



# Victoria Primary Academy Weekly Newsletter

Spring Term 1

Friday, 10th February

## Diary Dates

20 Feb	Return to school
22 Feb	Group 3 library visit
28 Mar	Parents' evening 3.30—6pm
30 Mar	Parents' evening 5.30—8pm



The key stage 1 team are so proud of the children who have put on four performances of 'The Litter Muncher' this week. They all showed great determination and perseverance and should be very proud of themselves.

Thank you to the families who were able to come and support the shows, we hope you had a good time—we know some of you came back for a second performance!

Thank you as well to the staff who worked so hard to bring everything together, especially Miss Seabridge who put a lot of time into performances, costumes, scenery, tickets and programmes. Well done!

**URGENT REMINDER** As with the majority of primary schools in the country, we do not have a 'parent' car park. If you do need to drive to drop off or collect your child please park considerately on local roads and ensure you are not obstructing drives, garages or access to roads. Please be respectful of our neighbours and remember that parking on zig-zag lines at any time of the day is prohibited.

***Despite constant reminders that parking on site is not allowed, we still have parents driving through the barrier and on to school grounds. Even if the barrier is up, parking on site is strictly forbidden unless you have a prior arrangement. There have been recent incidents where staff cars have been damaged. This is unacceptable! The amount of cars coming on site is dangerous and is putting everyone's safety at risk!***

***DO NOT PARK ON SITE.***

Our children's safety is our main priority and this includes their journey to and from school. We appreciate your support in this matter.

**Have a great half term and we'll see back you on Monday, 20th February!**



@VictoriaPrimary  
Academy



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# ATTENDANCE MATTERS

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

01933 223323.

Attendance  
Target  
**96%**

## Facts about poor attendance

Missing out on lessons leaves children vulnerable to falling behind. Children with poor attendance tend to achieve less in both primary and secondary school. The Education (School Day and School Year) (England) Regulations 1999 require all maintained schools to open to educate their pupils for at least 190 days (380 sessions) in each school year. Table 1 puts absence in the context of the days children miss at school based on a school being opened for 190 days per year and Table 2 puts absence in the context of the days children miss at school over a six week period.

Table 1


Number of days absence	Equals attendance one school year
9.5 days	95%
19 days	90%
28.5 days	85%
38 days	80%
47.5 days	75%
57 days	70%
66.5 days	65%

Table 2

Number of days absence	Attendance over past six weeks
2 days	93%
3 days	90%
5 days	83%
8 days	73%
10 days	67%
15 days	50%



# TOP HOUSE THIS WEEK

HOUSE	WEEKLY POINTS	RUNNING TOTAL
Balmoral	4732	14380
Buckingham	3879	12524
Kensington	4319	13504
Osborne	 4856	14122
Windsor	4839	14351

## CLASS ATTENDANCE OF THE WEEK

Teacher	Class	%
Miss Holmes	RA	90.3
Mrs. Hensman	RB	91.7
Miss Malpas	1A	89.0
Miss Smith	1B	90.3
Mrs. Walmsley/Mrs. Brindle	2A	86.9
Miss Seabridge	2B	92.3
Mrs. Embling	3A	93.0
Miss Campbell	3B	94.3
Miss Slow	4A	91.4
Mrs. Reeves	4B	94.7
Mr. Mephram	5A	94.0
Miss Husbands	5B	93.8
Miss Costanzo	6A	96.0
Mrs. Richardson	6B	98.7

