WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Victoria Primary Academy

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We are sad to be saying goodbye to two of our staff members today.

Mrs Chauhan is moving on to teach in a special needs school in Northampton and Miss Cox is moving to be a class teacher in a school in Bicester. We wish them every success and happiness for the future.

Enjoy your Easter break and we will see you back in school on Wednesday 20th April.

H. Scargill

Principle

Dates

23rd March—20th April
Beat the Street

Friday 1st April
Start of the virtual duck race, see page 7
Last day of term

Tuesday 19th April
Teacher training day

Wednesday 20th April
Return to school

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HOUSE POINTS		
HOUSE	WEEKLY POINTS	RUNNING TOTAL
Balmoral	6129	44984
Buckingham	6246	46628
Kensington	6435	46687
Osborne	6246	45921
Windsor	6398	46619

Top house of the week!

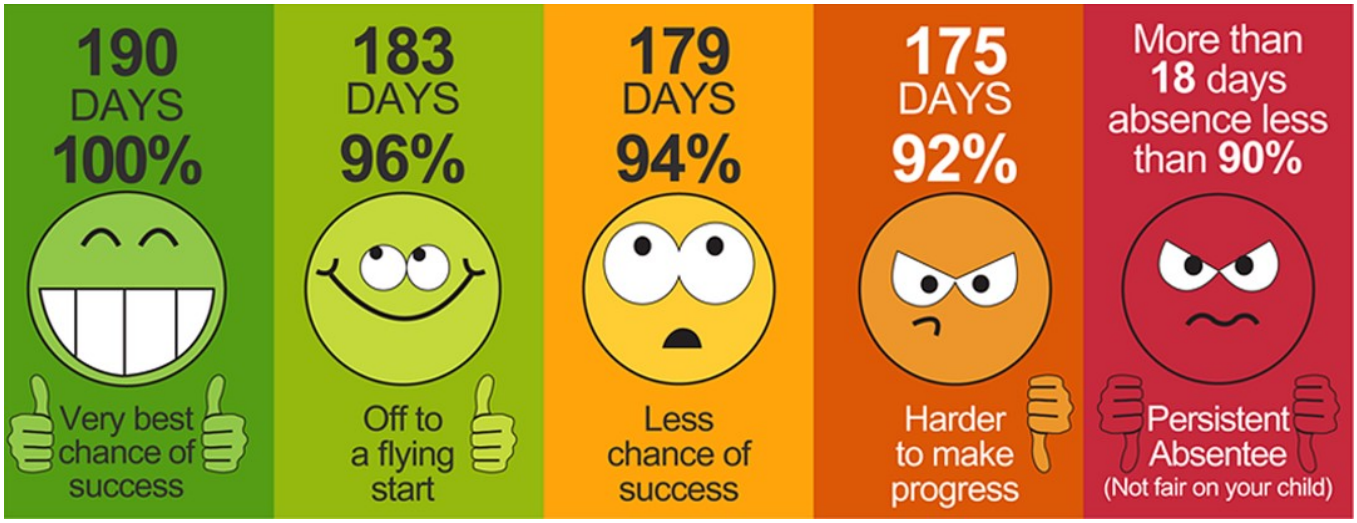
KENSINGTON

Weekly attendance update		
Miss Holmes	RA	84.8
Miss Addison-Bruce	RB	86.9
Mrs Hensman	1A	91.8
Miss Chauhan	1B	85.6
Mrs Walmsley	2A	93.9
Miss Cox	2B	90.8
Mr Tyson	3A	96.9
Mrs Setterfield	3B	93.4
Mrs Embling	4A	92.7
Miss Slow	4B	88.8
Mrs Bellamy	5A	95.7
Miss Smith	5B	91.3
Miss Costanzo	6A	96.0
Mrs Stephenson	6B	92.4

1st place 3A

2nd place 6A

WHOLE SCHOOL WEEKLY AVERAGE **92.4%**



There are 175 non-school days to spend on holidays, family time, shopping and appointments.

