



# Victoria Primary Academy Weekly Newsletter

Spring Term 1

Friday, 13th January 2023

## Diary Dates

### 24th January\*

- Y6 SATs information evening for parents 4pm

### 7th February

- Safer Internet Day

### 8—10th February

- KS 1 Performance. Details to follow

### 28th March\*\*

- Parents evening 3.30 - 6.00 pm

### 30th March\*\*

- Parents evening 5.30 to 8.00pm

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## Attendance Target 96%

### Our expectation is that pupils attend school

every day. 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.

**As a parent it is your legal responsibility to ensure your child receives a suitable full time education. It is your responsibility that your child attends school each day and is on time.**

It is important to set the expectation of good attendance right from the beginning of school so children grow up with 'good habits'.

***Punctuality is an essential life skill that needs to be taught from the very beginning.***

**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) and will be marked in the registers as 'unauthorised'.**

- ✗ 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

***Please be aware that we will be conducting home visits where we have no contact from families on days of absence or where a child has been absent for a period of time.***

If we have concerns about your child's attendance, our Attendance Officer will contact you so that we can offer support and work together. Communication is very important.

# 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.

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## Persistent absence

The Government considers any pupil whose attendance falls below 90% a “Persistent Absentee”. This means they are at serious risk of failing to make progress expected of them and could seriously limit their academic success.

Due to a long period of illness before the end of term, many pupils now fall into this category. If this applies to your family, our Attendance Officer will be in touch with you with a view to achieving a rapid improvement.

Any difficulties in attending school should be discussed as soon as possible with our Attendance Officer or a member of the Inclusion/Pastoral team, who can offer support to help with regular school attendance.

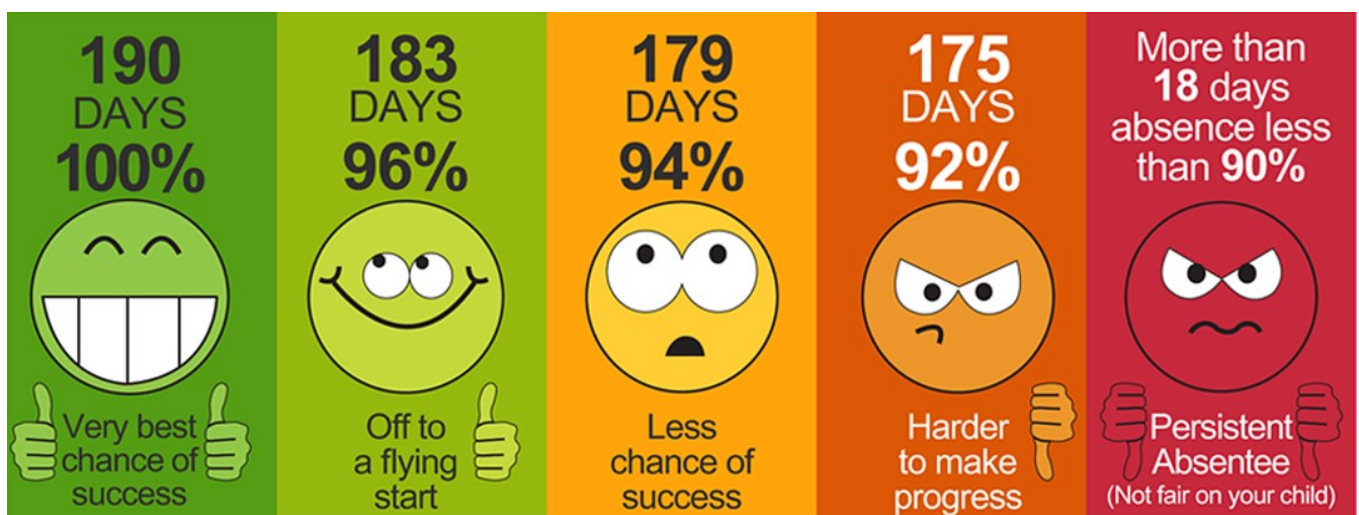
## PASSPORT AND VISA APPLICATIONS

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 the UK.

