



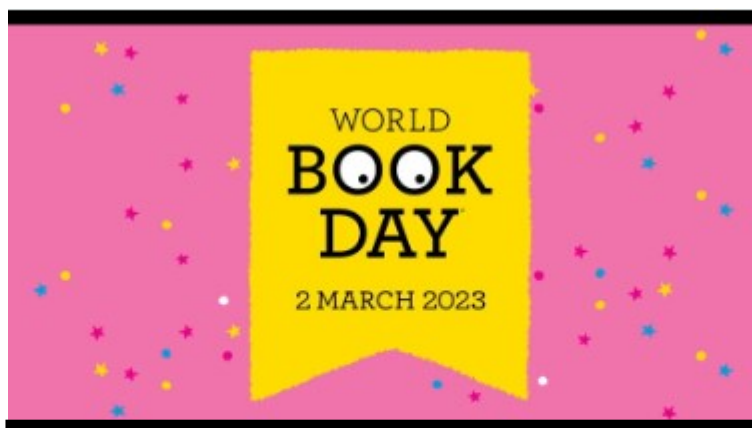
Victoria Primary Academy Weekly Newsletter

Spring Term 2

Friday, 24th February 2023

Diary Dates

01 Mar	Group 1 Library visit
02 Mar	World Book day
03 Mar	Year 6 Rescheduled Duxford trip
07 Mar	Year 4 Kingswood meeting for parents 2.30pm
17 Mar	Red Nose day
22 Mar	World Poetry day
28 Mar	Parents' evening 3.30—6pm
30 Mar	Parents' evening 5.30—8pm
31 Mar	Last day of term



**What are we doing at
VPA for WBD?**

Go to page 8 for details
and competition news!

Here are 6 principles for reading for pleasure – how many do you do at home?



POLITE NOTICE We are very pleased to see families arriving at school in the mornings in plenty of time before the gates open. This gets the children off to a calm start to the day and the class can be registered and ready to learn on time.

We have had reports, however, of children playing tag or football and generally messing about and using inappropriate language whilst waiting and we are aware that people using the walk way have had difficulties getting through.

Please be mindful of people using the area as a public cut through—stand to one side and not in large groups, leaving space to get through and remind the children about their behaviour. If your child comes to school on their own, please pass this message on to them. Many thanks, we appreciate your support.

Have a great weekend!



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ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Attendance

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,
- other family members being unwell
- 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](#).

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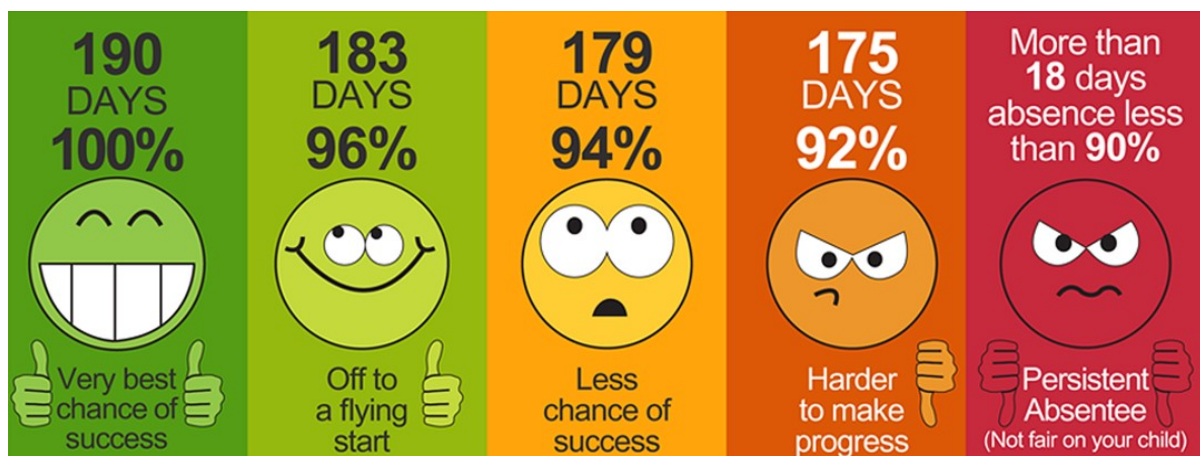
96%



Sickness

We've had a few reports of sickness and diarrhoea this week.

In adults and older children, diarrhoea and vomiting will usually get better on its own. Treatment consists of replacing the fluid that you have lost and resting the digestive system by having nothing to eat for 24 hours.