Top house- weekly winner

**OSBORNE**

Top House—term winner

**BALMORAL**

### KEY STAGE 2



Gold award Class 6B



Silver award Class 6A

### WHOLE SCHOOL WEEKLY AVERAGE

**92.9%**



# VICTASTIC CERTIFICATES AWARDED TO. . . . .

Miss Holmes	<p><b>Kuba Rzepczynski</b> for his fantastic effort this week in Maths. Kuba was able to order the numberblocks independently and then work out which one was missing when his partner took one away!</p> <p><b>Hallie Taylor</b> for her super reading this week. Hallie was able to read whole sentences by herself! She was then able to show an understanding of what she had read by completing the instruction stated in the sentence!</p>
Mrs Hensman	<p><b>Victor Asandei</b> for fantastic phonics work this week. He has orally blended words and then read green words and used Fred fingers to spell words.</p> <p><b>Harnimrat Kaur</b> for always trying her best. She has shown great enthusiasm in all her learning.</p>
Mrs Bryan	<p>Congratulations- <b>all children in 1A-</b> for playing a fantastic part in our school production!</p>
Miss Smith	<p><b>For all of 1B</b> for amazing performances in the Litter Muncher. They all showed determination and perseverance and should be very proud of themselves.</p>
Mrs Walmsley Mrs Brindle	<p><b>Armin Dumitru</b> – Well done for working so hard in maths. Your confidence has really grown.</p> <p><b>Kaja Drzewiecka</b> – You always have a great attitude to learning and do your best. Your confidence has grown and you are sharing your answers with the rest of the class.</p>
Miss Seabridge	<p><b>All of 2B</b> for their excellent performances of The Litter Muncher. Everyone has shown determination and perseverance in practices to make it the best show!</p>
Mrs Embling	<p><b>Marcel Fajka</b> – for working hard to learn column addition and subtraction</p> <p><b>Ismaeel Ali</b> – for careful and detailed writing in our sentence stacking lessons.</p>
Miss Campbell	<p><b>Rameesha Qureshi</b> for her super use of adverbs when writing about “The True Story of the Three Little Pigs”.</p> <p><b>Inez Olchawa</b> for her super use of inverted commas in her writing about “The True Story of the Three Little Pigs”.</p>
Miss Slow	<p><b>Skye McMillan and Adrian Najwer</b> for amazing kente printing.</p>
Mrs Reeves	<p><b>Bartosz Wierciak</b> for persevering with weaving in art.</p> <p><b>Maria Ghetler</b> for being an amazing helper with weaving in our art class.</p>
Mr Mepham	<p><b>Olivia Okelola</b> for showing a brilliant attitude towards her learning, she shows determination and perseverance in all subjects.</p> <p><b>Kareema Ansary</b> for always being a respectful and helpful member of 5A - has been the register monitor in the last few weeks, and will offer to help with classroom jobs.</p>
Miss Husbands	<p><b>Kiara Patel</b> for always applying herself in every lesson consistently producing amazing work.</p> <p><b>Austin Harrison</b> for making tremendous leaps with handwriting and presentation this term.</p>
Miss Costanzo	<p><b>Oliwier Wilczkowski</b> for amazing work learning about ratio and proportion.</p> <p><b>Eesha Kakar</b> for great work in English writing about the Titanic.</p>
Mrs Richardson	<p><b>Farida Alassane Madjidou</b> for a fabulous piece of information writing about the Titanic.</p> <p><b>Emaan Ali</b> for excellent explanations in science this week.</p>

# THIS WEEK'S SPORTING CHAMPIONS

**RA**

**Millie Kingston** for her fantastic dancing this week in PE. Millie was able to represent the 7 dwarfs in her dance independently using creative and different moves.

**RB**

**Diana Popa** for creating a dance based around snow white. She thought carefully about the facial expressions and movements for each of the 7 dwarves.

**1A**

**Patryk Zolnacz** for putting a lot effort into gymnastics this term and showing some superb balances!

**1B**

**Jacqueline Milos** for fantastic actions to the songs in the Litter Muncher.

**2A**

**Ofelia Maszkowska** - You demonstrated great control of the football in our dribbling activity.

**2B**

**Nikita Kartasov** for this excellent dancing in the litter muncher performance. Nikita showed determination when learning and performing the dance routine.

