



Victoria Primary Academy Weekly Newsletter

Spring Term 2

Friday, 24th March 2023

Diary Dates

28 Mar	Parents' evening 3.30—6pm
29 Mar and 30 Mar	Year 3 A Flower Power Musical 1.50pm
30 Mar	Parents' evening 5.30—8pm
31 Mar	Last day of term
17/4	Teacher training day
18/4	Children return to school
20/4	Year 3 Chester House
24/4	Year 4 Residential trip (3 days)



It's amazing what you can find at the library!

When our Wednesday group of children visited this week, we discovered the wonderful art of **Kremena Dimitrova** who is collating work from children to make an exhibition in Wellingborough called 'Wellingborough Stories' and our children were encouraged to join in. Also, see page 6.

.....a quick message to request that all library books from the library visits are to be returned to school by next Wednesday, 29th March. Thank you.

URGENT SAFETY REMINDER

We are very concerned about the number of push bikes, scooters and e-scooters that are speeding around the car park at the beginning and end of each day.

This is extremely dangerous and could cause serious accidents involving cyclists, cars and pedestrians.

No parents or children should be riding on scooters or bikes on the school site.

Please dismount before coming on to school property. Thank you.

Have a great weekend!

Thank you again to everyone who donated to Red Nose day last Friday. We raised a fabulous **£510** for Comic Relief



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ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Attendance
Target

96%

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.

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

01933 223323.

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

Absence for sickness, or for other reasons, just before or just after a school holiday may be queried.

If we are unable to contact you, or if your child has more than 2 days of sickness, we may conduct a home visit.

This is part of our attendance and safeguarding procedures.

TOP HOUSE THIS WEEK

HOUSE	WEEKLY POINTS	RUNNING TOTAL
Balmoral	 5286	20875
Buckingham	5150	20876
Kensington	5088	20544
Osborne	5251	20872
Windsor	5098	20857

★
Top house
Weekly Winner
Balmoral



CLASS ATTENDANCE OF THE WEEK

Teacher	Class	%
Miss Holmes	RA	91.0
Mrs. Hensman	RB	97.0
Miss Malpas	1A	87.9
Miss Smith	1B	91.7
Mrs. Walmsley/Mrs. Brindle	2A	92.8
Miss Seabridge	2B	100
Mrs. Embling	3A	99.3
Miss Campbell	3B	98.6
Miss Slow	4A	86.7
Mrs. Reeves	4B	94.5
Mr. Morris	5A	94.7
Miss Husbands	5B	97.2
Miss Costanzo	6A	99.3
Mrs. Richardson	6B	92.0

KEY STAGE 1



Gold award Class 2B



Silver award Class RB

KEY STAGE 2



Gold award Class 3A



Gold award Class 6A



Bronze award Class 5B

WHOLE SCHOOL WEEKLY AVERAGE

94.5%



VICTASTIC CERTIFICATES AWARDED TO.

