



# Victoria Primary Academy Weekly Newsletter

Autumn Term 2

Friday, 25th November 2022

## Diary Dates

- 28/11 Individual school
- 30/11 Year 2 Experience Day
- The Fire of London
- 8/12 Choir singing at Sir Christopher Hatton Academy
- 6pm
- 9/12 Christmas Jumper Day
- Christmas lunch
- 10/12 Choir singing at Chester House
- 12 noon
- 12/12 Year 6 Trip
- Duxford Imperial War museum
- 12/12 PTA AGM in the hall
- 3.15pm



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*Rehearsal at the Castle Theatre*

## Year 4 - great ambassadors for Victoria!

Our Year 4 classes took part in the Rotary Seasonal concert at the Castle Theatre on Tuesday.

This is an event we have been invited to take part in for many years and, as usual, the children were amazing!

*"During rehearsals the children were amazing and sang beautifully. I was very proud of them"*

**Mrs Hawes—HLTA**

*"Tuesday night's performance was brilliant! One of the very best I've been to I think. Please pass on to the children how fantastic they were. Hopefully they were not too tired on Wednesday. We talked about the concert in today's celebration assembly. Thank you to the Year 4 team for your hard work on this, it was really worth it as the children were exceptional, both in their behaviour and their singing.*

*Thank you too to parents and staff who came along and supported us on the night."*

**Mr Pearson**

**Senior Vice Principal**

**Enjoy your weekend!**

*H. Scargill*

**Principal**

The photographers will be in school on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November. They will be doing individual photos of the children and then sibling photos.

There will be an opportunity for families to have photos first thing in the morning (from 8.30am) with pre-school siblings. Parents will be asked to wait at the bottom of the steps in the playground if they want to have these done.

# ATTENDANCE MATTERS

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.**

If your child is not able to attend school, please telephone to inform us by 9.00am or send a parent mail.  
**01933 223323.**

**Our expectation is that pupils attend school every day for every session.** We believe that regular, uninterrupted attendance secures the best possible learning achievement for all our children and we are committed to working in partnership with families to achieve this.

Schools are expected to monitor all pupils' attendance records closely and to share these with the Local Authority and with the next school when pupils transfer.

**Attendance  
Target  
96%**

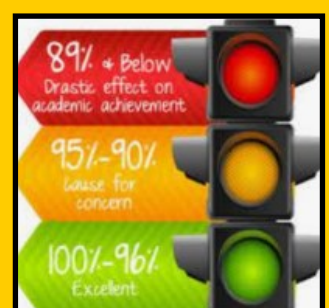
**Head teachers have no discretion to grant leave of absence during term time, unless there are genuinely exceptional circumstances.**

It is the responsibility of parents to contact the school in writing when requesting any leave for their children so that each case can be considered on an individual basis. *We have leave of absence forms in the office.*


**The following are examples of situations which *would not* be considered as exceptional (not exhaustive).**

- Family holiday/cheaper holiday dates
- Educational visits arranged by family members
- Attendance at a wedding or Christening
- Visiting relatives either abroad or in the UK
- Limitations on parents/carers' profession or place of work making it difficult to coincide school and work holidays.
- A family member or child going for medical treatment abroad

*If you are concerned about your child's attendance or have any questions, please speak to Mrs Westrep, Attendance Officer.*



# TOP HOUSE THIS WEEK

HOUSE	WEEKLY POINTS	RUNNING TOTAL
Balmoral	1929	5173
Buckingham	1836	5134
Kensington	1827	5065
Osborne	1898	5304
Windsor	 2000	5409

## CLASS ATTENDANCE OF THE WEEK

Teacher	Class	%
Miss Holmes	RA	92.7
Mrs. Hensman	RB	99.3
Miss Malpas	1A	93.1
Miss Smith	1B	89.3
Mrs. Walmsley/Mrs. Brindle	2A	85.5
Miss Seabridge	2B	88.3
Mrs. Embling	3A	88.3
Miss Campbell	3B	88.7
Miss Slow	4A	93.3
Miss Gent/Mrs. Reeves	4B	98.7
Mr. Mephram	5A	95.7
Miss Husbands	5B	93.1
Miss Costanzo	6A	94.5
Mrs. Richardson	6B	99.3

Top house- weekly winner



**WINDSOR**

### KEY STAGE 1



Gold award Class RB

### KEY STAGE 2



Gold award Class 6B



Silver award Class 4B

### WHOLE SCHOOL WEEKLY AVERAGE

**92.4%**



# VICTASTIC CERTIFICATES AWARDED TO.....

**Miss Holmes**

**Millie Kingston** for her fantastic drawings of the characters from the Gruffalo story this week. Millie added lots of detail to her drawings and also labelled them using her phonic knowledge!

