



Victoria Primary Academy

Weekly Newsletter

Issue 21

Spring Term

Friday, 5th March 2021

Diary dates

8th March

Schools reopens
for all children

12th March

Celebrating

World Book Day
in school.

Absence

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

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We are really looking forward to all the children being back with us in school next week. It's been a long time and we have missed you!

Here are a few reminders for a smooth start on Monday:

- Children should be in full school uniform.
- If your child is having school lunch, don't forget to order via **School Grid** in the usual way. We are now able to offer a limited **hot** lunch menu.
- Cars, including taxis, must not come through the barrier onto the school site.
Please park sensibly and safely on the streets, remembering that families and some unaccompanied older children will be using the walkways.
- In order to limit the possibility of COVID19 infection being brought into school children will only be able to bring in the key items below:
 - Lunch box
 - Book bag, or a similar sized bag - (back packs, ruck sacks, etc. are not permitted to be brought to school)
 - PE Kit- this should be brought in on Mondays. It needs to be left in school every day and then taken home on Fridays to be washed
 - Water bottle.
- We will be using the same staggered starts and finishes as before:

Year 5 and 6 - 8.45am - 2.45pm

Year R, 1 and 2 - 9.00am - 3.00pm

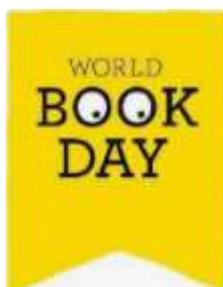
Year 3 and 4 - 9.15am - 3.15pm

If you have any additional questions please get in touch via the school office.

Best wishes for the weekend,

H. Scargill

Principal



Don't forget, we will be holding our World Book Day on **Friday, 12th March**

The children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character.

There is no need to bring any payment.

THIS WEEK'S SMALL SCHOOL CERTIFICATES GO TO.....

Reception	<p>Everyone in Reception small school including their support adults for how they adapted to new school routines and the effort all have put into their learning.</p> <p>Both Miss Gent and Miss Holmes are so proud of you all!</p>
Year 1	<p>Everyone in small school 1A and 1B for their absolutely brilliant and amazing efforts towards learning since the beginning of January. Each and every single one of you has shown great progress, determination and resilience in school. I am incredibly proud of how well you have taken to the challenge!</p> <p>You should all be very proud of yourselves and your achievements!</p>
Year 2	<p>Everyone in year 2 for all their hard work, perseverance and resilience!</p>
Year 3	<p>This week's certificate is for all Year 3 small school, for all of their hard work and perseverance.</p>
Year 4	<p>Freddie Garcia Davis for helping other children when making explosion books.</p> <p>Olivia Grzesiak for writing a brilliant non chronological report about chocolate.</p>
Year 5	<p>Esha Joymungul for her great castle work. Esha went home and built two model castles herself!</p> <p>Paulo Runiewicz-Mika for his fabulous sketching of a castle.</p>
Year 6	<p>Jakub Tarka for perseverance in maths and taking part in the purple box challenge with enthusiasm.</p> <p>Rilley Sherlock for careful hard work in practical maths sessions this week.</p>

FUN FACT

"WAS IT A CAR OR A CAT
I SAW" IS THE ONLY FULL
ENGLISH SENTENCE
THAT, WHEN READ IN
REVERSE, WILL BE THE
SAME!

THIS WEEK'S REMOTE LEARNING CERTIFICATES GO TO.

Reception	Everyone, including parents and carers , for their engagement and enthusiasm with home learning. Miss Holmes and I are extremely grateful and proud of you all.
Year 1	<p>Talia Dunnnett for her consistent effort and perseverance throughout remote learning. She has made such good progress thanks to her hard work every day. I know she will blow our socks off when she returns to school! You do realise we are expecting to see amazing work every day at school now too! You have really made my heart sing Talia!</p> <p>James Hedges has engaged with every single piece of work set for him. I have seen such improvement in his handwriting and use of set 3 sounds. I know his mum is really proud of the progress he has made in reading. I know some days it has been tough and you didn't want to join in but your determination has shone through. Keep it up James we are all so proud of you!</p>
Year 2	Everyone in year 2 for all their hard work, perseverance and resilience!
Year 3	All the remote learners - for perseverance and hard work when learning remotely during lockdown.
Year 4	We would like to nominate all of year 4 for a certificate this week for their perseverance, commitment and resilience over the past 2 months. They've been incredible!
Year 5	<p>Jayden Pindura for his lovely seasons inspired artwork.</p> <p>Aarohi Patel for her excellent work ethic with remote learning.</p>
Year 6	<p>Charlie Stewart for his illustrated double page presentation on Buddhism.</p> <p>Laycee-Faith Harrison for her beautifully illustrated RE presentation and for participating in this week's Screen-free afternoon- sharing her preparation and completed baking photos.</p>

When we re-open to children on Monday 8th March 2021, full time attendance will be compulsory.