In most cases, an appointment can be booked online, but please note that **due to high numbers of applicants, waiting times for the appointment can be long**, sometimes up to 3 months, and there is no facility for fast tracking an appointment.

One day's absence for your child to visit an Embassy in the UK for the renewal of a passport will be authorised as an exceptional circumstance.

**As this facility is available at all Embassies, absence will not be authorised for trips abroad for passport applications and the procedure of penalty notices will apply.**



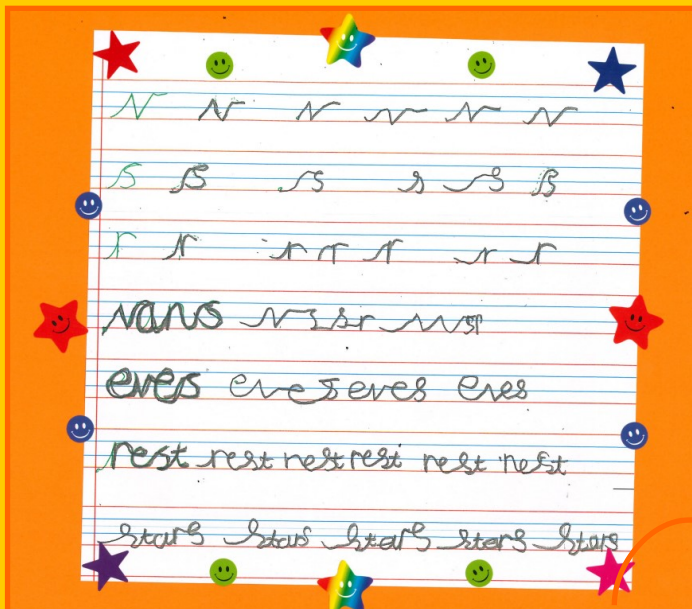
# THE GOLDEN BOOK



**Alice Raines, Class 4A**

Excellent work on column addition with exchanges, Alice. Miss Slow

***"I am happy and excited because I did such good work."***



**Laima Gimboire, Class 4A**

Laima has done some amazing work on column addition with exchanges this week. Well done! Miss Slow

***"I feel happy because I did this all by myself and my parents are proud of me for getting in***



**Jessica Kownacka, Class 5A**

Mrs Gill was very impressed that Jessica produced this wonderful work and completed it independently.