TOP HOUSE THIS WEEK

HOUSE	WEEKLY POINTS	RUNNING TOTAL
Balmoral	2285	2285
Buckingham	2361	2361
Kensington	2360	2360
Osborne	2355	2355
Windsor	2298	2298

CLASS ATTENDANCE OF THE WEEK

Teacher	Class	%
Miss Holmes	RA	96.9
Mrs. Hensman	RB	94.5
Miss Malpas	1A	93.4
Miss Smith	1B	94.5
Mrs. Walmsley/Mrs. Brindle	2A	93.8
Miss Seabridge	2B	96.3
Mrs. Embling	3A	96.3
Miss Campbell	3B	96.3
Miss Slow	4A	93.8
Mrs. Reeves	4B	97.9
Mr. Morris	5A	97.0
Miss Husbands	5B	95.9
Miss Costanzo	6A	98.0
Mrs. Richardson	6B	98.7

Top house- weekly winner

BUCKINGHAM

KEY STAGE 1

★	Gold award	Class RA
★	Silver award	Class 2B

KEY STAGE 2

★	Gold award	Class 6B
★	Silver award	Class 6A
★	Bronze award	Class 4B

WHOLE SCHOOL WEEKLY AVERAGE

96.0%

VICTASTIC CERTIFICATES AWARDED TO.

Miss Holmes	<p>Amir Al Smadi for a fantastic start in Reception. Amir has settled in really well and is already wowing adults with his amazing reading and writing!</p> <p>Emelia Willis for her excellent topic work this week! Emelia was able to use full sentences to talk about what she did in the half term holiday, making sure she included lots of detail. Emelia was then able to draw and write about what she did independently!</p>
Mrs Hensman	<p>Diana Popa for amazing writing about what she had done in the holidays. She used Fred talk and red words in her writing.</p> <p>Shaylan Pink for amazing writing about what he had done in the holidays. He used Fred talk and red words in his writing.</p>
Mrs Bryan	<p>Rosie Reynolds for her fantastic effort in writing this week. Rosie has produced some fantastic work!</p> <p>Robert Kallo for his determination in maths this week and retention of previous knowledge. He has shared lots of facts with his friends this week!</p>
Miss Smith	<p>Randy Petre for fantastic effort and contribution in phonics.</p> <p>Abigail Wojtowicz for showing determination in Maths this week and for always challenging herself.</p>
Mrs Walmsley	<p>Happy Mahara – Well done for showing great listening skills and showing our social norms when sitting on the carpet.</p>
Mrs Brindle	<p>Omi Kotti – Well done for working so hard in school and at home. You are fantastic at explaining your ideas to the rest of the class.</p>
Miss Seabridge	<p>Sasha Smirnovas – Sasha has written an excellent poem at home about being in charge.</p> <p>Dylan Clarke – Dylan has been working hard this week in English when we have been planning our independent poems.</p>
Mrs Embling	<p>Vanesa Jurlovaite for working hard to write independently.</p> <p>Tanay Monya for his excellent and funny version of Little Red Riding Hood.</p>
Miss Campbell	<p>Olivier Leszczynski for his outstanding reading for pleasure skills. Olivier has read for 708 minutes during the past 2 weeks and this is having a wonderful impact on his writing too!</p> <p>Rosie Cooper for her super description of the wolf in the True Story of Little Red Riding Hood.</p>
Miss Slow	<p>Janis Kaveckis for trying really hard with his timetables.</p> <p>Amora Pink for trying really hard in every lesson and being kind and helpful to everyone.</p>
Mrs Reeves	<p>David Dragomir and Aiden Dube for moving up a group in their first week back at swimming.</p>
Mr Morris	<p>Abu-Bakr Hasan for learning from his errors, working hard and becoming more confident in multiplication and division.</p> <p>Nimra Butt for expressing several ways in which education is important, in English.</p>
Miss Husbands	<p>Jagoda Maszkowska for consistently producing amazing work in English.</p> <p>Ecaterina Apetrei for always being eager to share and confidently communicating her learning in maths.</p>
Miss Costanzo	<p>Eesha Kakar for her effort in English</p> <p>Faye Houlton for persevering in maths</p>
Mrs Richardson	<p>Tanisha Chowdhury for excellent use of language features in her writing.</p> <p>Joana Sofia Bri Melo for a beautiful 2-colour reduction print in art.</p>

