WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Victoria Primary Academy

Congratulations KENSINGTON HOUSE

This afternoon the children in Kensington house "chilled out" with a visit from the ice-cream van, (see more pictures on page 8).

They were all so excited to pick an ice cream or a lolly as their chosen reward for winning the most house points by the end of last term.

Remember, there is no school on Monday, as it is the May Day bank holiday. Enjoy the long weekend and we'll see you back in school on Tuesday.

H. Scargill **Principal**

We have a number of families who are putting in requests for leave of absence for their children. Please be aware that we are legally not able to authorise these absences and the County Council are issuing fines.

See 'Attendance Matters' for more information.

Diary Dates

Monday, 2nd May

Bank Holiday, school closed.

Friday, 27th May

Jubilee Celebrations in school

Last day of term

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HOUSE POINTS		
HOUSE	WEEKLY POINTS	RUNNING TOTAL
Balmoral	1176	1599
Buckingham	1306	1781
Kensington	1453	1978
Osborne	1304	1776
Windsor	1297	1788

Top house of the week!

KENSINGTON

Weekly attendance update		
Miss Holmes	RA	88.2
Miss Addison-Bruce	RB	88.9
Mrs Hensman	1A	90.3
Miss Gent	1B	96.7
Mrs Walmsley	2A	98.6
Miss Seabridge	2B	93.1
Mr Tyson	3A	97.3
Mr Mepham	3B	93.1
Mrs Embling	4A	91.3
Miss Slow	4B	95.9
Mrs Bellamy	5A	96.7
Miss Smith	5B	97.7
Miss Costanzo	6A	99.0
Mrs Stephenson	6B	95.3

1st place 6A

2nd place 2A

3rd place 5B

WHOLE SCHOOL WEEKLY AVERAGE **94.3%**

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

96 – 100%

Your child is taking full advantage of his/her learning.

90 – 95%

Satisfactory, but your child may have to spend time catching up.

85 – 90%

Your child could be in danger of underachieving and will need your support to keep up with his/her work.

80 – 85%

Your child's poor attendance has a significant impact on their learning

Under 80%

Your child is losing a wide and varied education. You are in danger of being prosecuted.

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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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.

Term Time Holidays

Parents/Carers are **not legally** entitled to take their child on holiday or away 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.

What reasons for absence will the school accept?

The Department for Education (DfE) asks schools to identify the reasons a child is absent from school.

Authorised absences are for:

- Genuine illness (if you are in any doubt as to whether you should keep your child off contact school and we can advise you.)
- **Emergency** dental / medical appointments (routine appointments must be made out of school hours)
- 1 Day of religious observance
- Family bereavement.

Exceptional Leave of Absence (only when prior approval has been given by the Principal)

Other absences will be recorded as unauthorised.

The school will not authorise absence for day trips, birthdays, visiting relatives, waiting in for deliveries, tiredness due to a late night, airport drop offs/collections.

Please note any absences occurring either side of school holidays will require medical proof of illness, otherwise the absence may be marked as unauthorised.

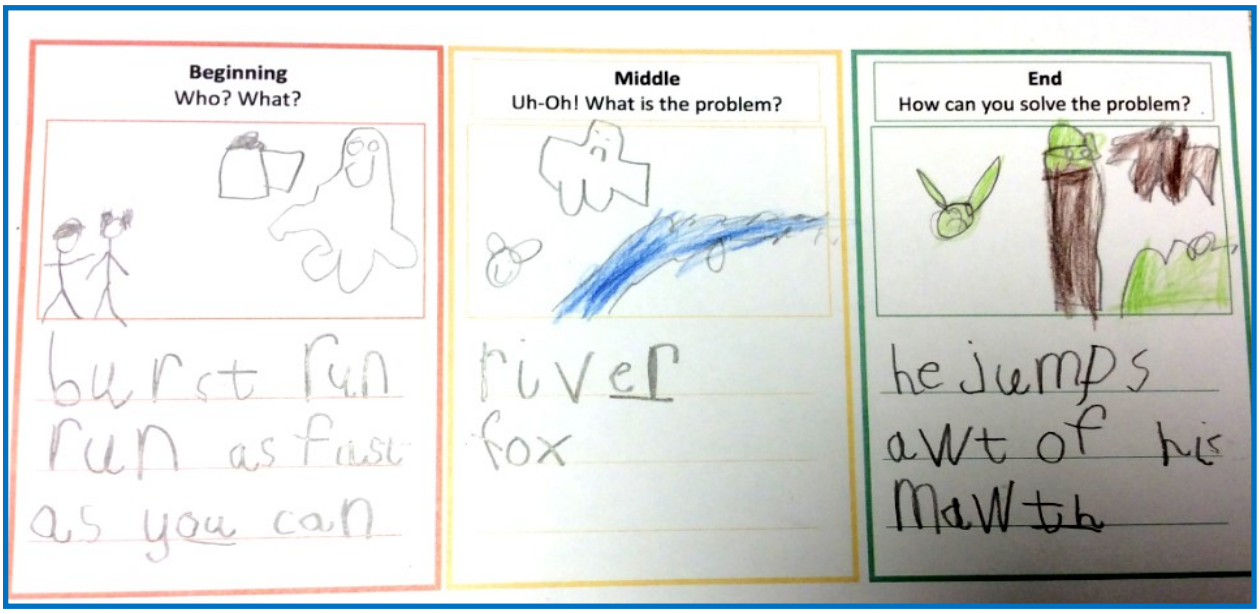
VICTASTIC CERTIFICATES AWARDED TO. . . . . .