**Victhor Rodrigues Goncalves** for his excellent maths. Victhor was able to match numerals 1-4 to different representations independently. He also supported this peers with this when they needed help.

**Mrs Hensman**

**Klaidas Gulbinkis** for doing some amazing independent writing. He used Fred talk to write some CVC words.

**Alesia Sandor** for orally describing features of the Gruffalo and then writing the word using Fred talk.

**Miss Malpas**

**Delilah Merrington** for working hard in class and listening a lot more. Delilah has also been a fantastic help around the classroom.

**Bi Ndenecho** for being a determined learner.

**Miss Smith**

**Caitlyn Abbott** for fabulous work in phonics and working well with others in the class.

**Michael Nakov** for excellent behaviour and for always challenging himself in lessons.

**Mrs Walmsley**

**Logan Jones** - Well done for working hard in Geography. You answered the questions about London landmarks very well.

**Mrs Brindle**

**James Telford** – Well done for working hard to tell us how you are feeling. You are doing well at communicating your emotions.

**Miss Seabridge**

**Omari Monroe** for always thinking of others. Omari is always making sure everyone is happy and reminds his peers of our social norms.

**Liliana Sitko** – Liliana has been working hard in maths this week when we have been practicing counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.

**Mrs Embling**

**Kyle Dennis** for his excellent sentence stacking – describing a stone age girl.

**Jaiden Dholakia** for thinking like a historian, investigating bronze age artefacts.

**Miss Campbell**

**Inez Olchawa** for her descriptive vocabulary and use of dialogue in her writing.

**Olivier Leszczynski** for his use of action verbs in his writing.

**Miss Slow**

**Sophie Holland and Nastia Cieniuch** for writing a great play script about the coronavirus.

**Miss Gent**

**Fajr Butt** for her overall attitude to learning, always focused and ready to learn but also for producing a brilliant playscript this week in English. Well Done Fajr!

**Mrs Reeves**

**All children that attended the seasonal concert** at the Castle on Tuesday evening, you all were fantastic! Myself and Mrs Reeves are extremely proud of you! Well Done!

**Mr Mephram**

**Kareema Ansary** for her excellent work in English throughout the week.

**Jessie Dwane** for her perseverance in Maths this week and overcoming some very tricky fractions of angles.

**Miss Husbands**

**Hafiz Hafiz** for producing superb writing in English this week.

**Gracie Cooper** for being a kind and helpful member of our class.

**Miss Costanzo**

**Aleeza Begum** for her perseverance in maths.

**Andreea Sandor** for her amazing writing.

**Mrs  
Richardson**

**Joana Melo** for demonstrating aspiration and perseverance in maths this week.

**Izabela Savu** for always taking responsibility in all aspects of classroom life.



In Assemblies this week we have been discussing gratitude and being grateful. This links to the American celebration of Thanksgiving. The North American tradition is rooted in the English traditions dating from the Protestant Reformation. It is a day of giving thanks for the blessing of harvest.

## Word of the week

*This is a word that the children are taught about and is one of our school values. See if you can use this word with your child this week. What do they understand by it?*



### Gratitude

The quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness.

It is a noun.

It originates from the Latin 'gratus' meaning pleasing, thankful and medieval Latin 'gratitudo'

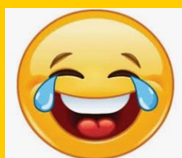
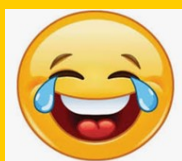
What are you grateful for?



## Jokes of the week

What gives you the power to walk through a wall?