THIS WEEK'S SPORTING CHAMPIONS

RA	Class RA for their fantastic team work this week and cheering on their peers in PE. All of RA were able to work together as a team to move the beanbags under their legs from one end of the hall to the other!
RB	Shaylan Pink for showing great co-operation during a team games PE lesson.
1A	Patryk Zolnacz for his fantastic effort in yoga this week! He was able to relax and enjoy the yoga poses beautifully.
1B	Adrian Najwer for brilliant balancing in yoga this week.
2A	Kaya Parmar – Well done for showing great football skills when dribbling the ball and scoring a goal.
2B	Jennifer Loasby-Rice – Jennifer had amazing ball control while dribbling a basketball.
3A	Kornelia Bijak for showing good skills in dodgeball.
3B	Inez Olchawa for her super throwing and dodging skills in dodgeball.
4A	Alice Raines for amazing passing skills in basketball.
4B	Kenzie Burgess and Aleksandra Jabaji for moving up a group in their first week back at swimming.
5A	Kareema Ansary for playing with a smile, supporting her team and helping to tidy away.
5B	Emmanuel Mastroianni for showing superb attacking and shooting skills in basketball.
6A	Andreea Sandor for being a fantastic team player.
6B	Mehnaz Ahmed Chowdhury for improvement in skills in rugby.

THE GOLDEN BOOK



Olivier Leszczynski, Class 3B

Olivier has done some super descriptive writing in his "True Story of Little Red Riding Hood"

Olivier takes great pleasure in reading and has read for 708 minutes during the past 2 weeks.

This, as you can see, is having a very favourable impact on his writing too!

We are so proud of you, Olivier.

Mrs Campbell

Wednesday 22nd February 2023

The True Story Of Little Red Riding Hood
Once upon a time, there in a little village there lived a happy and generous, ^{gentle} wolf. His thoughtful and cuteness never let anyone call him the big, bad wolf. His favourite part of the day was the morning because he helped people with their work and shopping.

The wolf heard a be The wolf skipped along happily across a beautiful bridge, he heard an amazing sound it sounded like a Superhero singer. It was a little girl which he thinks is name is Little Red Riding Hood, he was correct as he was wearing a shining red hood. The girl looked frightened with tears dripping out of her eyes. Are you ok? The wolf asked. The girl dropped a big bright basket on the dirty ground.

Super descriptions! 😊 (I) &

Add an adverbial phrase.

Thursday 23rd February 2023

A few hours later, I saw a big house, I knocked. Oh no I had a tummy ache, it was as painful as if you had an operation. An old lady about the height of Little Red Riding Hood opened slowly a wooden door. She made me some tea. I had hiccups and soon fell in. I spit out a purple and white dress and hat. I heard a knock it was Little Red Riding Hood. I needed to change and went to bed. I didn't

want to scare a little girl I hate that but when she opened the door she was asking so many questions that she was as irritating as a glass hopper hopping about. I was as red as a ladybird I was so mad!



NOTICEBOARD

Dog Safety Code

Be Alert

Always keep an eye on your children around dogs. Never leave them alone together.



Be Aware

Dogs use signals to tell us how they feel. What is your dog telling you?



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Are you dog safe? cfsg.org.uk/dog-safety

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Friday, 3rd March

Year 6

Rearranged trip to Duxford

Children have brought home letters with details.

Tuesday, 7th March 2:30pm
in the Hall

Year 4

Meeting for parents of those Year 4 children going on the residential trip to Kingswood.

CLASSES RA AND RB

We are delighted to announce that we will be starting our fantastic

"Stay and Read"

sessions this term in Reception. The stay and read sessions will take place every Friday afternoon during term four from 2:45pm until 3:05pm in the Reception area.

During these sessions, we would simply like you to come into school, find a space somewhere in the Reception environment and spend time with your child reading. You can read to your child, they can read to you or you can share the reading. We have an excellent range of books at school that you and your child will be able to choose from.

The dates of the stay and read sessions this term are:

Friday 3rd March
Friday 10th March
Friday 17th March
Friday 24th March

World Book Day Menu

Main Options

- Harry Potters Magic Hot Dogs with Weasley's Wedges
- Voldemort's Vegan Curry with Ron's Rice
- Malfoy's Mixed Vegetables and Ginny's Jackets
- Buckbeak's Baguettes
- Snape's Salad Bar

Dessert Options

- Luna's Ring Donut's
- Fawkes the Phoenix Fruit
- Dobby's Yummy Yoghurt

Logos at the bottom: Oakway, Victoria Primary Academy, and Ecton Village.



World Book Day

World Book is Thursday 2nd March!

Children and staff are invited to come dressed as a book character on the day! We also have lots of other fun activities planned for the children throughout the day to promote and talk about reading for pleasure.

- Each child will be given a book token to spend on a book.
- How to claim your book—please see the picture below.
- You may also see book tokens given out in other places, for example they are on the Happy Meal boxes at McDonalds!



On the World Book Day Website, there is lots of information for activities, games and competitions for your child to enjoy!