Miss Holmes	**Martin Minkov** for his fantastic story map this week, retelling the story of the gingerbread man in pictures and words. Martin remembered to use his finger spaces and included set two sounds! **Lena Zajdel** for her fantastic creative boat that she made this week to help the gingerbread man cross the river! Lena was able to identify which materials would float and made sure she used to make her boat.
Miss Addison-Bruce	**Kevin Pavelescu** for some brilliant reading and matching the words to the pictures. **Gabriel Dutulescu** for working really hard on a puzzle and completing it by himself
Mrs Hensman	**Marley Simpson** for his amazing maths work this week. He could identify missing numbers within 100. **Sasha Smirnovas** for always having beautifully presented work. His letters are all formed correctly and are consistent in size.
Miss Gent	**Tosia Pieczynska** for her brilliant explanations in maths this week about numbers within 100. Well Done Tosia! **Jasper Brandon** for his efforts and green behaviours in phonics this week, my phonics superstar. Well Done!
Mrs Walmsley **Mrs Brindle**	**Emily Bazely** for her super work in identifying a vertical of symmetry. She knew it meant it had to be exactly the same on both sides and could then use it to complete a shape! **Hanna Latusek** for her amazing reasoning when discussing if things were living, dead or had never lived. She could confidently explain her thinking and justify her thoughts!
Miss Seabridge	**Kuba Kosz** for his excellent contributions in maths. Kuba remembered that multiplication means groups of, he explained that 5x2 means 5 groups of two. **Ismaeel Ali** for his enthusiasm in RE. Ismaeel recalled all the parts of the mosque.
Mr Tyson	**Emilija Babure** for contributing brilliant ideas in English. **Mohammad Haidari** for excellent knowledge of his times tables.
Mr Mepham	**Adrian Ciesielski** for outstanding work in maths with recalling fractions of quantity. **Ola Patalan** for her writing effective sentences in English.
Mrs Embling	**David Grabarek and Vitalie Bivol** for amazing dribbling skills in hockey.
Mrs Slow	**Tariq Islam** for improved effort in all lessons since the Easter holiday. **Luana Aires** for correctly using the plural possessive apostrophe in her writing and for some amazing descriptive language
Mrs Bellamy	**Laila Maple and Tegan McLune** for always being ready to work and following the school rules and values.
Miss Smith	**Naimah Miah** for showing great interest in our Re topic 'people of faith'. **Andreea Sandor** for great input in English.
Miss Costanzo	**Ellie Reynolds** for her effort in writing about the place we have visited on our world tour. **Laura Holland** for persevering in maths this week.
Mrs Stevenson	**Olivia Suska** for her carefully drawn and labelled diagram explaining the water cycle. **Can Ucer** for showing the Victoria value of Kindness and being a good role model for the school.

CLASSROOM NEWS

In Reception we began creating our own story boards for the story "The Gingerbread Man".

We had to think really carefully about how the story started, what the problem in the story was and how the problem was solved at the end.

