



Victoria Primary Academy

Weekly Newsletter

Issue 19

Spring Term

Friday, 7th February 2020

DIARY DATES

10th February

Year 2 trip to Coventry
Transport Museum

11th February

Safer Internet Day

13th February

Reptiles in Reception!

14th February

Mental Health
Awareness

17th—24th February

Half Term

24th February

Return to school

5th March

"The Big Sing"

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Music is great fun, especially for budding little musicians, however it also offers many benefits that you may not be aware of.

Learning an instrument takes dedication, patience and discipline; it increases memory skills as well as improving other skills such as listening, maths, reading and co-ordination. It can create a level of responsibility and a sense of achievement and nurture self-expression.

We work very closely in partnership with Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust to deliver whole class strings/brass tuition to year 3 and year 5. We also offer individual violin tuition to our pupils in key stage 2.



The children are taught in small groups of 2 or 3 during school time, at a cost of £33.00 per term, per child.

Instruments are loaned free of charge for the first year.

There are still limited spaces available so please ask at the office for an application form or more information as soon as possible.



Taking part in sports activities is equally helpful for children to explore and develop skills which are considered beneficial throughout their lives. By participating in sports, children are exposed to various mental, social, emotional, physical and educational benefits.

Our P.E Lead, Mr Tyson, is working extremely hard to ensure we offer a range of sports opportunities for our children to enjoy, such as introducing Skipping as a new after-school club and entering some of our boys in the Northamptonshire Table Tennis championships (see article on page 13).

Also, on Monday 10th February a new addition to the playground will be installed. A ball catcher will be in use for play times and lunchtimes for children to practice their ball skills.

Enjoy the weekend

H. Scargill

Principal



WEEKLY ATTENDANCE WINNERS

Teacher	Class	%
Miss Holmes	RA	98.6
Miss Gent	RB	96.7
Mrs. Hill	1A	90.0
Mrs. Walmsley/Ms. Briscoe	1B	91.7
Mrs. Giles	2A	96.9
Mr. Tyson	2B	95.5
Ms. O'Mahoney	3A	95.7
Miss Cooper/Mrs. Spencer	3B	97.3
Mrs. Embling	4A	99.3
Miss Lees-Collier	4B	99.0
Miss Goodman	5A	95.0
Ms. Spencer	5B	99.3
Miss Costanzo	6A	94.7
Mrs. Wall	6B	97.2

KEY STAGE 1		
	1st place	Class RA
★	2nd place	Class 2A
★	3rd place	Class RB
KEY STAGE 2		
★	1st place	Class 4A
★	= 1st place	Class 5B
★	3rd place	Class 4B

WHOLE SCHOOL
WEEKLY AVERAGE

96.2%



This week's
house point
winners



Artists
Astronomical!

HOUSE POINTS

House	Class	Points
Artists	RA, RB	1171 ★
Musicians	1A, 1B, 2A	754
Explorers	2B, 3A, 3B	801
Scientists	4A, 4B, 6B	705
Inventors	5A, 5B, 6A	960

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 CLOSSES
8.50am	Registers are taken in the classroom
8.55am	Children move to their first lesson.

There are 190 school days in a year and therefore 175 days of holidays and weekends.

Please do not book holidays/family time during school term time – this will not be authorised and you will be fined.

Make every minute count

If your child is 5 minutes late every day, they will miss three days of learning each year.

If your child is 15 minutes late every day, they will miss 2 weeks of learning each year.

Have a set time to go to bed each night

Have a set time to get out of bed in the morning.

Have school uniform and bag ready the night before.



What happens when we sleep?

Whilst we are sleeping our bodies are growing and restoring energy



Our brains are storing what we have learned that day and resting, ready for the next day.



Our muscles are repairing themselves



What can happen if we don't get enough sleep?

- Less able to concentrate
- Attention problems
- Hyperactive
- Behaviour
- Friendships
- Illness
- Impacts on growth
- Weight gain/loss
- Moody/short temper



What do we need to sleep?

