

Diary Dates

20 Mar	Group 1 Library visit
22 Mar	Year 6 dental survey
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



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Victoria Primary Academy Weekly Newsletter

Spring Term 2

Friday, 17th March 2023



We've had a fabulous day and enjoyed lots of special activities for Red Nose Day!

Thank you to everyone who donated £1.00 or more for your child to come to school in mufti. All money raised will go to Comic Relief to support some incredible projects, making a change to people's lives across the UK and around the world.



Also today, we had a visit from HSBC bank who followed up on their work about financial education. Today we learnt about how a debit card works and we were presented with a special award.



Have a great weekend!

*P.S. Our caterpillars in Reception
are getting big now!*

What causes coughs and colds?

Most cough and cold symptoms are caused by viruses and cause a mild illness that goes away on its own without needing special treatment.

Colds are not caused by getting cold or wet, or by going out with wet hair or bare feet.

Frequently asked questions about school attendance:

1. They are only children, does it matter at this age?

The fact is that, children who frequently attend school for less than 96% of the time, underperform significantly and have seriously reduced lifetime opportunities.

The Department of Education dictates that attendance below 96% is poor and that below 90% is 'persistent absenteeism'.

2. But I have told you that my child is ill.

All absence impacts on a child's learning and wellbeing. A child who is absent due to intermittent illness misses the same amount of time and learning as an unauthorised absence for a week or more—it soon adds up and has the same effect.

3. Are you saying to bring my child into school when they are ill?

No. But please consider carefully if absence is really necessary. Coughs and colds are a normal part of childhood and high temperatures in the morning often reduce after a short time. Unless your child feels seriously unwell and is sleeping all day/not eating—they are usually fine to be in school. You need to make that decision.

4. My child is always in school, but there are 'unauthorised absences' on record.

If your child arrives late, after the registers have closed, this will be marked as unauthorised, unless this has been agreed in advance.

5. My child's attendance is poor this year, what can I do?

Victoria Primary School is here to help you when and where we can.

- Attend meetings and work with the school. This will be your chance to seek support if there are underlying reasons for absence.
- Recognise that there is an issue and do all you can to reverse any trends. This is often easier said than done, but it cannot be ignored and we will support you. *It is never too late.*

Please speak us if you are worried about your child's absences—01933 223323

Carole Westrep, Attendance Officer; Rachel Spruce, Inclusion Officer; Natasha Thomas, Pastoral Support

TOP HOUSE THIS WEEK

HOUSE	WEEKLY POINTS	RUNNING TOTAL
Balmoral	5014	15789
Buckingham	4688	15726
Kensington	4964	15456
Osborne	 5329	15621
Windsor	4929	15759



CLASS ATTENDANCE OF THE WEEK

Teacher	Class	%
Miss Holmes	RA	97.7
Mrs. Hensman	RB	94.4
Miss Malpas	1A	87.5
Miss Smith	1B	86.1
Mrs. Walmsley/Mrs. Brindle	2A	90.0
Miss Seabridge	2B	98.0
Mrs. Embling	3A	99.3
Miss Campbell	3B	95.5
Miss Slow	4A	98.1
Mrs. Reeves	4B	97.2
Mr. Morris	5A	94.0
Miss Husbands	5B	94.5
Miss Costanzo	6A	95.3
Mrs. Richardson	6B	99.3

Top house
Weekly Winner
Osborne



KEY STAGE 1

	Gold award	Class 2B
	Silver award	Class RA

KEY STAGE 2

	Gold award	Class 6B
	Gold award	Class 3A
	Bronze award	Class 4A

WHOLE SCHOOL WEEKLY
AVERAGE

94.8%



VICTASTIC CERTIFICATES AWARDED TO.....