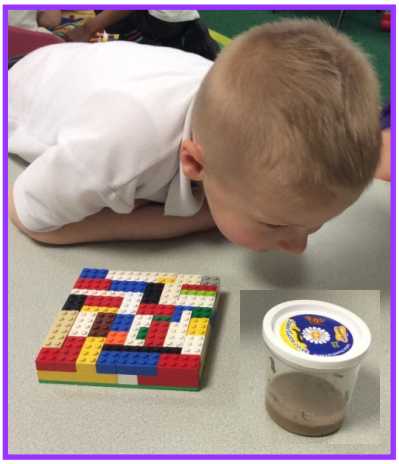


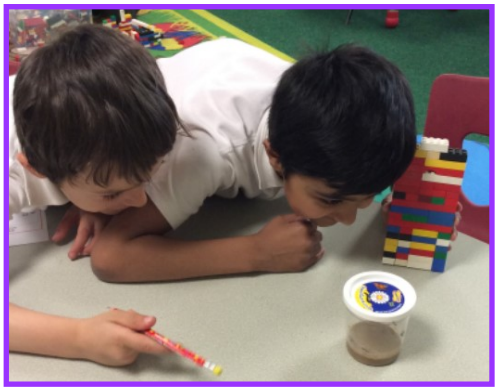
We had a special delivery in Reception this week - 5 tiny caterpillars!

Over the next few weeks we are going to be looking after them and watching how they change!

In RA, we discussed what we thought would happen to the caterpillars. We think they will change into butterflies! What do you think will happen?

We have loved observing the caterpillars today. We have only had them a few days and they have grown lots already!!





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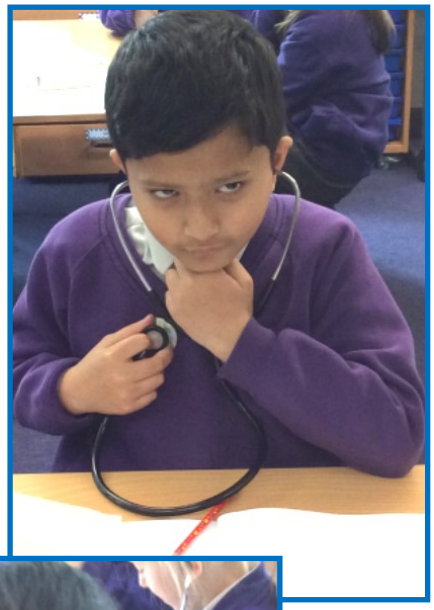