<https://www.worldbookday.com/>

Here's an example of one you can enter:

<https://www.worldbookday.com/competitions/>

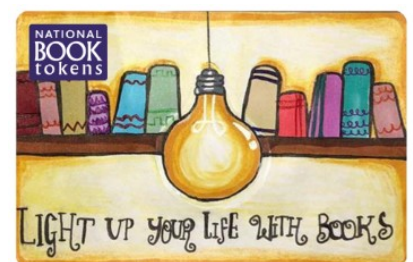
(Please do not bring these entries to school)

We are having our own Victoria Primary Academy Competition too!

Take a photo of you and your child/children reading in the most funny, unusual, whacky place or way! It may be upside down, in the bathroom, in the car or up a tree! The most creative entries in EYFS+KS1 and KS2 will receive a book bundle prize!

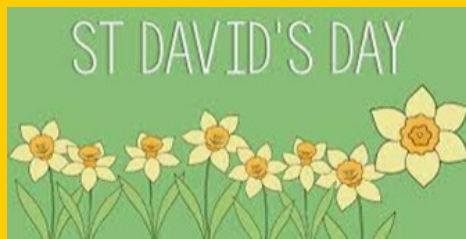
Send entries via class dojo to the class teacher.

Deadline for entries, Thursday 2nd March.



It wouldn't be World Book Day without National Book Tokens' **Design a National Book Token** competition, the annual nationwide contest that encourages children of all ages to share their creativity – and their love for books and reading – by designing their own fabulous gift cards!

In Assemblies this week we have been learning about the Welsh National Day St David's Day which is on the 1st March. Did you know St David is the only native-born patron saint of the countries of the Britain and Ireland? He was a spiritual leader and strict teetotal vegetarian. We have been reflecting on the phrase 'do the little things' and what this means to us and discussing the importance and value of kindness.



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?

Kindness

It is a noun.

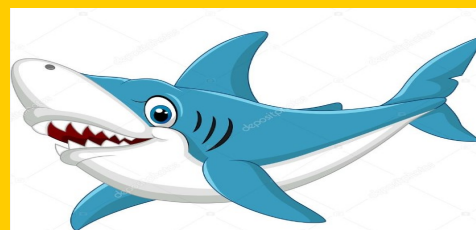
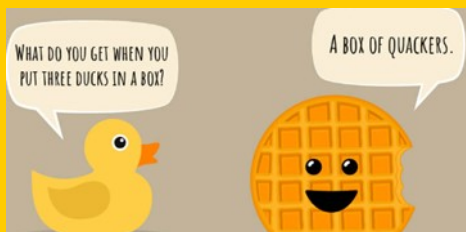
The quality of being friendly, generous and considerate.

Origin: old English 'kyndnes' which meant 'nation' and has roots in the word 'kin' as in one's family, race or relations.

How do we show kindness?

Jokes of the week

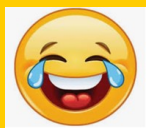
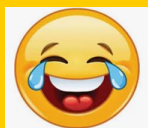
What do you call a smelly fairy?
Stinkerbell!



Thank you to Esmae in Class 4A for this great joke!

"What do you call a cross between Father Christmas and a killer shark?"

SANTA JAWS!!!



Club information has been sent home today. You must complete and return the reply slip before we can allocate places. Thank you

23rd February 2023

Spring Term Clubs at Victoria Primary Academy

We are pleased to inform you that we will be running our after school clubs this spring term at the academy.

Since the 20th April 2022 we have been trying to go cashless. 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. If you are struggling with this, please pop in to the office for us to help. We do not want your child to miss out on a club.

- Monday: Choir Club (Reception to Year 6) (3.15pm – 4.30pm)
- Tuesday: Craft Club (Reception to Year 6) (3.15pm – 4.30pm)
- Tuesday: Football KS2 (Year 3 to Year 6) (3.15pm – 4.30pm)
- Wednesday: Traditional board games
(Year 1 to Year 6) (3.15pm – 4.30pm)
- Thursday: Football KS1 (Year 1 & 2) (3.15pm – 4.30pm)
- Thursday: Cooking (Reception, Year 1 & 2) (3.15pm – 4.30pm)
- Friday: Cooking (Year 3,4,5 & 6) (3.15pm – 4.30pm)

Clubs will start week beginning **Monday 27th February** and will run for **4 weeks** at a price of **£10.00** (except KS1 Football which will start on **9th March** for **3 weeks** at a price of **£7.50**)

Please send your completed form to the office.

Limited spaces available! PLEASE DO NOT ASSUME YOUR CHILD HAS A SPACE.

SPACES WILL NOT BE HELD. FULL PAYMENT TO BE MADE BEFORE CLUB STARTS. To book, please return the form below ASAP. Thank you.

Please indicate which club you would like as your first choice. We will do our best to allocate your child's first choice but this is not always possible due to the limited number of spaces available and if they have done the same club last term.