- A regular routine
- The dark
- A calming bedroom
- The right temperature in our bedroom
- Quiet



FANTASTIC VICTASTIC AWARDS

Mrs. Holmes	RA	Gabriella McLaren for her fantastic effort estimating this week in Maths. Hashir Khan for trying really hard this week in phonics, reading the stories independently.
Miss Gent	RB	Elza Fibiga for always being a great character in our classroom, always supports her friends whenever she sees they may need some help! Dominic Simpson for his enthusiasm towards learning and his attitude to school. Showing his readiness to learn, following adult instructions, thoughtfulness to his peers as well as his carpet behaviours.
Mrs. Hill	1A	Asim Rokab for his hard work to improve his reading and writing Koen McNamee for settling in well in to his new class.
Mrs. Walmsley Mrs. Briscoe	1B	Tyler Warner for making the right choices in lessons and trying very hard in his learning. Well Done Tyler! Freddie Foster-Reed for working extremely hard in your Maths this week. Well Done!
Mrs. Giles	2A	Both year 2 classes for four truly fantastic performances of Tattybogle, including a dress rehearsal in front of the whole school and staff. Well done!
Mr. Tyson	2B	
Mrs. O'Mahoney	3A	Aarifah Islam for consistently trying her hardest in all lessons. Mustafa Ali for persevering in maths when he has found something more challenging than normal.
Miss Cooper Mrs. J. Spencer	3B	Lacey Genge for her fantastic approach to her work and for challenging herself across the curriculum and with her home learning. Cristian Giurca for a determined attitude to written maths calculations and becoming more independent in class.
Mrs. Embling	4A	Emily Moore for working extremely hard when multiplying. Natalia Barchan for showing all the Victoria values at all times.
Miss Lees-Collier	4B	Maria Khanom for challenging herself when multiplying 3 digit numbers by 1 digit numbers. Perry Adu-Yeboah for showing curiosity in connected curriculum.
Miss Goodman	5A	Michelle Asare for being an absolute star in her work and attitude to school. Gabriel Cooper for being a polite and helpful member of the classroom.
Mrs. E. Spencer	5B	Roxie-May Hendry for always producing work that is neat and well presented. Ayush Patel for being a polite, hardworking and respectful class member.
Miss Costanzo	6A	Shelidia Meade for a brilliant effort writing a story. Lucas Dunnett for writing a great story in English.
Mrs. Wall	6B	Georgi Mihaylov for an improved effort in his reading. Katya Petrova for great effort in story writing this



Year 5 trip to Warwick Castle

A medieval castle developed from a wooden fort, originally built by William the Conqueror during 1068. The original wooden motte-and-bailey castle was rebuilt in stone during the 12th century.

**Friday, 31st
January 2020**

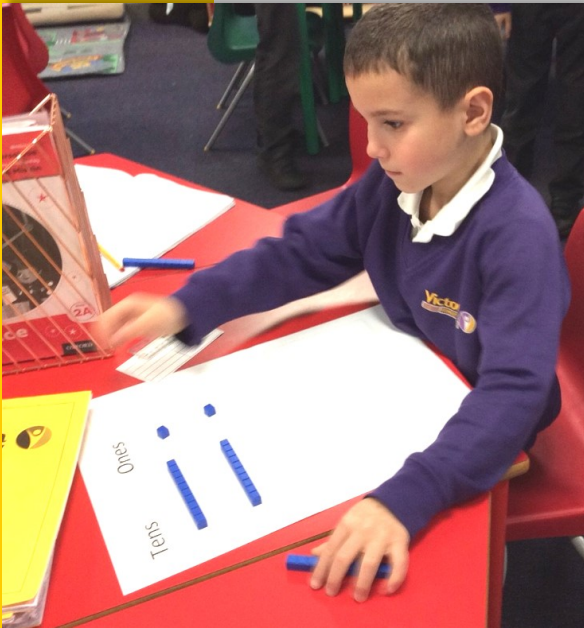
Year 5 had an excellent day out at Warwick Castle! We showed great perseverance in climbing the 530 steps - all on narrow spiral staircases -leading to the towers!



Mrs Scargill says:

*Wow! Well done year 5,
that is a very long way up!*





This week, 3B used Dienes and place value charts to help them to divide 2 digit numbers by 1 digit numbers.



Mrs Scargill says,

Your calculation skills are amazing!



Choir are rehearsing hard for The Big Sing. Today Beth, who will be our conductor, came to help us. She was very impressed with everyone!



Year 6 are working hard and showing perseverance and cooperation when planning their stories for their Big Write tomorrow.



Mrs Scargill says:

Excellent! Good job choir!

Year 3 are finding out about magnetic materials.



Years 1 and 2 did a fantastic job performing Tattybogle four times this week to different audiences.



Mrs Scargill says,

It was a fantastic performance, I really enjoyed watching you all. Well done!





The Wellbeing Education Network (WEN) is a partnership of mental health organisations, who work together to provide wellbeing courses across Northamptonshire.

Peer Support

Suitable for people who are managing their mental health. Join with others in a similar situation to yourself, to find and share strategies that work. With the opportunity to explore and access online wellbeing services.

