Victoria Primary Academy

Issue 30

Weekly Newsletter

Summer Term

Friday 21st May 2021

Diary dates

Thursday, 27th May

Last day of term.

Friday, 28th May

Teacher Training day.

Week Commencing Monday 31st May

Half Term

Monday, 7th June
Return to school

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We've been dodging the showers all week and choosing some lovely sunny moments to take our learning outside!

Our subject update this week is all about **SCIENCE.**

Any scientist will tell you that science is all about questions. Young children are naturally curious: babies and toddlers will touch and taste anything, young primary school children ask questions all the time and they continue to explore by looking, touching, listening, even smelling. They are excellent scientists.

Year 6 have had a lot of questions this week. See page 7.

I wonder if we'll have a lovely, sunny weekend. Fingers crossed!

H. Scargill

Principal

4B also have some questions:

I wonder...
where we can find aliens.
when Coronavirus will go.
why it rains.
how we evolved.
how we discovered how to count.
how the Earth was made.
how sounds are made.
why we haven't found a Covid-19 cure.
if wood floats on water.
how oil is made.
why space has no gravity but on Earth there is.
why thunder happens.
how planes fly.
why there are clouds in the sky.
why bats sleep upside down.

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.

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

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

Emergency Contact Information

It is crucial that we have up to date information (home, work and mobile phone numbers) so that we can contact you, or someone else nominated by you, in case of an urgent situation.

First aid is available in school for minor accidents, but in cases of real emergency, ***it is vital that we have a telephone contact number for every child.***

Please try to give us at least 3 numbers. If your contact information has changed – telephone numbers or address

Passport and Visa Applications.

Please be aware that if you need to apply for a passport from your country of origin for an adult or a child, the entire procedure can be completed at the relevant Embassy in London.

Absence will not be authorised for trips abroad for passport applications and the procedure of penalty notices will apply.

Congratulations ~ Key Stage 1

Miss Holmes RA	**Joel Maxwell** for his fantastic explanation of odd and even numbers. **Hannah Mahara** for her amazing flower creation using tissue paper.
Miss Gent RB	**Jennifer Loasby-Rice** for designing an amazing hedgehog road safety poster. **Happy Mahara** for trying really hard in his Phonics sessions - saying and writing his sounds.
Mrs. Hensman/ Mrs. Walmsley 1A	**Isla Brown** for writing a wonderful poem all about water and showing great perseverance during the lesson. **Ava-Grace Hancock** for showing great improvement in her reading in her RWI lessons.
Miss Proctor 1B	**Dawid Hulboj and Kornelia Bijak** have both impressed me this week by showing such a great love of learning, they always challenge themselves and complete the purple dot challenges in maths. They both always strive for more in all of their learning and I am very proud of them. Keep challenging your minds!
Mrs. Giles 2A	**Zaheerah Ansary** for demonstrating all the Victoria values and being a brilliant role model. **Asim Rokab** for always trying his best and presenting his work beautifully.
Mr. Tyson 2B	**Mohammad Haidari** for demonstrating a good understanding of place value when partitioning numbers in different ways. **Afsheen Alom** for demonstrating an improved confidence and willingness to contribute during sharing activities.

Congratulations ~ Key Stage 2

Mrs. O'Mahoney 3A	**Ethan Harvey** for working hard and answering questions clearly in class. **Nimra Butt** for always showing a great work ethic and showing the school values.
Mrs. Chauhan 3B	**Tone Loasby-Rice** for improved handwriting. **Hafiz Hafiz** for great thought process when thinking about how things work.
Miss Costanzo 4A	**Freddie Garcia Davis** for a great attitude to his learning this week. **Amelia Adikou** for her amazing acting skills.
Mrs. Harding Miss Huckin 4B	**Mareks Sprukulis** for an excellent improvement in handwriting—it's beautiful. **Alenei Deja** for brilliant singing in our music lessons.
Mrs. Embling 5A	**Morgan Harvey** for explaining his reasoning about fractions clearly. **Eden Agborsangaya** for sharing excellent ideas for his balanced argument.
Miss Cox 5B	**Godfred Amofah** for his amazing effort in English, writing a balanced argument. **Luca Calinescu** for his fabulous effort in English and Maths!
Miss Smith 6A	**Nicola Nicpon** for great input in lessons. **Kiante Charles** for showing the Victoria value of respect and being a great role model.
Mrs. Stevenson 6B	**Kaiyah Simpson** for perseverance and progress in maths. **Alex Toma** for being a great talk and learning partner.

NMPAT

Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust

Inspire • Nurture • Excel

Are you a young person interested in music and performing arts? Would you like to rehearse and perform with other, like-minded individuals?
Why not audition for a County Group?!

NMPAT offers a wide range of performing arts activities including bands, choirs, orchestras, chamber and jazz ensembles and Young Actors Company! Each group rehearses weekly and performs in concerts and festivals throughout the year at venues including Northampton's Derngate.

Auditions are FREE!
All County activities take place at 125 Kettering Road, Northampton, NN1 4AZ.
Once accepted, membership is subject to a subscription.
Music Auditions will take place online using FlipGrid.
Young Actors Company Auditions will take the form of a face to face workshop in September.