Schools will be responsible for recording attendance, following up absence and reporting children missing education to the local authority.

Symptoms of COVID 19

It is absolutely vital that if you, your child or someone in your household has any of the following symptoms you must stay at home and inform us immediately and organise a test.

A high temperature

A loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste

A new continuous cough

If your child displays any of the above symptoms in school, we will isolate them in our isolation room and request you are available to collect them immediately.

Our staff are now taking twice weekly lateral flow tests which will support in the early identification of asymptomatic cases.

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.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE/HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME

Having a good education helps to open up more opportunities in adult life for our children. As parents you have a legal duty to ensure that your children attend school on a regular basis.

The Principal may not grant any leave of absence (holiday) during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

If you intend to take your child out of school **please complete a notification of absence form well in advance of any planned absence.** If the request is denied and you still decide to take your child out of school for a leave of absence then the absence will be coded as unauthorised. This may lead to a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued.

Penalties for unauthorised absence

Timeline	One child	Two children
Paid within 21 days	£60.00 per parent	£60.00 per child = £120.00 per parent
After 21 days and before 28 days	£120.00 per parent	£120.00 per child = £240.00 per parent
After 28 days	Parents will receive a summons to appear before the Magistrates' Court on the grounds the parents have failed to secure their children's regular attendance.	

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Mrs Scargill's

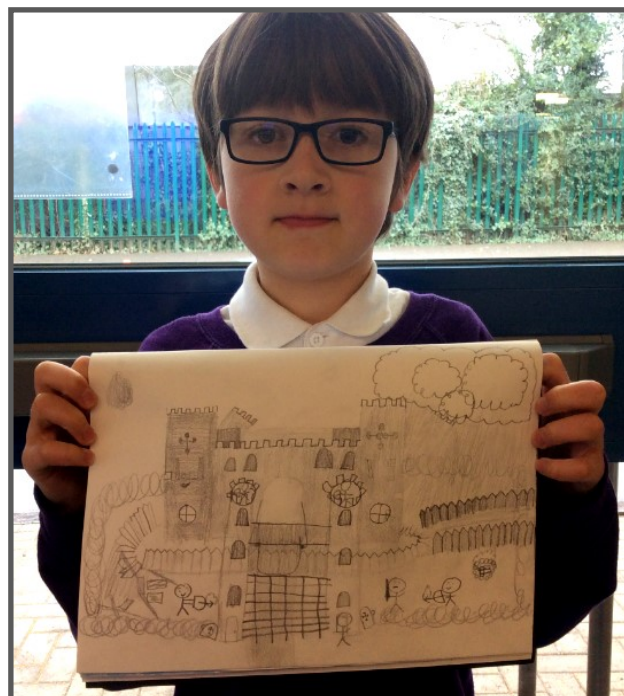


Miss Cox and Mrs Gill wondered how Esha could make such a remarkable castle. It even has a working drawbridge!

"The castle is like 1066 and the man is supposed to be William the Conqueror."

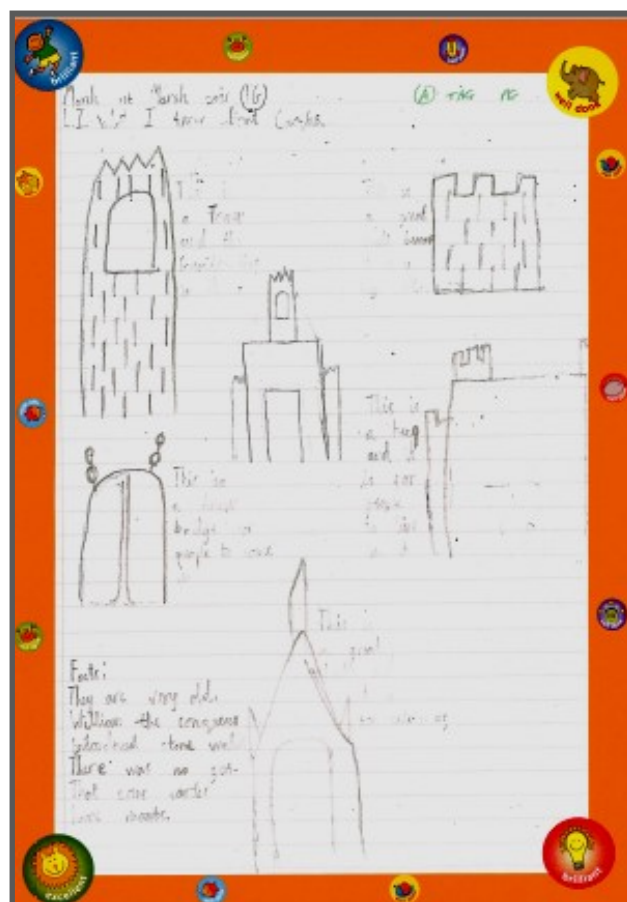
Miss Cox and Mrs Gill love the way Jeevessh has shown and explained the different parts of a castle.

