

# Victoria Primary Academy Weekly Newsletter

#### Summer Term

#### Friday 7th May 2021

#### **Diary dates**

#### Monday 17th May

Year 2 Animal Experience Days

Thursday, 27th May Last day of term.

# Friday, 28th May

Teacher Training day.





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# "A reminder that we are a nut free school."

As you may already be aware, we have several pupils in school, who have a severe <u>nut</u> allergy. An anaphylaxis (allergic reaction) can occur as a result of <u>digestion</u>, <u>inhalation</u> or <u>any other contact</u> with nut-based products and, in some cases, could be fatal. For their safety, all nut-based products are banned from the school premises.

Please do not send your child into school with any nut-based product for a snack or packed lunch – this includes products that may contain traces of nuts. Potential allergens could include the following:

Spreads, e.g. chocolate spread, Nutella, peanut butter or other nut butters

Cereal bars

Some types of biscuit containing nuts

Condiments, e.g. satay sauce

Cakes containing nuts

Some snack pots containing nuts



It is important that you check the labelling of food products before sending your child in to school with them – it is not always apparent that products contain nuts or traces of nuts.

Thank you for your support.

H. Scarofill

Principal

Our 'nut free' rule also applies to birthday treats brought into school for the children to share, for example Celebrations and Roses tubs contain nuts. Please be mindful of what you send in.

#### **ATTENDANCE MATTERS**

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

If you are concerned about punctuality or attendance and would like support, please ask to speak to see one of our Inclusion team or the Attendance Officer. **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. <u>Absence</u>

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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# ATTENDANCE MATTERS

# The world is run by those who turn up.

Attending school every day = 100% attendance

Attending  $4\frac{1}{2}$  days a week = 90% attendance = 4 weeks missed per year.

Attending 4 days a week = 80% attendance = more than half a term missed per year or 2 full years missed over the course of their school career.

Attending 3½ days each week = 70% attendance = more than a quarter of the school year missed.

An average attendance of 80% or less across a child's school career adds up to missing a whole 2 years from school .

# Being late for school reduces learning time.

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

· If your child is 15 minutes late every day they will miss is 2 weeks of learning each year. Make every minute count.

# **Every School Day Counts**

Days off school add up to lost learning. **Please don't let your children miss out on the education they** deserve.

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 are likely to be fined.



Congratulations ~ Key	Stage 1
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Miss Holmes RA	Kai Meade for his fantastic independent reading this week, reading phrases and sentences and then matching them to the pirate that are describing. Weronika Mielniczuk for her super maths work this week, finding one more and one less than different numbers.			
Miss Gent	Matas Andrulis for being a superstar and wishing him good luck for his new adventures.			
RB	Emilija Donska for using her sounds and super reading.			
Mrs. Hensman/ Mrs. Walmsley 1A	Hashir Khan for his independent work this week. Gabriel Bivol for his fantastic work in RWI, super Fred talking and reading.			
Miss Proctor	<ul> <li>Lovia Manu-Baiden for her fantastic engagement in Oxford Reading Buddy!</li></ul>			
1B	Lovia has not only been using Oxford Reading Buddy at home to read stories, she has completed the quizzes that go with the story too. Well done Lovia, keep reading at home. <li>Ricards Jegorovs for really impressing Mrs Hensman with his almost identical oil pastel painting of David Hockney's famous 'swimming picture'. He really thought carefully about the composition and how to use his pastels.</li>			
Mrs. Giles	<b>Alyssa Alexis</b> for fantastic enthusiasm towards our animals topic.			
2A	<b>Habiba Khanom</b> for demonstrating all the Victoria values and being an excellent role model.			
Mr. Tyson	<b>Chayce Moreton</b> for demonstrating an excitement and eagerness to learn in our animals topic.			
2B	<b>Sarah-Janelle Tetteh</b> for excellent reasoning skills in Maths when explaining her answers.			

Congratulations ~ Key Stage 2					
Mrs. O'Mahoney 3A	Jithesh Subburam always working hard and showing the school values. Wendy Amofah working hard in all lessons.				
Mrs. Chauhan 3B	Luana Aires and Tobias Moreton, both for following the Victoria school values.				
Miss Costanzo 4A	<b>Ella Orike</b> for settling into our class. <b>Mehnaz Chowdhury</b> for writing a brilliant play script based on our drama.				
Mrs. Harding Miss Huckin 4B	<b>Adam Peach</b> for some fabulous writing. <b>Blazej Kalinowski</b> for a great piece of writing.				
Mrs. Embling 5A	Jack Stewart for his excellent scientific work. Gabriel Ciuica for his great team work during our science experiment.				
Miss Cox 5B	<b>Abraham Omisore and Laura Holland</b> for their excellent effort finding equivalent fractions!				
Miss Smith 6A	Hanif Hanif for settling in well to school and upholding Victoria values. Logan Mcmillan for great effort with his French work this week.				
Mrs. Stevenson 6B	<b>Oliver Glebecki</b> for his problem solving and reasoning in maths. <b>Kye Burton</b> for his perseverance in Maths and contributions in English.				



# What is Hedgehog Awareness Week?

Hedgehog Awareness Week is an annual event, held in May. It aims to highlight the problems affecting wild hedgehogs in the UK and make people aware of the ways that they can help support these cute but vulnerable animals.

## Why is Hedgehog Awareness Week needed?

• They are not easy to count but the best estimates we have say that numbers have declined from over 30 million in the 1950s to around 1.5 million now. They are now listed as an **endangered** species.