Do you know your child's current attendance levels?

Ask at the school office for details.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Term Time Holidays

Parents/Carers are **not legally** entitled to take their child on holiday during term time. The law does not permit the Principal to authorise term time holidays or extensions to school holidays which run into term time retrospectively. Parents/Carers will be fined by the Local Authority for taking their child on holiday during term time unless exceptional circumstances are approved by the Principal.

Fixed Penalty Notices (fines)

The fixed penalty is £60 per parent, per child if payment is made within 28 days, but this rises to £120 if the payment is made within 42 days.

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.**

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

The Education Entitlement Team at Northamptonshire County Council are aware of all unauthorised absence of more than 5 days, taken at one time or accumulated throughout the term, and you may be liable for a **fixed penalty fine or further action.**

VICTASTIC CERTIFICATES AWARDED TO.	
Miss Holmes	**Emily Hawthorne** for her amazing effort in maths this week doubling, adding and subtracting completing independently! **Diyaan Vegad** for sharing his fantastic dinosaur facts that he learnt with the class after reading a non-fiction book!
Miss Addison-Bruce	**Tahrim Rahman** for decorating an amazing egg and creating patterns **Ayan Nicolae** for super work in maths being able to identify odd and even numbers
Mrs Hensman	**Justin Savu** for amazing art work, he was using texture to recreate the Starry night painting. **Nikita Kartasov** for amazing art work, he was using texture to recreate the Starry night painting. **Jagoda Zolnacz** for amazing art work, she was using texture to recreate the Starry night painting. They all worked really well as part of a team.
Mrs Chauhan	**Omi Kotti and Ada Styczynska** fantastic homework this term and following school rules.
Mrs Walmsley **Mrs Brindle**	**All of 2A** for dedication and enthusiasm during the Bee Musical. You have worked so hard and we are very proud of you.
Miss Cox	**Everyone in 2B!** You have made me so proud with your hard work for our performance of the Bee Musical! I have been very lucky to be your Year 2 teacher this year!
Mr Tyson	**All of 3A** for producing 4 superb performances of 'The Bee Musical' this week.
Mrs Setterfield	**All of 3B** for excellent actions and Dances during 'The Bee Musical' performances.
Mrs Embling	**Tristan Mierins** for his excellent and engaging story based on Journey. **Shy Holder** for always working hard and trying her best.
Mrs Slow	**Tobias Moreton** for writing a great narrative story in English. **Zuha Abbas** for writing a great narrative story in English.
Mrs Bellamy	**Matthew Newton** for an excellent highwayman poem full of language features and beautifully presented. **Imogen Pollard** for a fantastic start, following all the Victoria values and also for a great effort with your highwayman poem
Miss Smith	**Eshan Abbas** for working hard on his handwriting. **Olek Tyminski** for always persevering with his work.
Miss Costanzo	**Kacper Styczynski** for writing a fantastic formal persuasive letter **Icon Adjei** for his effort with division in maths
Mrs Stevenson	**Samuel Maple** for his focus in Maths this week and his perseverance learning division methods. **Kyla Dorsett- Frederick** for her continued commitment to reading this term; she has read a wide variety of books.

NOTICEBOARD

Chance to Shine is **a national charity on a mission to spread the power of cricket throughout schools and communities**.

The main aim of the programme was **educational, using cricket as a means of developing personal skills and values in the children involved - including leadership, teamwork, respect, individual and collective responsibility, and general standards of conduct** - rather than trying to identify cricketing talent.

The children really enjoyed their cricket taster session in the sunshine last week. They practised their catching, bowling and batting skills.....

..... and it was a lovely day for the tennis taster session as well.