***"I am happy to be in the Golden book because everyone is proud of my work. I am proud of my work."***

# VICTASTIC CERTIFICATES AWARDED TO. . . . .

Miss Holmes	<p><b>Tytus Pawlow</b> for his fantastic maths this week, using sentences to talk about parts and wholes of different objects independently.</p> <p><b>Sofia Simionof</b> for her increasing independence at school with all activities.</p>
Mrs Hensman	<p><b>Aiza Asad</b> for showing fantastic improvement in her name writing from September.</p> <p><b>Victor Asandei</b> for brilliant phonics work this week. He has tried his best and is using Fred talk to orally blend words.</p>
Mrs Bryan	<p><b>Ayyan Abbas</b> for his exceptional participation and enthusiasm in phonics this week.</p> <p><b>Rosie Reynolds</b> for her brilliant Maths work! Rosie has moved onto a purple box challenge all week. Great work!</p>
Miss Smith	<p><b>Ayan Panea</b> for amazing work in Maths this week and for challenging himself in lessons.</p> <p><b>Lena Zajdel</b> for always showing the school values and for fantastic listening in class.</p>
Mrs Walmsley	<p><b>Sienna Tigie</b> for enthusiasm during phonic learning. She is keen to join in and volunteer to spell tricky words!</p>
Mrs Brindle	<p><b>Maddie Howell Tuthill</b> for working hard to develop a positive approach to learning and behaviour in the classroom.</p>
Miss Seabridge	<p><b>Liliana Sitko</b> – Liliana has been working really hard in our English lessons. She has been using adjectives to make her sentences descriptive.</p> <p><b>Hadeezah Aderinto</b> for working hard in lessons and engaging in her learning. She is excited to share her ideas.</p>
Mrs Embling	<p><b>Dawid Hulboj</b> for amazing use of technical vocabulary when writing about earthquakes.</p> <p><b>Edy Cojocar</b> for describing the effects of earthquakes.</p>
Miss Campbell	<p><b>Olivier Laszczynski</b> for using complex sentences in his writing to describe how earthquakes happen.</p> <p><b>Tomass Osipovs</b> for his outstanding addition and subtraction using mental methods.</p>
Miss Slow	<p><b>Alice Raines:</b> Alice has been trying really hard with column addition this week. Alice has also had an improved attitude to learning in all lessons.</p> <p><b>Chayce Moreton</b> for great knowledge in science this week and wonderful contribution in class discussions.</p>
Mrs Reeves	<p><b>Kenzie Burgess</b> for a positive attitude toward school life and working hard this week.</p> <p><b>Xenia Apertrei and Aleksandra Jabaji</b> for brilliant personification in their writing</p>
Mr Mephram	<p><b>Sharnee Burton</b> for always trying her hardest, showing determination and persevering in all lessons.</p> <p><b>Jessica Kownacka</b> for fantastic effort in Art- working on creating texture using collage.</p>
Miss Husbands	<p><b>Tariq Islam</b> for applying himself in maths and conquering addition with number greater than 4 digits.</p> <p><b>Lidia Stankiewicz</b> for always challenging herself in every lesson.</p>
Miss Costanzo	<p><b>Laila Maple</b> for perseverance in maths this week.</p> <p><b>Nadia Mazsar</b> for a positive attitude to all her work.</p>
Mrs Richardson	<p><b>Lucy Bothamley</b> for hard work in English.</p> <p><b>AJ McMillan</b> for brilliant participation in PE this week.</p>



# TOP HOUSE THIS WEEK

HOUSE	WEEKLY POINTS	RUNNING TOTAL
Balmoral	1081	1650
Buckingham	 1108	1686
Kensington	1060	1628
Osborne	1090	1680
Windsor	1068	1650

## CLASS ATTENDANCE OF THE WEEK

Teacher	Class	%
Miss Holmes	RA	78.3
Mrs. Hensman	RB	82.0
Miss Malpas	1A	81.0
Miss Smith	1B	88.3
Mrs. Walmsley/Mrs. Brindle	2A	91.0
Miss Seabridge	2B	96.3
Mrs. Embling	3A	83.3
Miss Campbell	3B	93.3
Miss Slow	4A	88.7
Mrs. Reeves	4B	96.7
Mr. Mephram	5A	94.7
Miss Husbands	5B	94.3
Miss Costanzo	6A	97.6
Mrs. Richardson	6B	98.0

Top house- weekly winner

**BUCKINGHAM**

### KEY STAGE 1



Gold award Class 2B

### KEY STAGE 2



Gold award Class 6B



Silver award Class 6A

WHOLE SCHOOL WEEKLY  
AVERAGE

**91.9%**



# THIS WEEK'S SPORTING CHAMPIONS

**RA**

**Sidra Islam** for following all of the instructions for the different games we played.

**RB**

**Kavin Theepan** for showing great participation and determination in a games session in PE.

**1A**

**Jacob Durrant-Meyer** for his brilliant cooperation.

**1B**

**Nela Szubiak** for showing fantastic balancing skills in gymnastics.

**2A**

**Darius Mirea** for excellent defending skills during basket ball.

**2B**

**Lena Sobotka** - Lena had excellent control of her ball in basketball. She used her hand to keep it close to her feet.

**3A**

**Marcel Fajka** for excellent bouncing and catching skills.

**3B**

**Junior Macfarlane** for his super passing and dribbling skills in football.

**4A**

**Hill Patel** for amazing defending and team work in basketball.  
**Sophie Holland** for being really brave in swimming and taking her feet off the floor both in front crawl and backstroke.