"I am very proud of my work and I tried my very best."



Miss Cox and Mrs Gill are very impressed with the attention to detail in Paulo's sketch of a castle.

"I feel happy that I am going in the Golden Book and I'm very impressed about it and I think it is my first time."





Hello Parents and Carers, how are you holding up?

We take our hats off to you and all the hard work it takes to raise children in today's bonkers world. Which is why we wanted to share this brilliantly simple idea with you – **turning on the subtitles can double the chances of a child becoming good at reading.** Incredible isn't it?

So the next time your child is watching TV or the tablet, there could actually be an opportunity to improve their reading skills at the same time! In fact research has shown that it can double the chance of your child leaving school as a proficient reader. You can turn them on for the whole family or most streaming services will now allow you to do it just for individual children if you like.

If you find this tip useful please do spread the word by sharing the media below.

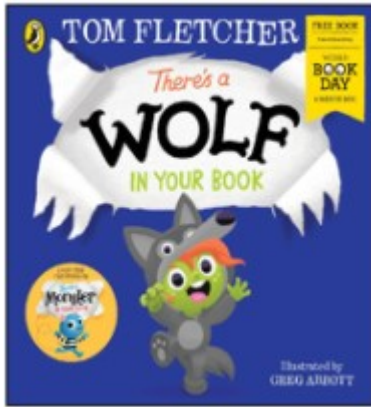
Share on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#)

Turning on subtitles while children are watching TV can greatly improve their reading skills. A quick, simple, free way to make TV time, reading time. #turnonthesubtitles

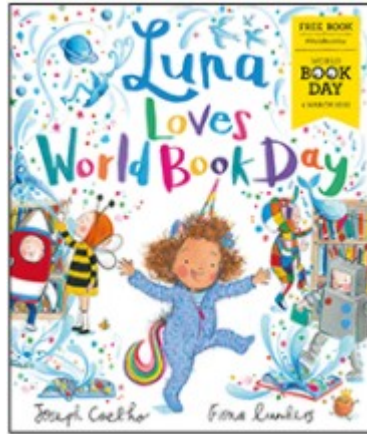
Together we can spread the word and change lives. Thank you!!



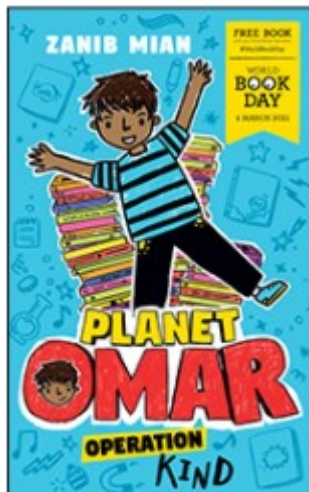
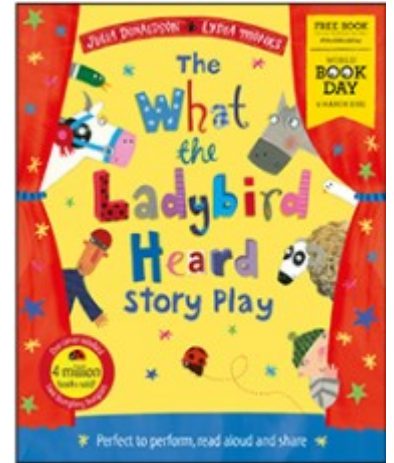
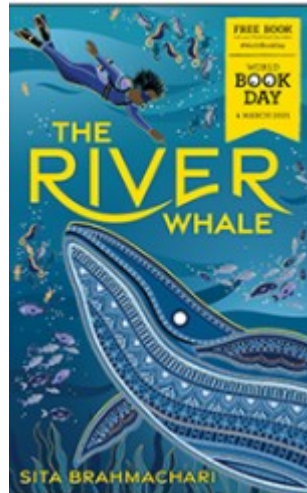
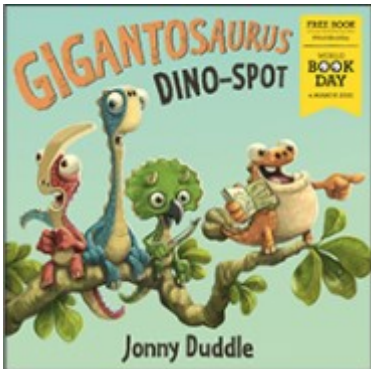
WORLD BOOK DAY