Duration: **on going**

Session: **1.5 hours**

Where: **Kettering**

When: **Fridays 1pm**

New Year- New You

Start 2020 getting to know yourself, to improve your wellbeing. This 2 week course will help you be self-aware. To understand what needs you have and how you feel affects the way you think and behave.

Duration: **2 weeks**

Session: **1.5 hours**

Where: **Kettering**

When: **Tuesdays 10.00am or 5.30pm**

Starts: **4th February**

Managing Anxiety

In this course we will help you develop an understanding of your own anxiety and ways to improve your wellbeing in a safe and supportive environment.

Duration: **6 weeks**

Session: **2 hours**

Where: **Corby**

When: **Tuesdays 10.00am**

Starts: **25th February**

Digital Skills Drop-In Sessions

It's perfect for those without basic online skills, or for those looking to improve their existing digital knowledge. A chance to learn how to get the most out of online services or anything from sorting out spreadsheets, making your CV look amazing on the computer, spotting fake accounts to organising your emails

Duration: **5 weeks** Where: **Wellingborough**

When: **Thursdays 1pm**

Starts: **27th February**

Who can attend a course?

If you live in Northamptonshire and you are experiencing a mental health problem or caring for someone who is, then you are welcome to access a WEN course.

Where can I find out more information?

Contact:

Avril Clarke, Wellbeing and Recovery Programme Coordinator

email: wellbeing@teamworktrust.co.uk

Tel: 07903 446402



11th
February
2020

is
Safer
Internet
day

In 2019
we
reached



Safer Internet Day is a global celebration. Last year's Safer Internet Day was the biggest yet, reaching more young people, parents, carers, and teachers than ever before! Safer Internet Day provides a fantastic opportunity to discuss and explore online safety and keep up to date with your child's internet use. By being part of something bigger, talking about how to stay safe online can be fun, engaging and accessible! The UK Safer Internet Centre wants as many people as possible to get involved in the day and think about how to make the internet a better and safer place. There are lots of ways that you and your family can get involved in the day and also share details of the day with others online. The more people who know about Safer Internet Day, the more likely your child is going to think about the issues that are really important in keeping them safe online.

How you can stay informed and up to date

Leading up to the day we will be giving lots of advice, tips and information about how to keep your child safe online as well as how to discuss how young people manage their online identity and how the internet shapes how they think of themselves and others. Follow us to stay updated.

Be part of the global conversation

Safer Internet Day is celebrated in over 130 countries worldwide. It's an amazing day where everyone shares how we can make a better internet together. Be a part of this global conversation by using your Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to help promote the amazing things that are happening.

Use these hashtags to help spread the message:

#SaferInternetDay #freetobe

Involve others

Help spread the impact of the day by telling others all about what the day offers!

- Is your child's school involved? If not, visit www.saferinternetday.org.uk and encourage them to use our Education Packs.
- Has your workplace, or a community group you are involved in registered as a supporter for the day? They can register [here](#) and they can access promotional materials to help share what they are doing. Getting them involved is a great way to reach more people.
- Speak to the people close to you. Grandparents, uncles, aunts and friends will appreciate hearing about the resources available and you can share ideas and thoughts!

Help us reach even more!

Source: <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2020/i-am-parent-or-carer>

Apps/websites which are available for parents/carers to help to keep children safe online:

BBC Own It (App for online safety)

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides> (Lots of guides as to websites and social media sites that children may be using)

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/digital-resilience-toolkit/> Information and resources for keeping children safe

P.T.A. News

Chair: Wendy Timpson, **Vice Chair:** Krissy Rumsby, **Treasurer:** Jessica Moreton, **Secretary:** Carole Westrep

Minutes of the PTA meetings can be sent to your email address on request.

Our Competition winners, to design a donation pot label, are:

RA Nikolay Doshkov

RB Paulina Pryzplot

1A Brandon Wierciak

1B Yanis Kaveckis

2A Jithesh Subburam

2B Mateusz Barchan

3A Emaan Ali

3B David-Nicholas Dumitru

4A Shabana Yasmeen

4B Sam Maple and
Olivia Suska

5A Humza Ali

5B Ayush Patel

6A Hanifa Islam

6B Hanan Syed



The winning
individual class
with £26.00 is
Class RB!



Thank you to everyone who made a donation. We raised a fantastic **£303.11**

If your child wore mufti today, but did not bring in £1, please make your payment to the office or classroom as soon as possible.

Thank you

Search Facebook for **Victoria Primary Academy PTA** and join us for updates and reminders for all the latest PTA activity.



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/293177747955365/>

Already a member? Then spread the word!
Add other parent friends so you will always be up to date with the latest goings on.