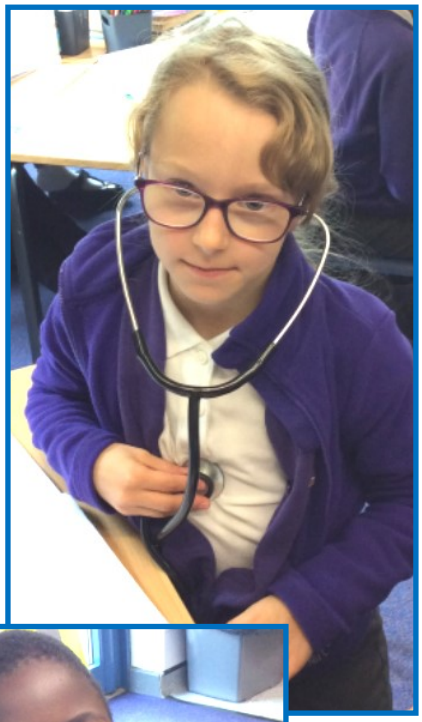

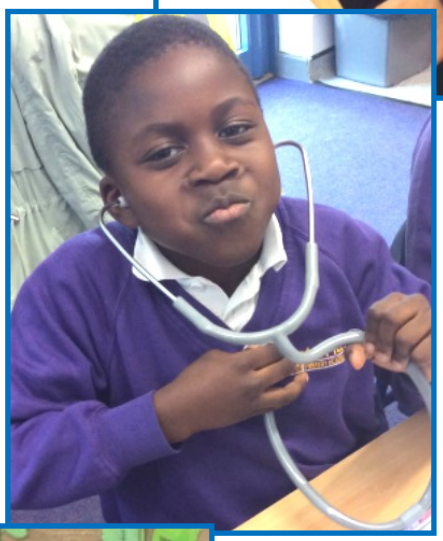

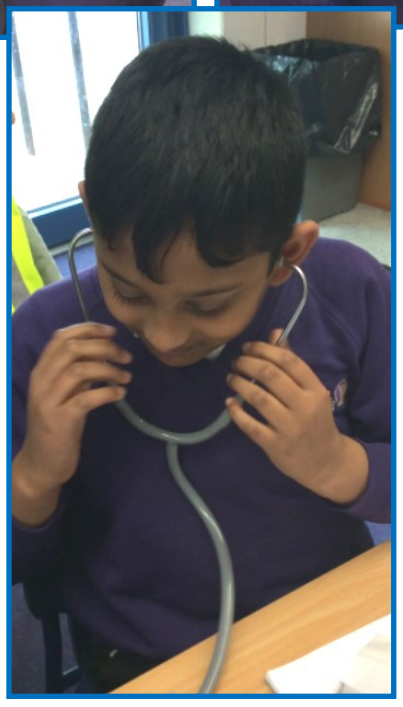

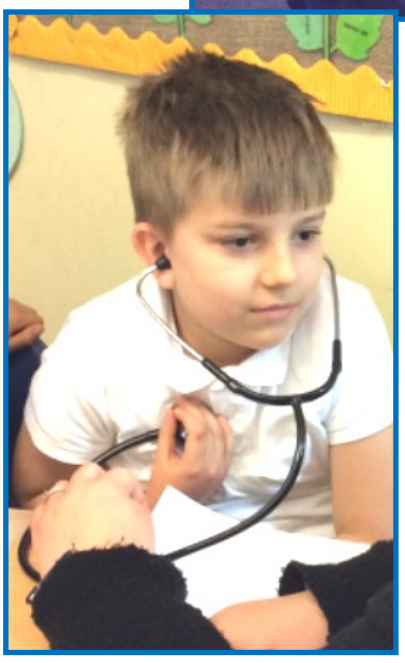

In Year 4 we have been learning about the human heart. We had a go at finding and listening to our own heart beat.

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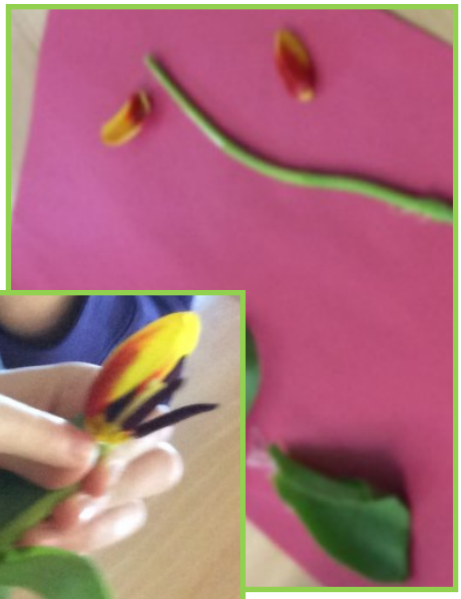
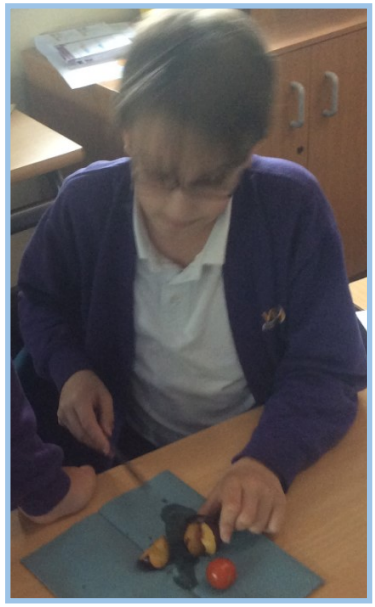
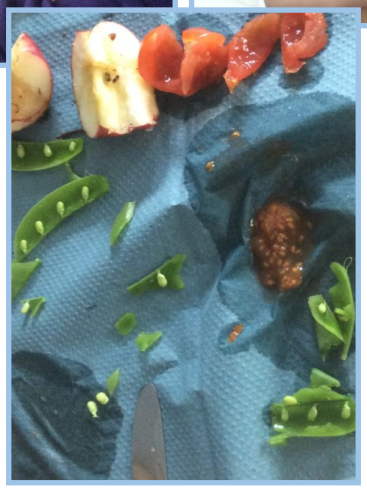
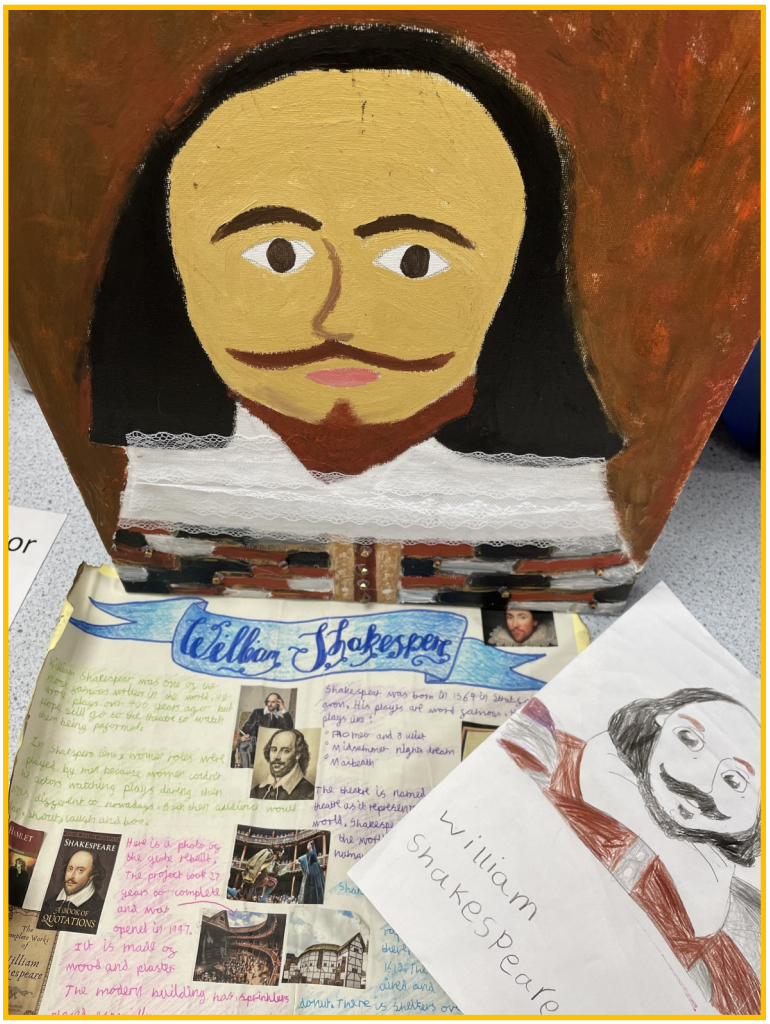