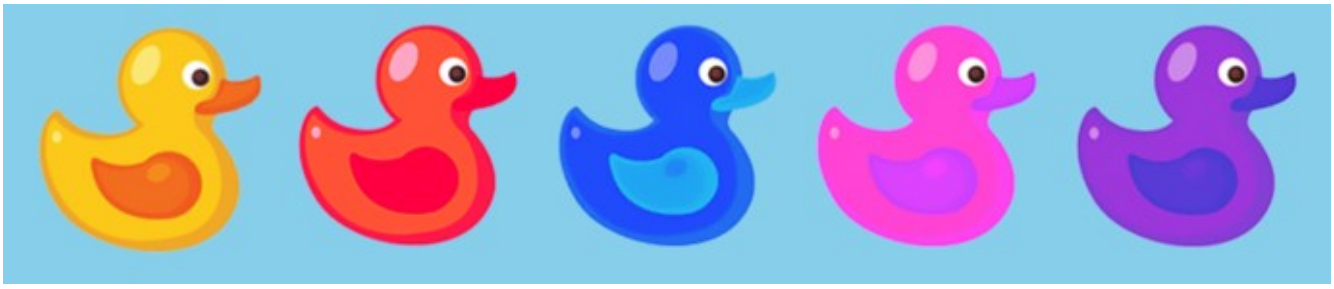
YEAR 5 BIKEABILITY

What is Bikeability?

Bikeability is the government's national cycle training programme. It helps you learn practical skills and understand how to cycle on today's roads.

This is an excellent opportunity for your child to learn how to ride their bike safely on the road, ran in school time and completely free of charge! Let the office or Mrs Bellamy know if your child is interested in taking part.

P.T.A News



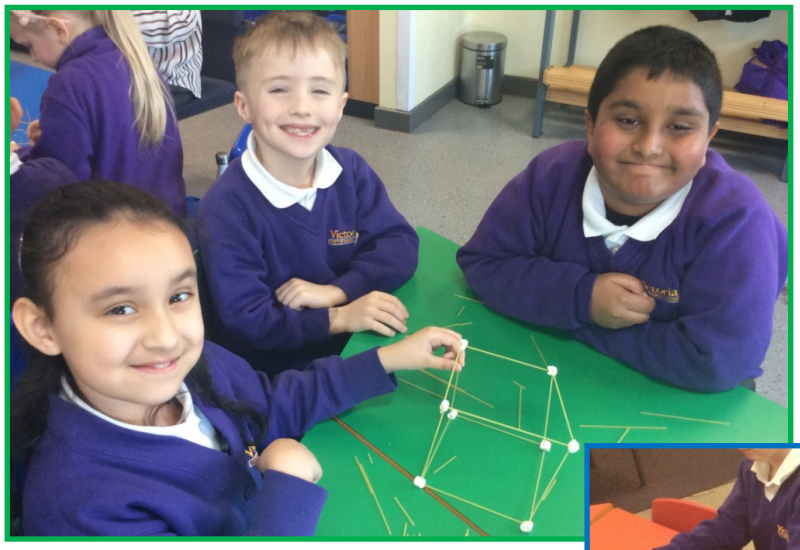
Virtual Duck Race

Start : Midday, 1st April 2022

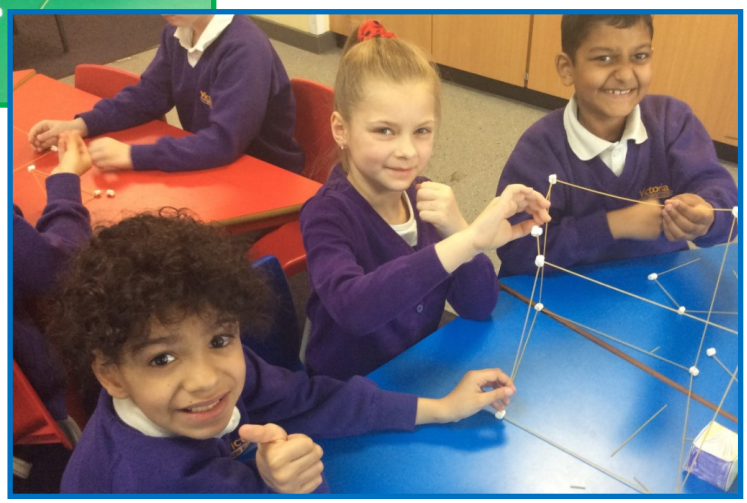
Finish: Midday, 21st April 2022

Watch the ducks race online over the Easter holiday at www.balloonrace.com/VPAPTA