Miss Holmes	<p>Weronika Skalska for her fantastic design for a book front cover. Weronika thought carefully about what a front cover needs and made sure she included all of the features.</p> <p>Victhor Rodriguez Goncalves for his Maths this week comparing numbers. Victhor was able to use the words more than and fewer than to compare numbers and then challenged himself by working out the difference between the two numbers!</p>
Mrs Hensman	<p>Daniel Gozdek for his fantastic effort this week in phonics. Daniel has been using both set one and set two sounds to write sentences independently.</p> <p>Arya Newby for her excellent attitude this week in all areas of learning.</p>
Mrs Bryan	<p>Alesia Popescu and Frieda Watson for writing fantastic versions of our English text The Queens Hat in English this week.</p>
Miss Smith	<p>Aleksandrina Nikitina for always challenging herself in her writing and for showing perseverance and determination.</p> <p>Andra Fatan for showing respect and kindness to all and for always challenging herself in lessons.</p>
Mrs Walmsley Mrs Brindle	<p>Lacie Dawson and Daniil Apetrei for practising their 2,5 and 10 times tables at home and working hard to remember their facts with immediate recall.</p>
Miss Seabridge	<p>Kaenan Taylor for his excellent creative homework project. Year 2 were asked to make a moving vehicle linking to their DT topic and Kaenan has made a moving fire engine, with lights and everything!</p> <p>Justin Savu for being brave while experiencing new things at the Wellingborough Museum.</p>
Mrs Embling	<p>Elissa Khan and Raisa Ana-Maria Ciuica for settling in well and already showing our Victoria values.</p>
Miss Campbell	<p>Ava- Grace Hancock for her super work on multiplication in Maths and her super quick recall of multiplication facts.</p> <p>Tomass Osipovs for all his super reading at home. He has read for 302 minutes this week!</p>
Miss Slow	<p>Shakai Brown for working on strategies to deal with his emotions and for making some really good choices.</p> <p>Habiba Khanom for showing perseverance in all lessons this week.</p>
Mrs Reeves	<p>Jamiu Tajudeen for showing perseverance and improving his behaviour.</p> <p>Pippa Parke for helping others in the class with their learning.</p>
Mr Morris	<p>Jessie Dwane and Jamie Timpson for always following the Victoria Values throughout every lesson, each and every day.</p>
Mrs Maxwell	<p>Jagoda Maszkowska for being consistently ready to answer questions during all lessons, fantastic!</p> <p>Ethan Harvey for having excellent recall of the events that happened during Holy Week, illustrating his work beautifully.</p>
Miss Costanzo	<p>Nadia Mazsar for fantastic descriptions of the characters from Macbeth.</p> <p>Jiya Vegad for always approaching maths problems positively and with enthusiasm.</p>
Mrs Richardson	<p>Julia Jabaji for a beautifully presented information page about the circulatory system.</p> <p>Saharsh Talakokkula for presenting his science knowledge clearly with great explanations.</p>

THIS WEEK'S SPORTING CHAMPIONS

RA	Aziah Alexis for his fantastic gymnastic and exercise demonstrates to his peers including push ups, planks and sit ups!
RB	Hadi Shahid for his great balance and coordination whilst completing the obstacle course outside.
1A	Rosie Reynolds for participating well as a team and creating fantastic gymnastics shapes.
1B	Dylan Adjaikeze for fantastic balancing skills in yoga.
2A	James Telford for showing great control of the football. You stopped the ball carefully before kicking it back to your partner.
2B	Nikita Kartasov for his excellent throwing and catching in our basketball lesson.
3A	Dawid Hulboj for always showing good sportsmanship in P.E.
3B	Daisy-Mai Mackellar for her accurate throwing skills in Dodgeball.
4A	Nastia Cieniuch for working really well as a team.
4B	Anabia Syeda for improved confidence at swimming.
5A	Shy Holder for showing integrity in her games lesson
5B	Jithesh Subburam for using tactical team play in basketball to make sure he was in a space to receive the ball.
6A	Deniz Ucer for his positive approach to all lessons.
6B	Mustafa Ali for his enthusiastic approach to all PE activities.

THE GOLDEN BOOK ☆



This week in Year 3, the children have been making observational drawings of sunflowers by Vincent Van Gogh.

They used oil pastels as their medium and I'm sure you will agree they turned out beautifully!

Congratulations to:-

Lovia Manu Baiden and CJ Amoah for their super artistic work.

We are so proud of you both!



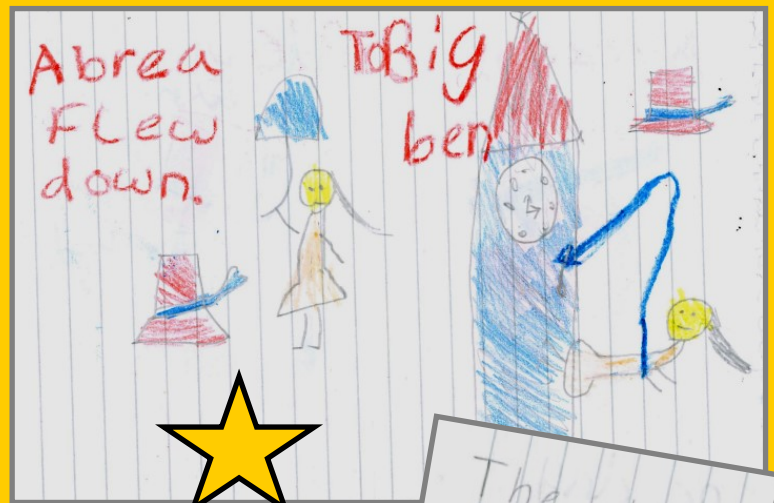
9-3-23
To write my own story

What a colourful place it was! Deniel joyfully ran through the loud city of London. He was joyful and superb swoosh! At that moment his Book blew off him. Suddenness.