Year 5 have started our science unit 'living things and their habitats'. We dissected tulips and looked at the different parts. We also conducted an experiment using celery and food dye to show how water travels up a plant. We can't wait to see what happens to the celery over time.





We looked into the reproduction of plants and investigated the seeds that fruit and vegetables come from. We found that some seeds are more like stones (plum), some are like pips (apple), some are like little pods (sugar snap peas) and some look like seeds (tomatoes). We found that there are a lot of seeds in tomatoes!!



Congratulations to the winners of our Shakespeare competition, which was judged today.

It was such a hard decision to make as there were some fantastic entries.

Thank you to everyone who entered—all entries will be displayed in the library.

The winners are:

Olus Kopaczek, class 4B

Abu-Bakr Hasan, class 4A and

Sri Satya Degala, class RB

Each winner will get some Shakespeare goodies, including a lovely book and some stationery items.

All entrants have earned themselves a Victastic point.

Ice cream for

KENSINGTON HOUSE

THIS WEEK'S SPORTING CHAMPIONS	
RA	**Abigail Wojtowicz** for her excellent participation in football club this week, trying really hard to join in with all of the different skills.
RB	**Kaycee Burgess** for some brilliant dancing in afterschool club and showing confidence.
1A	**Jagoda Zolnacz** for showing some impressive shapes in our first gymnastics lesson. She also demonstrated amazing balancing.
1B	**Halle Brown** – I was really impressed with Halle this week in PE, working hard and gave an excellent demonstration on how to accurately throw and catch a ball. Proud of you Halle, Well Done!
2A	**Olivier Leszczynski** for his positive start with our football sessions. He learnt how to control his ball through cones and how to play a simple invasion game.
2B	**Cloud Foster-Stone, David Iordache, David Mosneagu, Dawid Hulboj** for their excellent sequence in Gymnastics. The boys created a sequence that included a shape, a jump and a way of travelling which they performed in unison.
3A	**Freddie Foster-Reed** for brilliant agility skills in Tag rugby.
3B	**Alfie Reynolds** for fantastic use of tactics in Tag rugby.
4A	**Shy Holder** for her excellent technique in hockey.
4B	**Harry Rumsby** for working well in a group in PE and helping others in his group.
5A	**Amelia Adikou** for good general enthusiasm for PE in school and in after school clubs.
5B	**Cristian Giurca** for great fielding skills in cricket.
6A	**Tammin Rahman** for overcoming his fears and climbing high in gym.
6B	**Samuel Maple** for his long walk on Monday.

After-School Club Activities

Lego Club	Monday	Year R—6
Cooking Club	Tuesday	Year 3—6
Gardening Club	Wednesday	Year R—6
Cooking Club	Thursday	Reception, 1 & 2
Team Games	Friday	Year R—6

School Sports Clubs

Athletics	Monday	Year 3—6
Cricket	Monday	Year R, 1 & 2
Football	Tuesday	Year 3—6
Football	Wednesday	Year R, 1 & 2
Dance	Thursday	Year R, 1 & 2
Rugby	Friday	Year 3—6