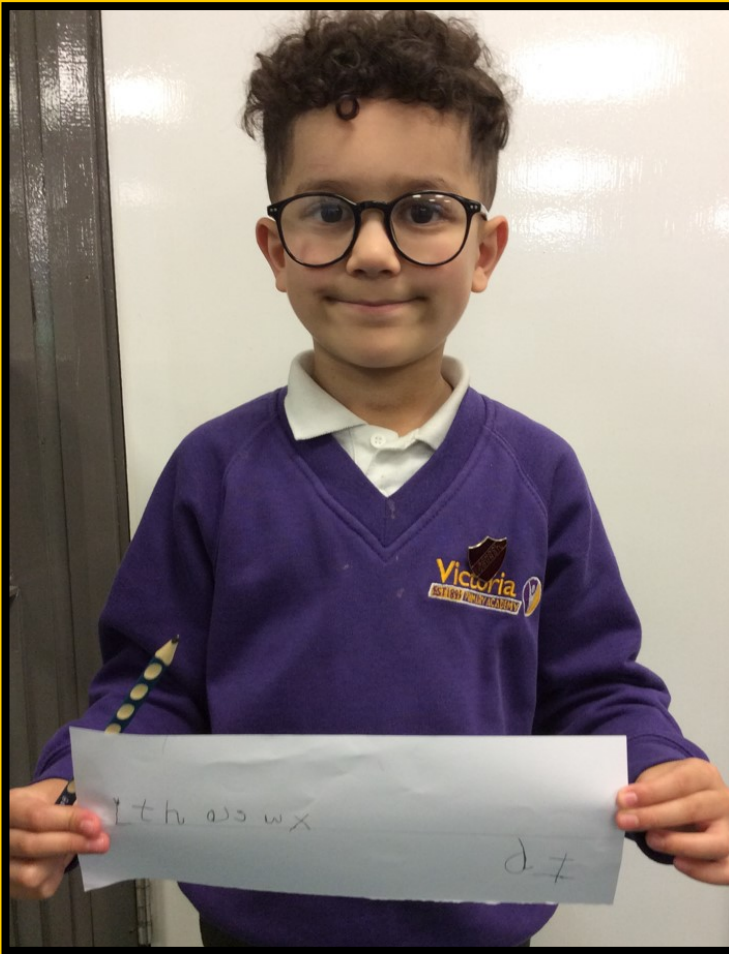
A door.



WHAT DO YOU CALL A BOOMERANG THAT WON'T COME BACK?

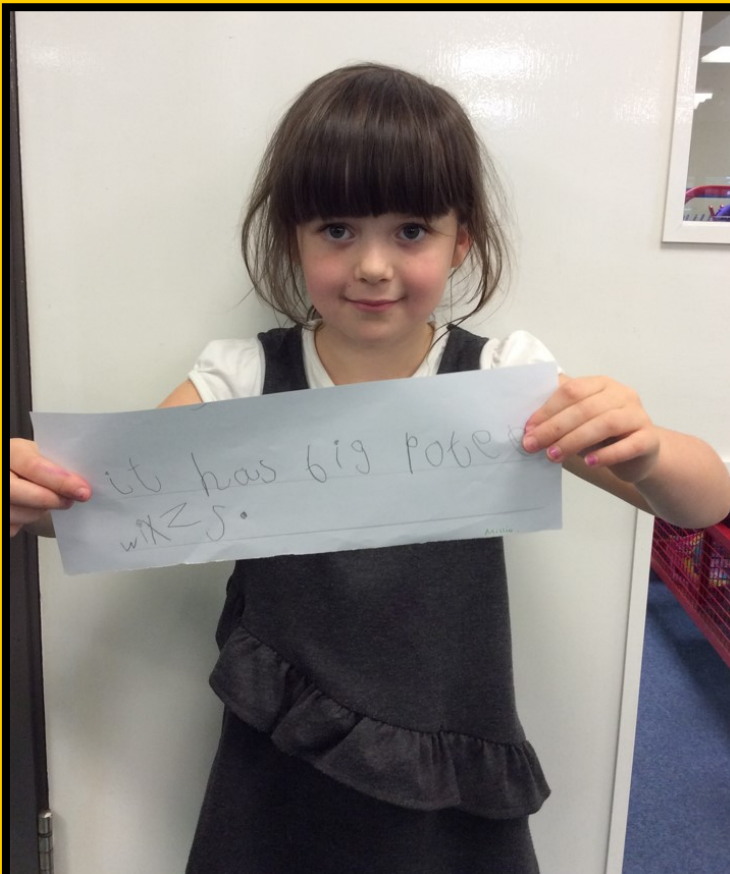
A stick.