County Music Groups and Young Actors Company - Auditions 2021

Find out more and apply online by **Monday 24th May**:
www.NMPAT.co.uk/Auditions

CLASSROOM NEWS

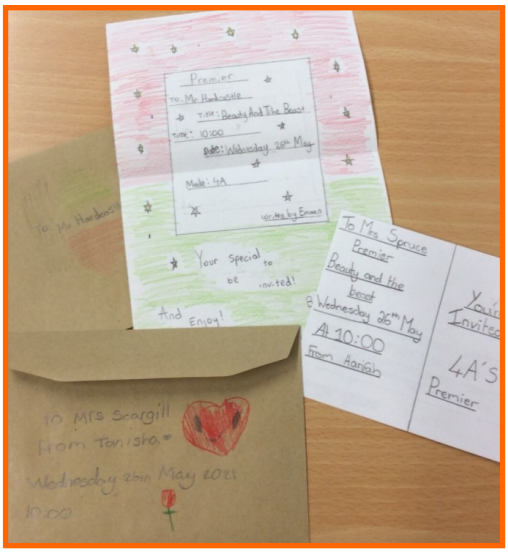
Year 1

This week we were composers! We have been learning how to improvise. This just means making up a musical pattern and not having to write it down. First we echoed our partners by doing exactly the same as they played. Then we improvised a conversation with our instruments. This means we answered back in a completely different way, just like a talking conversation. How fantastic!

Busy in the school grounds, we planted seeds to encourage pollinators to our garden. Then we used our identification sheet to find and name plants in our grounds.

CLASSROOM NEWS

Year 3 have been busy researching bugs.



Year 4

Invitations for the Red Carpet premier of Beauty and the Beast have been sent!

YEAR 6

I wonder...
I wonder how a water gun shoots. (Jakub)
I wonder how aerodynamics works. (Ashley)
I wonder how other planets were discovered. (Amira)
I wonder how escalators work. (Tamia)
I wonder how the atmosphere was created. (Gabriel)
I wonder how toenails grow back. (Brooklyn)

Using movie editing software to create our Beauty and the Beast film.

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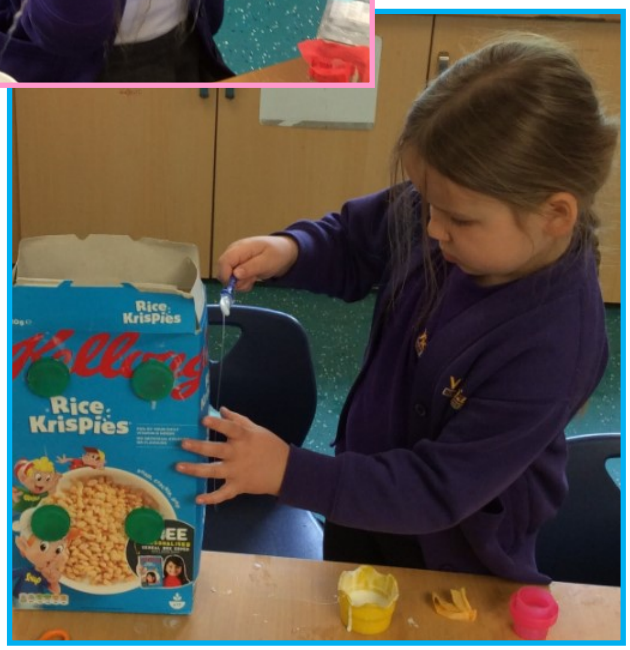


We have been very creative this week in RA. We have been creating our own road signs and transport vehicles from recycled materials!

SCIENCE

Science is taught throughout primary school, though sometimes the topic might not be recognisable. If your child is involved in feeling different materials and talking about their properties or collecting and sorting items, they are doing science.

Subject lead: Miss Costanzo

Science is everywhere....

Science is how the world works

What will be learning about after half term... ?

Year R – seasons and the weather

Year 1 – animals – carnivores, herbivores and omnivores

Year 2 – materials

Year 3 – rocks and fossils

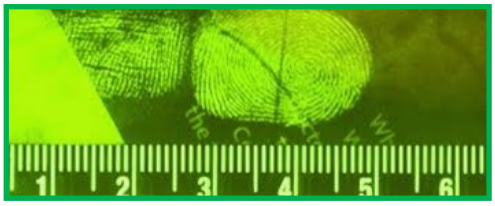
Year 4 – solids, liquids and gases

Year 5 – circulatory system

Year 6 – humans – changes as we grow

What has science done for us?

- cured disease
- email and the internet
- explored space
- caught criminals
- allowed us to fly on planes
- invented mobile phones
- transport



I wonder. . . . . .

- why leaves are green...
- why squirrels don't fall out of trees...
- how planes stay in the sky...
- why we don't float off the ground...
- why flowers are different colours...
- why animals can't talk...
- why the dinosaurs are extinct...

	This week's Sporting Champions are. . . . .
Reception	**Logan Jones** for his participation this week in Simon says, copying all of the actions that he should have. **Omi Kotti** for following instructions in PE playing the Baked Bean and Simon Says games.
Year 1	**Kacper Kaliszewski** for holding a hockey stick correctly and demonstrating control. **Sullie Hadley** for his exceptional patience this week when learning a new skill! in PE . He learned to hold a hockey stick correctly and effectively.
Year 2	**Freddie Foster-Reed** for brilliant catching skills in Cricket. **Adrian Ciesielski** for excellent throwing skills when fielding in Cricket.
Year 3	**Tristan Mierins** for great defensive play in the hockey games during our PE sessions. **Olus Kopaczek and Malaki Wilson** for great control and skill in hockey.
Year 4	**Mehnaz Chowdhury and Emaan Ali** for working really hard in swimming this week and facing their fears by jumping into the pool at the shallow end. **Angelina Bednarczyk** for brilliant throwing being backstop in rounders.
Year 5	**Esha Joymungul** for always trying her best and participating with enthusiasm.
Year 6	**Junior Howell** for great enthusiasm in the daily mile. **Teslim Usman** for being a great role model in sports.

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

Please book at the school office