**3A**

**David Mosneagu** for always showing enthusiasm and perseverance in P.E.

**3B**

**Kacper Kaliszewski** for his super passing and dribbling skills in our class game of football.

**4A**

**All of 4A** for making fantastic progress at swimming over this term.

**4B**

**David Dragomir** for working really well in a team.

**5A**

**Salman Islam** for showing great skills in football - brilliant saves when being goalkeeper.

**5B**

**Elisha Spencer** for being very supportive and cheering everyone on.

**6A**

**Nicholas Dimitru** for great work playing tag rugby.

**6B**

**Matthew Newton** for excellent effort in rugby.



# THE GOLDEN BOOK



## Emily Bazley, Class 3A

Well done Emily for completing this work independently.

Miss Dennis

*"I feel excited for everyone to see my work. I used to find questions hard but, after lots of practise, I'm now getting them right on my own."*

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Tuesday 15 January 2023  
Read the story of a wolf and a man.  
Made a wolf.  
He lives in a dark cave.  
He was as scary as a  
croc and a lion.  
This wolf was different!  
His name was different!  
This wolf was a friendly  
and playful.  
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Now Brandon! Super use of adjectives!  
(We are so proud of you!)

Brandon Bordas, Class 3B  
We are so proud of Brandon's use of adjectives to describe the wolf.  
Miss Campbell and Mrs Polly

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Miss Campbell and Mrs Polly

*"I feel smart to be in the Golden Book."*



Another great trip to the library. The children spent a lovely time exploring and reading books, and then choosing three new books to borrow. We will continue our library trips with the same groups after half term, on a 3 week rotation. Did you know the library have lots of events planned over the half term - check out their Facebook page!  
Happy reading everyone!

# LibraryPlus

# NOTICEBOARD



**JUNIOR BAKE OFF**

...IS LOOKING FOR THE UK'S  
BEST YOUNG BAKERS  
AGED 9 - 12

**WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK**

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE  
SUNDAY 12th MARCH 2023**

Enquiries:  
[applyforjuniorbakeoff@loveproductions.co.uk](mailto:applyforjuniorbakeoff@loveproductions.co.uk)

We are delighted to say, that we have recently opened applications for the 9<sup>th</sup> series of **Junior Bake Off**; a Channel 4 programme that celebrates the culinary talent and ambition of the younger generation in Britain.

We are looking for young budding bakers between **9-12 years old**.

Filming would take place from July 2023, but our **applications close on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2023**.

Interested bakers can apply online at -

[www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk](http://www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk)

Best wishes,

The Junior Bake Off Team



**Victoria Centre  
Holiday Club**

**13th-17th** 😊  
**FEBRUARY 2023**

**8.30am until 4.30pm**

Book now to secure a space  
<http://victoria-centre.childcare-online-booking.co.uk>

A minimum booking of 5 hours required.  
£3 siblings discount available daily. We are open to children from reception school age to 11 years.

**For more information call 01933277400  
Extension number 2**



Is your child in key stage 2?

**TIMES TABLE  
WORKSHOP**

22nd February 2.40pm to 3.10pm

Find out how learning the times tables will help your child excel!  
Get a free pack of resources to take home.

**WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT?**

- top tips on helping your child.
- information on how we teach times tables in school.
- a free pack of resources to take home.
- refreshments

**BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW**  
[HTTPS://FORMS.OFFICE.COM/E/99D31MQMYI](https://forms.office.com/E/99D31MQMYI)



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**Wellingborough**  
Town Council

## FLIPPING 'ECK!!

### It's Wellingborough Pancake Race

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2023 – 11am - Market Street,  
Wellingborough

Enter a team, run on your own or with friends & family  
Visit our website to register your at  
[www.wellingboroughtowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.wellingboroughtowncouncil.gov.uk)



We are now breaking up for half term.

Have a lovely break and hopefully, you will get  
some family time together.

**We return to school on Monday 20th  
February.**

Please ensure that your child/children are  
dressed in the correct school uniform:-

- Dark grey trousers or skirt—no leggings,  
jeans or jogging bottoms
- Purple sweatshirt or cardigan with the  
school logo
- White polo shirt
- Sensible, black school shoes, no trainers,  
boots or sandals.