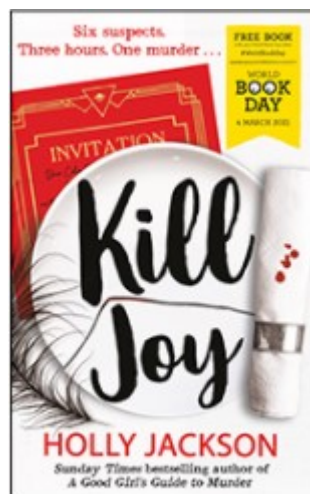
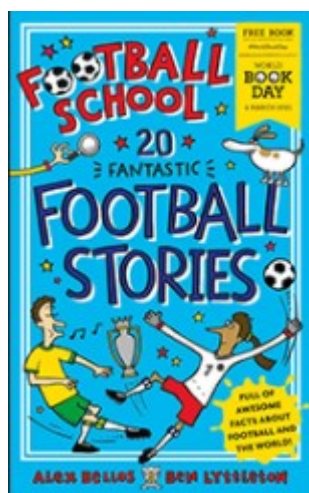
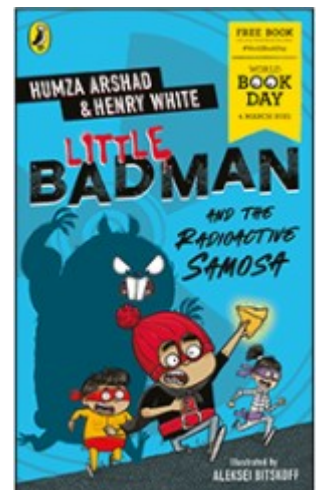
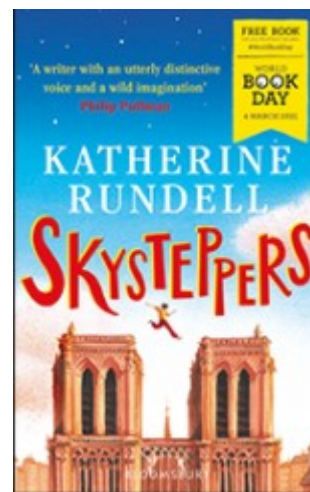
World Book Day makes sure every child in the UK & Ireland has a book of their very own (sometimes their first)



World Book Day makes books and reading a fun part of every child's day.



Spending just 10 minutes a day reading with a child makes a big difference to their future success .



Talk about books together: read with your friends and family to make books more fun, memorable and magic



There's a helpful list of participating retailers (including supermarkets) [here](#).

Once you have your £1 token you can take it into your local bookshop or supermarket and either swap it for one of the twelve exclusive books written especially for World Book Day, or use it to get £1 off any full price book, worth at least £2.99 or more.

WORLD BOOK DAY IDEAS



	This week's Sporting Champions are.
Reception	Liliana Sitko for her efforts in the golden mile every day this week! Well done Lily .
Year 1	Elianna Matata for her contributions to Mr Tyson's PE challenges. I know you are going to be super fit when you come back to school!
Year 2	Everyone in year 2 for showing excitement and passion towards being active!
Year 3	Zuha Abbas for joining in with Zumba and encouraging her younger brother to join in too.
Year 4	William Jones for motivating and encouraging other children during the daily mile.
Year 5	Samuel Maple for his enthusiasm with the daily mile.
Year 6	Jakub Tarka for setting himself a personal goal of running all 6 laps each time he does the daily mile in school. Zuzanna Radio for using her screen free afternoon to go on a walk to get some exercise.



Thought
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week