The owner of the winning duck will receive a wonderful prize hamper, which will be on display at school and on our social media page.



Year 2 had so much fun creating 3D shapes using spaghetti and marshmallows! They made cubes, cuboid, triangular prisms and square based pyramids!



EXTRA SUPPORT FROM NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL TO HELP FAMILIES MEET THEIR FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

North Northamptonshire Council is providing families, ***who are already in receipt of the local School Holidays Meal Support Scheme,*** a one-off supermarket voucher for each eligible child to the value of £50. This voucher can be redeemed in major supermarkets and can be used to help towards alleviating pressure on critical household budgets.

Cllr Jason Smithers, Leader of North Northamptonshire Council, said: "With inflation at the highest rate for decades and heating prices rocketing, many people are struggling to make ends meet with balancing their household finances. I'm delighted that we're able to offer this support to the most vulnerable in North Northants to help see them through this difficult time.

Common questions and info...

What happens if I don't have a smartphone or internet access?
In those circumstances, your school can provide an alternative, such as a printed version. Please let them know and I'm sure they will be able to help.

What happens if I have a smartphone, but no data when I am out and about?
In those circumstances, all you need to do is to grab the voucher when you are on wifi and then head out with it already on screen. To be extra certain, take a screen grab of the voucher's contents. It should still scan just fine.

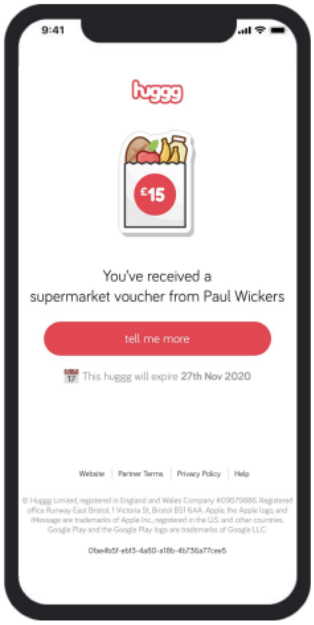
Can they be spent online?
Most are **not** redeemable for online purchases. You can use your voucher for online shopping at Asda, M&S and Waitrose.

How often will I get them?
This is decided by the school and they will inform you of this.

More common questions and info...

Where can they be spent?
Most Aldi, Asda, M&S, McColl's, Morrisons, Sainsbury's, Tesco and Waitrose locations are included but there are some restrictions. Mainly petrol stations but please see the terms to the right for an answer specific to each supermarket chain.

Where can I find full T&Cs?
Full Terms for each supermarket can be found in 'Partner Terms' on your voucher screen shown here.



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In addition, 100% of the profits of the sale of the books are going to The Prince's Trust; a charity that helps connect young people with mentors, career opportunities and provide pathways into inspiring futures.

Lisa Lemon, Receptionist at Victoria Primary Academy, said: "We were really grateful to receive the donation of 'We Can Build' books from Barratt Homes.

"The book will teach our Key Stage Two children about the process of building a new home, and will perhaps inspire our pupils to consider a career in the construction industry."

The school, which is close to the Barratt Homes' Glenvale Park development on Niort Way, was delighted to receive the donation.

Alison Raine, Sales Director at Barratt Homes Northampton, said: "We are really proud of this year's cohort of ASPIRE graduates for the amazing book they have put together.