# THE GOLDEN BOOK



**Idris Qureshi**  
**Class RA**

**Miss Holmes is so proud of  
Idris and Millie as they wrote  
their sentences, about the  
mouse from the Gruffalo  
story, completely  
independently! 😊**



**Millie Kingston**  
**Class RA**



# Football World Cup 2022



## Design a football shirt!



**FIFA WORLD CUP  
Qatar 2022**

To mark the start of the Football World Cup we will be running a competition.

The 3 best entries from EYFS, KS1 and KS2 will be win a fantastic book prize!

*Plus ALL entries will be entered into the Wellingborough Library 'Design a football shirt competition', where they could win a Panini World Cup Sticker Book and Stickers!*

Deadline for the school competition is **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2022.**

The deadline for the Wellingborough Library competition is **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December.**

Pick up a football shirt template from your class teacher or you can simply design your shirt on a piece of A4 paper.

**You MUST put your name and class on it!!**



Check out the competition and lots of football books at the Wellingborough Library.

**Monday, 28th November**

## **INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PHOTOS**

Pre-school children may join their sibling for a family photo from 8.30am.

Please wait at the bottom of the steps to the long corridor, leading off from the playground.

# NOTICEBOARD

**Wednesday, 30th November**

Year 2 Experience Day

*bringing to life*

**"The Fire of London"**

Children and adults are encouraged to dress up—letters have been sent home with details.

**Friday, 9th December**



### **NO NEW JUMPERS NEEDED**

Do NOT buy a brand new sweater! You can [buy a second-hand Christmas jumper from our online shop](#) or visit one of our [charity shops](#) across the country.

[Or why not make your own jumper?](#) Just grab any old thing from the back of the cupboard and cover it with stickers, felt, tinsel, glitter, baubles, whatever. Yule look woolly wonderful!

Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day is the best day of the whole entire year, so it's super-important that not one single person misses it. Let's get every single person totally involved.

### **After school CHOIR**

#### **Christmas Carols**

Thursday, 8th December, 6pm

- @ Sir Christopher Hatton

Saturday, 10th December, 12 noon

- @ Chester House

**Monday, 12th December**

**Year 6 Trip**

**Duxford Imperial War museum**

**Letters have been sent home.**



# Victoria Primary Academy PTA



## Annual General Meeting

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

**Stay informed and get involved.**

A very informal 15 minute max AGM meeting.  
Children welcome. Biscuits and refreshments  
provided.

During this meeting we will hear from possible  
candidates and vote for key positions within the  
PTA. Come along to register your interest. If you  
would to put yourself forward for being the Chair,  
Treasurer or Minute Taker let us know by emailing  
Carole Westrep on [westrep@victoriaprimary.org.uk](mailto:westrep@victoriaprimary.org.uk)

**School Hall**  
**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 3:15**



**Parentkind**  
Member Association

## 12 (School) Days Of Christmas Competition

Winner to  
be  
announced  
on the 16<sup>th</sup>  
Dec

Would you like the chance  
to win a Nintendo Switch  
or a Crayola Art Set?

1 meal = 1  
Entry  
12 meals = 12  
Entries

All you have to do is have a school dinner!  
Every time you order from 1<sup>st</sup> December  
to 16<sup>th</sup> December, your name will be added  
into a prize draw. The competition will run  
across the three primary academies and  
three entries will be selected at random.  
Parents will be notified by phone on the day.  
Good Luck!



ORDER YOUR MEALS ON  
SCHOOL GRID FOR A CHANCE TO WIN



WIN A  
NINTENDO SWITCH  
OR  
A CRAYOLA ART SET!

Friday, 9<sup>th</sup>  
December

### CHRISTMAS LUNCH



Christmas is nearly here and to  
celebrate, the Primary Catering Team  
are offering a **special festive lunch**.

