>Scratch—boat racing game</b>
<b>Free Play</b>	<b>Tuesday, 3rd March</b>	<b>Painting</b>
<b>Cooking</b>	<b>Wednesday, 4th March</b>	<b>Crumble</b>
<b>Gardening</b>	<b>Thursday, 5th March</b>	<b>Regrow food</b>
<b>Craft and sewing</b>	<b>Friday, 6th March</b>	<b>Make a puppet</b>



**MIXED  
FOOTBALL  
CLUB**

**MONDAY**

**3.15—4.30**

**From 2nd March**

**For 5 weeks**

**BASKETBALL  
CLUB**

**TUESDAY**

**3.15—4.30**

**From 3rd March**

**For 5 weeks**

**GYMNASTICS  
CLUB**

**FRIDAY**

**3.15—4.30**

**From 6th March**

**For 5 weeks**

**After-school Skipping Club**

**Starting Thursday, 27th February**

Our Thursday skipping club has had to be postponed due to the coach being unwell.

For those children who have a place on this club, it will now start on the first week back after the half term break, on **Thursday, 27th February for 6 weeks.**

**LIMITED SPACES STILL AVAILABLE**



## SPORTING CHAMPION OF THE WEEK

Class RA	All of RA and RB for their fantastic effort all week in bikeability! Well done! Miss Gent and Miss Holmes are so proud of you all!
Class RB	
Class 1A	Ruby Bennett for super over arm throwing.
Class 1B	Freddie Foster Reed for great improvement in his over arm throwing technique .
Class 2A	Tyler Bordas for being a brilliant helper and supporting younger children using the ball catcher.
Class 2B	Nazim Mahfuz for demonstrating brilliant throwing skills when using the new ball catcher.
Class 3A	William Jones for being enthusiastic in the lesson this week.
Class 3B	Aurelia Mogila for being creative in dance and making clear shapes with her partner
Class 4A	Ellie Reynolds for showing an excellent breathing technique when completing the front crawl.
Class 4B	Esha Joymungul for always being organised and prepared to swim
Class 5A	Kaiyah Simpson for her energy and enthusiasm during our indoor bodycoach workout.
Class 5B	Ruby-May Botwright for getting "stuck in" during match play hockey.
Class 6A	Hanifa Islam for her enthusiasm playing netball.
Class 6B	Ruby Danns for great defending in netball this week.



## Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March Sport Relief day

Victoria Primary Academy are taking part in Sport Relief 2020.

The children can come to school dressed in sport related clothes on Friday 13th March .... staff too!

Through the amazing power of sport, Sport Relief raises money to tackle some of the big issues across the UK and internationally.

Sport Relief champions a good start in life and a safe place to be, whilst challenging the stigma of mental health and fighting for gender justice.

We hope you have a brilliant time when finding sponsors and are excited to tell people about the vitalising workouts you are going to complete in school.

Please make sure you only ask people you know to sponsor you!

We will be completing a whole school **Aerobic Workout** and a year group **Agility Circuit!**

Sponsorship forms are being sent home today—it would be great if the children could fund raise for this for this event.

Please return your sponsorship form with donations to the school office by **Friday 13th March.**

*If you are not able to fundraise in advance, please make a donation on the day of £1.00 or more.*