The book covers all elements of construction including architecture, engineering, surveying, site management, construction and sales. We hope that the book might inspire some of the pupils of Victoria Primary Academy to become the next generation in the industry."

BARRATT HOMES

THIS WEEK'S SPORTING CHAMPIONS	
RA	**Ayyan Abbas** for his excellent effort this week participating in the team games and support this friends whilst trying his best.
RB	**Bella Holland** for brilliant team work and coordination.
1A	**Justin Savu** for showing excellent participation during cosmic yoga this week.
1B	**Harry Griggs** for great yoga skills.
2A	**Gabriella McLaren** for always remembering the dance moves and ensuring everyone was in the right place at the right time!
2B	**Kornelia Bijak**— I have been so impressed with her during our Bee Musical, you are fantastic!
3A	**All of 3A** for excellent actions and Dances during 'The Bee Musical' performances.
3B	**All of 3B** for excellent actions and Dances during 'The Bee Musical' performances.
4A	**Austin Harrison** for always showing great enthusiasm.
4B	**Rozalia Kaliszewska** for swimming 25 metres, starting at the deep end.
5A	**Aleeza Begum** for fantastic tag rugby skills and team work in the intra-house competition. **Special mention to 5B** for their swimming, great attitude, hard work and they all made fantastic progress.
5B	**Piotr Wojciechowski** for challenging himself in PE lessons.
6A	**Clementine Malaka** for working hard to improve her skills in tennis.
6B	**Mihai Bita** for improvement in tennis skills over the term.

Summer Term After School Clubs at Victoria Primary Academy

We will be going cashless from the 20th April 2022. Once your child has been allocated a space you will be sent a payment notice on ParentMail to make payment. This will need to be paid within 2 days.

Monday:	Lego Club	(3.15pm – 4.30pm)
Tuesday:	Cooking KS2 (3,4,5 &6)	(3.15pm – 4.30pm)
Wednesday:	Gardening Club	(3.15pm – 4.30pm)
Thursday:	Cooking Club KS1 (Rec, 1 & 2)	(3.15pm – 4.30pm)
Friday:	Team Games	(3.15pm – 4.30pm)

Monday:	Athletics (Yr. 3,4,5 & 6)	(3.15pm – 4.30pm)
Monday:	Cricket (Reception, 1 & 2)	(3.15pm – 4.30pm)
Tuesday:	Football (Yr. 3,4,5 &6)	(3.15pm – 4.30pm)
Wednesday:	Football (Reception,1 & 2)	(3.15pm – 4.30pm)
Thursday:	Dance (Rec, 1 & 2)	(3.15pm – 4.30pm)
Friday:	Rugby (3,4,5 & 6)	(3.15pm – 4.30pm)

Club will start week beginning **Monday 25th April to Friday 27th May at a total cost of £12.50 for 5 weeks.**

ALL INFORMATION HAS BEEN SENT HOME BY LETTER TODAY

An easier way for you to make school payments

From 20th April, 2022 we will be using +Pay on ParentMail – an online payment service which allows you to pay for school items, trips and clubs quickly and easily on your smartphone, tablet or computer.

We will inform you about any items you need to pay through ParentMail, and you will be able to pay electronically, using credit or debit cards as well as PayPal and PayPoint.

If you have an Android or Apple smartphone, we would highly recommend you download the free ParentMail App so that you can make easy, online payments on the go. To do this, simply search for "ParentMail" in your App store.

We are hoping to go completely cashless over the next few weeks so appreciate your support in making payments electronically. However, if you do not wish to make payments online, you can continue to make cash payments.

Please note, your bank statement will display either the school name or ParentMail, dependent on your payment method.

If you need any additional information or assistance, please use the help site: www.parentmail.co.uk/help/parenthelp/ or please contact the school office.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

We've had great fun in our clubs this term, building dens in the environmental area and getting the area ready for planting in Team Games, making Easter eggs in Lego and helping to design a 5 foot flag! These are just a few of our exciting activities.