**4B**

**Matas Dambrauskas** for helping other children and teamwork.

**5A**

**Luana Aires** for excellent team work in hockey.

**5B**

**Gracie Cooper** for leading her team and applying tactics taught during football.

**6A**

**Ruby Cooper** for being a fantastic team player.

**6B**

**Izabela Savu** for great team work playing hockey.

In Assemblies this week we have been learning about the British Value of the Rule of Law and what it means. Children are taught that rules help us know what we should and shouldn't do. That they are important in keeping people safe and should be applied consistently and fairly. In KS2 children learn about the difference between civil and criminal law. We have asked ourselves, why do we have rules? And if you could create a new rule for 2023 what would it be?



## 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?*

### Rule of Law

It is a noun.

Having well defined and established laws that prevent arbitrary exercise of power.

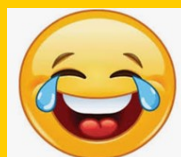
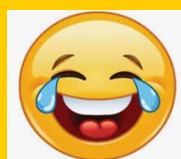


## Jokes of the week



What do you get  
when you cross a snail  
with a porcupine?

A slowpoke!



Knock, knock.  
Who's there?  
Ice cream.  
Ice cream who?  
**ICE CREAM SO YOU  
CAN HEAR ME!**



# LibraryPlus

A group of Year 3 and 4 children have had their first school trip to Wellingborough Library!

All the children now have their own library card and have issued 3 books for them to read over the next 3 weeks.

It was fantastic!

Happy Reading everyone!





Our *Design a Football Shirt* competition entries were also entered in the Wellingborough Library competition and we were delighted to receive the following email this week.

Good morning,



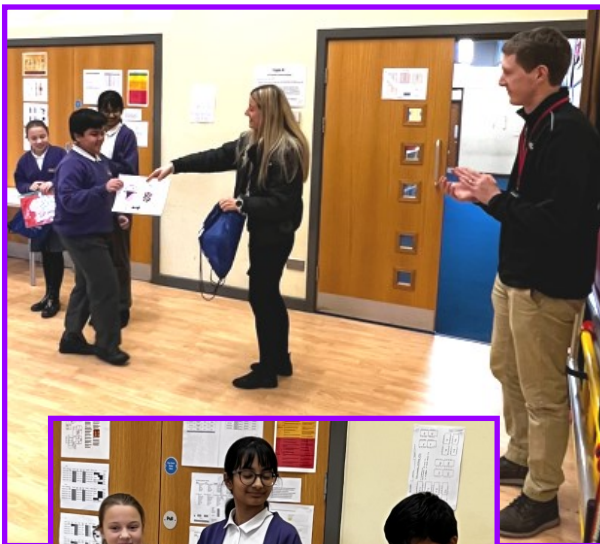
I am contacting you from North Northants Council Leisure Team following the Football World Cup project that many of your students engaged with at Wellingborough library. Firstly, thank you for the huge level of engagement from your students, we were overwhelmed by the talent and found it really difficult to choose a winner from across the whole of North Northamptonshire. However, the art work that your students displayed could not be ignored so I'm pleased to announce that we have chosen the over 8 winner and runner up from Victoria Academy! Winner: Hasan from 5A. Runner Up: Julia Jabaji from 6B. We have also arranged a special commendation award for Jiya from 6B for an outstanding design and commitment to the competition!

Well done again to all students who participated.

Kind regards,

Elana Albery

NNC Community Sport, Health and Wellbeing Coordinator.



Alana Albery and Tim Webb from Wellingborough Library came in to our celebration assembly today to present prizes to our 3 winners.

Well done Julia, Jiya and Hasan. We are very proud of you!



## Spring Term After School Clubs at Victoria Primary Academy

DAY	CLUB/S	YEAR GROUPS
MONDAY	Book Club	Year 1—Year 6
TUESDAY	Drama	Year 1—Year 6
	Football KS2	Year 3—Year 6
WEDNESDAY	Traditional board games	Year 1—Year 6
THURSDAY	Football KS1	Years 1 and 2
	Lego	Reception—Year 6
FRIDAY	Dance	Reception—Year 6



All clubs run from 3.15pm—4.30pm

## ALL CLUBS ARE NOW FULL

**There will be new clubs starting after the half term break.**