10-3-23
This was an unlucky event. The Book flew faster than a racing car. Quickly Deniel ran to get it.

Deniel Deja, Class 1A

Mrs Wood is very impressed with this amazing story that Deniel wrote in class. **"I am happy to be in the Golden**



Olivia Liporada, Class 1A

Well done Olivia for producing this fabulous story booklet at home.

"I am very excited for my work to be in the Golden Book".



NOTICEBOARD



As part of British Sign Language Week pupils will have access to an online lesson from 10am onwards on Wednesday 15th March by clicking here: https://www.signaturelearninghub.co.uk/bsl_lesson This is a great opportunity for them to learn BSL from Yvonne Cobb, a TV presenter and qualified teacher of the deaf.

Don't forget
Parents'
Evening!

Tuesday, 28th March

3.30pm—6.00pm

Thursday, 30th March

5.30pm—8.00pm

Parent Consultation evenings

There will be a parent mail sent to you next week to let you know when the appointments are available to book.



IMPORTANT NOTICES

1. Playtime Snack



The school is involved in a Government initiative to provide a piece of fruit or vegetable for every Early Years and Key Stage 1 child, every day. This is usually eaten by children at morning break. All Key Stage 2 pupils in school are welcome to bring a healthy snack to eat at morning break.

A morning snack can be very important to get children through to lunch time and keep hunger feelings at bay whilst they are trying to learn, especially if children have chosen to eat very little for breakfast.

2. Tesco food parcels



We receive a small delivery of items from Tesco each Tuesday. These are available for families to collect between 3.15 and 3.30pm from the front office. Due to the number of families accessing this service, please let us know in advance if you would like a Tesco food parcel next week.

Speak to the school office or directly to Mrs Spruce or Mrs Thomas.

3. Water

Please remember to provide your child with a bottle of water to have in school every day.



These can be refilled throughout the day.

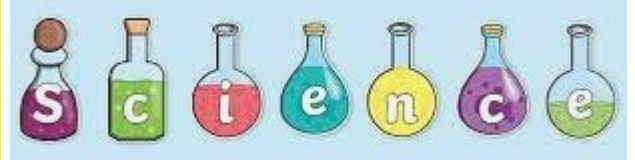
4. Safeguarding Responsibilities

Finally, can we remind all parents that at no point should you be videoing, taking photographs or live streaming via FaceTime, or any other social media platform, when on the playground, as there is a possibility that other children could feature in the recordings.



We must make it very clear that we have a duty to safeguard all children.

KEY STAGE 2



ASSEMBLY



This week we are celebrating British Science Week. As part of our week, we were visited by Mrs Mallett, who works at Wrenn Academy. She brought lots of amazing science experiments with her – all of them things that we could make or do at home.

We learned how to make air cannons, how to make sound balloons and how to cut a hole in a small piece of paper that was big enough to step through.

We are hoping that Mrs Mallett can come back to VPA soon to work with the children on some of the science that they are learning in their classes.



YEAR 2 WELLINGBOROUGH MUSEUM TRIP



The children had a fantastic time at the museum and walking the historical sites of Wellingborough. Well done Year 2.



In Assemblies this week we have been talking about Science Week! This year's theme is Connections. We have been thinking about what connections in the world of science can we find and how does finding them help us? We have also been thinking about our school value ASPIRATION and thinking about we aspire to do, be or achieve.



What connections in the world of science can you find? How does finding connections help us?



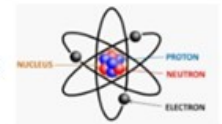
The connection between human actions and climate change



How atoms connect to form chemical bonds which make up everything around us.



How our organs are connected and work together



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?

Aspiration

It is a noun

Hope or ambition of achieving something.

Origin: from Latin 'aspirare'

What do you aspire to do, be or achieve?

Jokes of the week



WELLINGBOROUGH COMMUNITY FAIR



**Come along and meet the services
available in your local community**

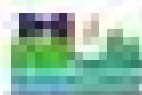
We will have partners from –

BIPC – MIND – Greatwell Homes – Northants
Police – Service Six – Serve – USA – Social
Prescribers – Strong Start and many more!

WELLINGBOROUGH LIBRARY

Tuesday 21st March

10:00am – 2:00pm



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Northamptonshire
Council