- The biggest threat to hedgehogs is probably **habitat loss**, with the change from pastoral farming to arable crops, over the last 30 years.
- The use of **chemicals in gardens** and for intensive farming kills the creatures hedgehogs need for food and may also poison them directly.
- Many are also killed on roads.

#### Hedgehog Facts

- A group of hedgehogs is known as an 'array'.
- Hedgehogs have very poor eyesight and rely on their hearing and smell to find food.
- Hedgehogs can reach speeds of almost 10km/h (but only in short bursts).
- There are 15 different species of hedgehog.
- Hedgehogs can swim and even climb trees!
- They are nocturnal
- They are lactose intolerant



# What can you do to help hedgehogs?

The British Hedgehog Preservation Society are asking people to make space for hedgehogs in their gardens, which can be something as simple as a log pile or as complex as a special hedgehog home.

Some other handy practical tips from the BHPS for saving hedgehogs include:

- leaving gaps in fencing for hedgehogs to make their way through;
- checking piles of rubbish or vegetation before burning them;
- checking compost heaps before digging forks or shovels in.

The Timpson family were lucky to capture their night time visitor, Hedgley, on film last year.







Continuing the story of Mrs Embling's adopted cats, Lucy has now warily come out from behind the fridge, just long enough for a little cuddle and a photo.

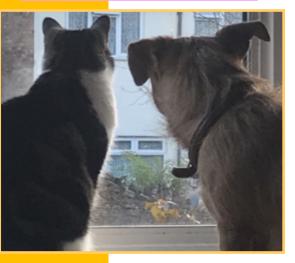
















This week we are all about pets in 5A. I haven't been able to contain my excitement, adopting 2 cats. It turns out that there are lots of gorgeous pets in 5A so here are some photos of them. ~ *Mrs Embling* 













Wow! What amazing Gingerbread Men you created for Reception homework this week!









Year 6 has worked on designing packaging for an i-robot dog to use in our explanation text writing.





Year 3 having fun in the sun











Year 1 were set a challenge to make a model for Miss Holmes. It needed to help the reception children understand that a plant needed sun and rain to grow. We learnt how to make a slider to show the flower growing out of the pot. We learnt how to make a simple lever. We used a split pin to make the lever turn. We drew the sun and rain on our spinning lever. We are so proud of the results.



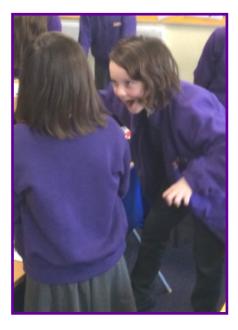








Class 3A had fun in English, giving instructions to their partners on how to move and be like a dinosaur.



#### **NOTICEBOARD**

## TURN2US IS A NATIONAL CHARITY FOR WHEN TIMES ARE TOUG

We provide information and financial support to help people get back on track

#### Check your benefit entitlement

Almost 8 million people are missing out on £18 billion a year. Could you be one of them?

#### Search for a Grant

There are many grants that provide financial support to people who need it.



<mark>Use th</mark>e Benefits Calculator



<u>Use the Grants Search</u>

## Solihull Approach

"Understanding your child's behaviour'

An online course for parents/carers who want to know more about sensitive and effective parenting.

What we will cover over 9 session:

- Tuning into children
- Exploring Feelings
- Parenting Styles

Communication and what is being communicated through behaviour

- Temper Tantrums and what they mean
  - Sleep Patterns
  - Behavioural difficulties.

To book yourself a place on this course, please contact the school office, places are limited!

Starting virtually from Tuesday 11th May 2021

1pm-2:30pm

For 9 weeks.

Building solid foundations to put the fun back into parenting!





To book yourself a place on this course, please contact the school office.

Places are limited!

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If you think you might be entitled to claim for

#### Free School Meals,

please contact the school office and they will check for you.

	This week's Sporting Champions are				
Reception	<b>Kaenan Taylor</b> for fantastic throwing and catching with his partner this week. <b>Sasha Smirnovas</b> for super participation in PE.				
Yearı	Junior Macfarlane for his super running, demonstrating a good starting position and running style. Elza Fibiga dribbled a ball through gates all the way to the goal using a hockey stick. She showed excellent control over the ball and turned the stick to guide the ball. She was so proud of herself, I was too Elza!				
Year 2	<b>Laima Gimbore</b> for excellent catching skills in our Cricket topic. <b>Elliot Dally</b> for brilliant fielding skills in our Cricket topic.				
Year 3	Kiara Patel for great effort in the daily mile. Kiara Mpayah for great effort in the daily mile				
Year 4	<b>Lucy Bothamley</b> for making a huge effort in swimming. <b>Edijs Bahvalovs</b> for demonstrating precise skills in PE.				
Year 5	Sam Maple for his wonderful enthusiasm during the daily mile! Natalia Barchan for her great team work during a tennis ball relay.				
Year 6	<b>Georgia Ekins</b> for being a great team player. <b>Ashley Mpayah</b> for following instructions when a new skill was being introduced- Indian dribbling.				

# AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Monday	Year 1	3 weeks remaining	£ 7.50	Spaces available
Tuesday	Year 2	3 weeks remaining	£ 7.50	Spaces available
Wednesday	Year 3	3 weeks remaining	£ 7.50	Spaces available
Thursday	Year 4	4 weeks remaining	£10.00	Spaces available
Friday	Reception	-	-	Full