**See our website for full list of uniform.**



**Adventure  
Ways**

## Kids Day Out Activity Day

**15th February 2023**

**9am-4pm**

**Activities  
include:**

Low Ropes  
Axe Throwing  
Mountain Biking  
Climbing

**Price  
£42**

Early Bird Discount  
Available till 18th  
January

Book now on our website



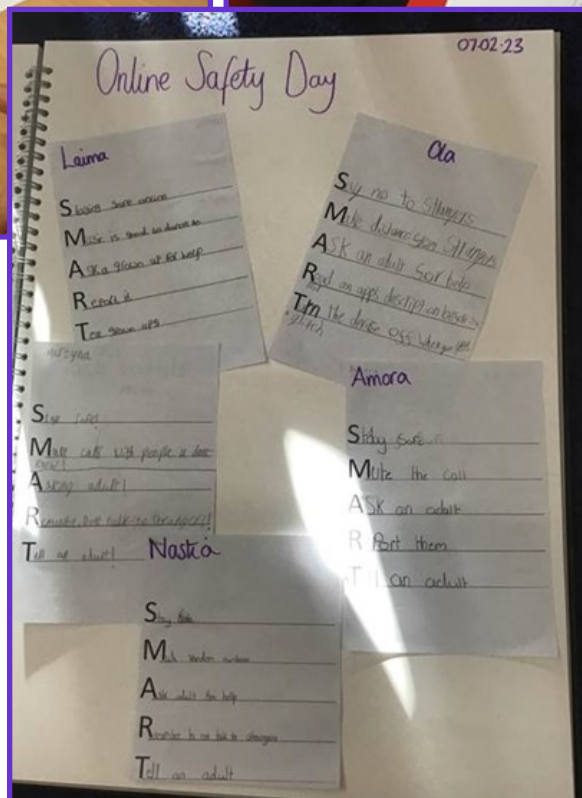
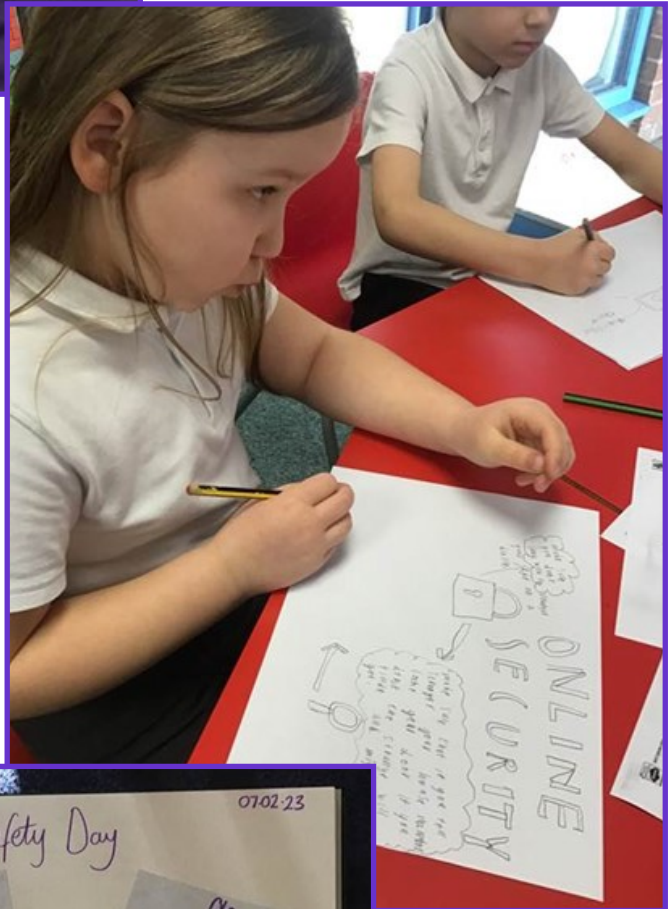
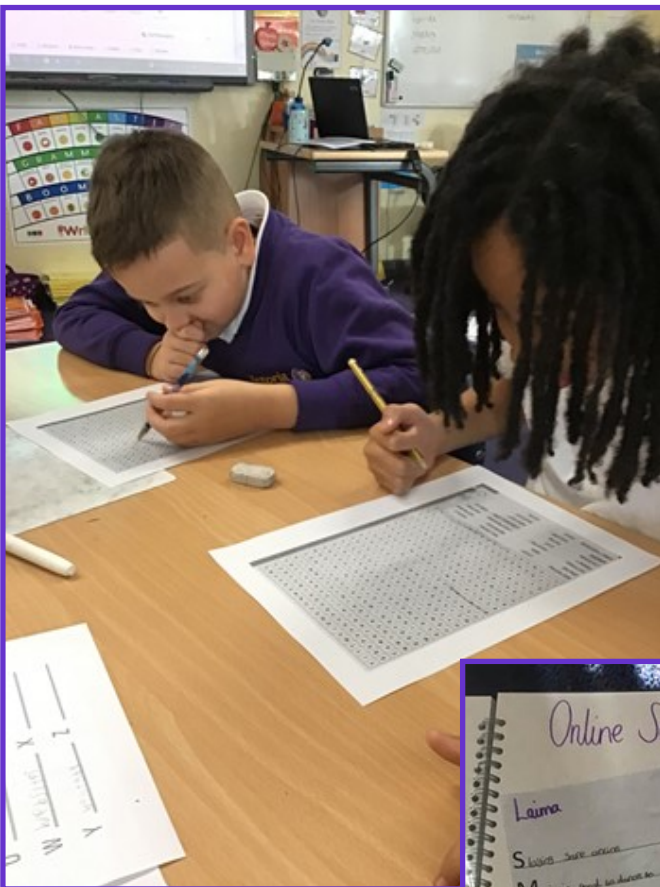
**Grown Ups**