The menu including a vegetarian  
option, main and dessert for only **£2.41**.  
Don't forget if your child is in Year R, 1  
& 2, this is FREE.

If you have already selected your child's  
meals up to the 9<sup>th</sup> December, please re-  
select the Christmas option and ensure  
your account is topped up as required.  
Allergen information is provided on School  
Grid. If you need support with your  
account, please contact your school  
office.



### Christmas Dinner Menu on December 9<sup>th</sup>

Roast Turkey with  
pig in blanket/vegetarian sausage  
or  
Vegetable Wellington (v)  
with  
Roast Potatoes  
Carrots, Peas & Gravy  
and  
Christmas Ice Cream Tub or  
Christmas Cookie

**£2.41**  
ORDER ON  
SCHOOLGRID





# MEET YOUR COUNCILLORS

## KEY STAGE 2



**3A Gabriella** I really like helping people so I thought being my class school councillor would be a good way to do that. I really like the school how it is and I'm looking forward to making it even better.



**3B Hanna.** I love listening to people's ideas and I really wanted to share them with others in school so I was very happy when I was voted my class school councillor. I'd like to have more time for us to eat our lunch and have even more playtimes.



**4A Victoria.** I wanted to be school councillor because I like to help people and show them that school isn't boring – it's fun and you learn new things! I'd really like it if we could change our library books a little bit more often so I'm going to talk with my class about how we might do this and then take their ideas to the council.



**4B Aidan.** I wanted to be a school councillor to help with people's needs and trouble. To help them live a better life at this school. To help the school be even more attractive.



**5A Darryl.** Being a school councillor is important to me because I want to make sure everyone's opinions are voiced and heard. One thing I would really like to achieve is to make everyone in school happy.



**5B Jagoda.** I like to hear other people's opinions and ideas which is why I was happy to become a school councillor. My friends have already asked me to find out if we can have more play equipment outside and have longer maths lessons. I love taking my classmates opinions to help improve our school.



**6A Oliwier.** I wanted to be a school councillor to help people. My special interest is helping new children settle in to VPA and make friends. I would like to encourage people to use positive language about themselves and each other. I am passionate about all children having time to play and have fun so I would like to see people having friends to play with and games they are interested in available.



**6B Izabela.** I wanted to be a school councillor so I could represent my classmates' views and opinions to our school community. I'm passionate about working with children and adults to reduce any incidents of bullying and fighting. I'm looking forward to hopefully being able to show visitors and new pupils around our lovely school.



# THIS WEEK'S SPORTING CHAMPIONS

<b>RA</b>	<b>Jamie Brandon</b> for his effort and enthusiasm in PE this week, joining in with all aspects of the lesson independently.
<b>RB</b>	<b>Arya Newby</b> for demonstrating fantastic balance and agility during our PE lesson.
<b>1A</b>	<b>Deniel Deja</b> for fantastic cooperation in PE. Deniel is showing determination in PE and is even challenging himself!
<b>1B</b>	<b>Zofia Fiuk</b> for great team work and effort in P.E.
<b>2A</b>	<b>Armin Dumitru</b> – Well done for showing fantastic agility in our hopscotch activity. You worked hard to copy the pattern with your hopping.
<b>2B</b>	<b>Aadya Tummala</b> for excellent balancing and concentration in cosmic yoga this week.
<b>3A</b>	<b>Ismaeel Ali</b> for showing enthusiasm and a positive attitude.
<b>3B</b>	<b>Allayah Edwards</b> for her super gymnastics routine using 3 balance movements.
<b>4A</b>	<b>Ola Patalan</b> for great accuracy when throwing in PE.
<b>4B</b>	<b>Pippa Parke and Zaheerah Ansary</b> - Both really stood out this week for their continued efforts in swimming and as a result have both moved up a swimming group! Keep up the fantastic work girls!
<b>5A</b>	<b>Olivia Okelola</b> for her hard work in PE and producing a dance routine based around the Javelin throw!
<b>5B</b>	<b>Lidia Stankiewicz</b> for persevering in netball mastering her shooting technique.
<b>6A</b>	<b>Blazej Kalinowski</b> for great work in hockey.
<b>6B</b>	<b>Saharsh Talakokkula</b> for superb cooperation with others.