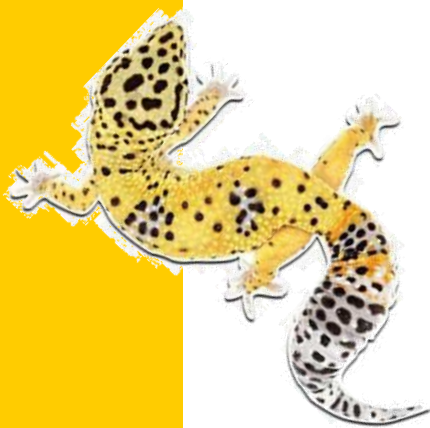
WANTED

Empty 2L fizzy drinks/
water bottles for Year 6

and

Kitchen roll tubes for
Year 3 and 6

Thank you



Thank you to everyone who
supported our

Cake Sale on Wednesday.

We raised a fabulous

£167.55!



On Friday, 14th February

**All classes will be watching the
film 'Inside out' and spending
the day working on the topic
of Mental Health.**

Year 2

Trip to Coventry Transport Museum

Monday, 10th February.

Children must be in for 8.45am and will
be back for 3.00pm

Reptiles in Reception!!

On Thursday next week,
Miss Holmes will be bringing in some of her pets for
the children in Reception to see.

These will include a green iguana, 2 tortoises (the
third is still hibernating), a giant Asian praying mantis
and a leopard gecko!

The Big Sing

Thursday, 5th March

Derngate Theatre,

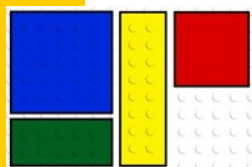
Northampton.

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).

Tickets available direct from the theatre

3.15—4.30pm

Junk Modelling	Monday, 10th February	Paper roll craft
Lego	Tuesday, 11th February	Create a Lego zoo together
Team games	Wednesday, 12th February	Team obstacle course
Free play	Thursday, 13th February	Board games
Cooking	Friday, 14th February	Choc chip oat cookies



**MIXED
FOOTBALL
CLUB**

MONDAY

3.15—4.30

From 13th January

For 5 weeks

**BASKETBALL
CLUB**

TUESDAY

3.15—4.30

From 14th January

For 5 weeks

**GYMNASTICS
CLUB**

FRIDAY

3.15—4.30

From 17th January

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	Junior MacFarlane	He has been doing some amazing balancing on the bikes this week.
Class RB	Brandon Bordas	He has shown brilliant listening ears, performing the yoga positions correctly and in time with the instructor and his peers.
Class 1A	Arjun Ashar	For his fantastic catching and throwing with his partner
Class 1B	Chayce Moreton	He has worked really well as a team, throwing and catching.
Class 2A	Snowflake dancers	Who all showed super musicality in their performance of Tatty Bogle.
Class 2B	Wind dancers	
Class 3A	Matthew Newton	He always tries his hardest when joining in, even if he finds it difficult.
Class 3B	Ruby Maple	She is always actively listening and follows instructions carefully to be able to play games correctly.
Class 4A	Fabian Squires	For brilliantly representing Victoria Primary at the Northamptonshire Table Tennis Championships.
Class 4B	Morgan Harvey	He always tries his best at swimming.
Class 5A	Oliver Glebecki	For brilliantly representing Victoria Primary at the Northamptonshire Table Tennis Championships.
Class 5B	Xavier Glebecki	
Class 6A	Shahan Islam	
Class 6B	Rion Glenn	



Each week, class teachers will nominate one of their children to receive a certificate for "Sporting Champion of the Week" in the celebration assembly.



On Monday 3rd February Oliwier, Rio, Shahan, Corey, Milan, Oliver, Xavier and Fabian represented Victoria Primary at the *Northamptonshire Schools Table Tennis Championship*.

The boys began the competition by taking part in the group stages where they played 4 games each against other schools across the county. The top person from each group then went through to the knock out stages which meant the tournament was highly competitive. The organiser explained how much the competition has grown since last year.

All of the boys managed to finish within the top 2 of their respective groups, which is an amazing achievement! Oliwier managed to finish top of his group which meant he was drawn into the Quarter-Finals of the competition. He played extremely well in the Quarter-Final match, but narrowly lost 2-1 (best of 3 matches).

All of the boys represented the school fantastically and other adults at the competition commented on how well-mannered and respectful they all were. They are all a real credit to Victoria.

Well done! It was a brilliant experience and we look forward to entering further sporting events in the future!

Mr Tyson, P.E. Lead



Some action shots from Monday's Table Tennis Competition!