**Come along and explore your adventurous side!**





# SAFER INTERNET DAY 7TH FEBRUARY



The whole school were “off timetable” after lunch, with activities related to safe use of the internet— a fun but informative afternoon!

Children played games, watched safety videos, completed quizzes and designed posters.

# Internet Safety Poster Competition

Thank you to the children who entered this competition. We had some super posters designs.



The winners were announced in this morning's celebration assembly. They are:

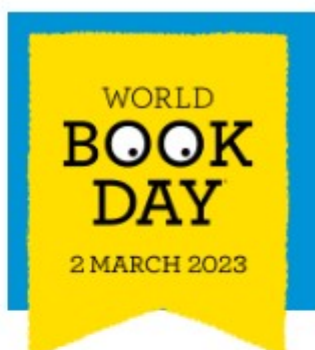
Key stage 1: **Sergiejus Smirnovas, Class 1B and Aleksander Smirnovas, Class 2B** (both excellent designs and too difficult to choose between them!)

Key stage 2: **Olus Kopaczek, Class 5A**

Congratulations!



## WORLD BOOK DAY—THURSDAY, 2ND MARCH

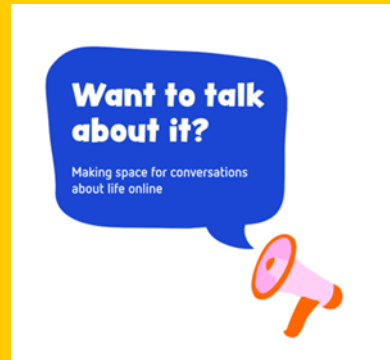


The children and staff will be wearing mufti. They can dress up as a book character. Prizes will be given to a child in each class for most imaginative outfit!





In Assemblies this week we have been learning about how to stay safe online and marking Safer Internet Day. The theme of the day is 'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversation about life online.'



## 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?*

### Online Safety

Individuals are protecting themselves and others from online harms and risks that might jeopardise their personal information, lead to unsafe communications or even effect their mental health and wellbeing?

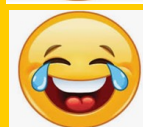
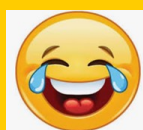
**How and who do we talk to about online safety?**

## Jokes of the week



**Why did the student eat his homework?**

Because his teacher told him it would be a piece of cake!



**What's the difference between a guitar and a fish?**

You can tune a guitar, but you can't tuna fish!