Miss Holmes	<p>Franco Vasile for his fantastic sorting this week of the food that the hungry caterpillar ate. Franco was able to sort the food into healthy and unhealthy independently. He was then also able to think of his own food that he could add to the two groups .</p> <p>Elena Iova for her excellent story of the hungry caterpillar this week. Elena was able to write full sentences, that included capital letters and full stops, to write the whole story!</p>
Mrs Hensman	<p>Abena Hemeng and Vaishnavi Soni for both having a fantastic first week at Victoria. Abena and Vaishnavi have settled in really well and have really impressed all of the adults with their behaviour and kindness.</p>
Mrs Bryan	<p>Patryk Zolnacz- Patryk has worked really hard this week in Writing producing fantastic sentences. He has also worked really hard with his handwriting. Great effort Patryk!</p> <p>Teigan Parsonage – Teigan has been a fantastic role model this week and has worked really hard in all lessons. I was particularly impressed with her in Art. She produced a very detailed self portrait.</p>
Miss Smith	<p>Ayan Panea for modelling fantastic listening and for his brilliant work in Science this week.</p> <p>Caitlyn Abbott for amazing work in English and for showing determination and perseverance.</p>
Mrs Walmsley Mrs Brindle	<p>Silver Dajbabi for enthusiastically participating in class reading comprehension activities. He is answering questions about what he has read and finding the evidence in the text.</p> <p>Pearl Sahue for making a super effort in maths. She has really improved in her ability to count in 2, 5 and 10s. She has spoken clearly about what mathematical pictures represent and used them to help her answer questions.</p>
Miss Seabridge	<p>Harry Griggs – Harry has been working hard in all lessons. He is always ready to learn and tries his best.</p> <p>Tosia Pieczynska – Tosia was engaged and focused in our RE lesson this week. She gave excellent contributions to questions about the crucifixion.</p>
Mrs Embling	<p>Emily Bazley for working very hard on her handwriting.</p> <p>Gabriela Lamsa for sketching a beautiful scene of The Last Supper in RE.</p>
Miss Campbell	<p>Desiree Dushaj for super use of inverted commas in her suspense story.</p> <p>Hashir Khan for his super independent reading at home.</p>
Miss Slow	<p>Alfie Reynolds for trying really hard with his writing this week.</p> <p>Hudhayfah Ali for a great wire sculpture in art.</p>
Mrs Reeves	<p>Kenzie Burgess for a great wire sculpture in art.</p> <p>Chris Wilfred for great recall of facts in art.</p>
Mr Morris	<p>Salman Islam for showing great flair and daring in basket ball.</p> <p>Luana Aires for persistently showing our Victoria values in every lesson, every day.</p>
Mr Butler	<p>Iulian Mateescu for showing great engagement with learning and for being determined.</p> <p>Areej Shahid for demonstrating methodical and logical calculations of area.</p>
Miss Costanzo	<p>Freddie Garcia Davies for his progress in reading.</p> <p>Lorcan McLaren for progress in reading.</p>
Mrs Richardson	<p>Al-Hassan Aderinto for outstanding progress in reading.</p> <p>Mikaela Chowdhury for awesome work on the digestive system in science.</p>

THIS WEEK'S SPORTING CHAMPIONS

RA	Daria Manu for her fantastic animal movements in PE. Daria was able to represent lots of different animals by the way she moved!
RB	Leo Tashuli for his creative obstacle course that he created and completed in the outside area this week.
1A	Tahsina Chowdhury - Tahsina worked really hard in PE this week. She worked really well within her partner work and was fantastic at controlling the ball.
1B	Martin Minkov for brilliant catching skills and for working really well in a team.
2A	Happy Mahara – Well done for showing fantastic agility and determination during PE this week. You were fantastic at dodging and swooping around during our team game.
2B	Sofia Colesnic – Sofia was excellent in PE this week she was focused and she showed determination in our games.
3A	Kyle Dennis for his enthusiasm in Go Noodle.
3B	Lovia Manu Baiden for her accurate throwing skills in Dodgeball.
4A	Bianca Ragalie for great dribbling skills in basketball.
4B	Izabela Jabaji for great defending skills in basketball.
5A	Zibah Botwe for supporting her team mates and following rules.
5B	Kiara Patel for a fantastic effort and attitude in dodgeball.
6A	Andreea Sandor for fantastic tactics in rugby.
6B	Tanisha Chowdhury for good development of throwing skills in rugby.



Kremena Dimitrova

Kremena was on the Art and Design in Education MA, class of 2016. Since graduating, she has become the Illustrator in Residence at Benjamin Franklin House and began a PhD in Visualising History.

*"I construct new stories from old,
In ways that are contemporary, socially
engaged, & sometimes rather bold...
I marry words with images, which I'm often told,
Bring to light, map, & celebrate,
Histories that would otherwise remain hidden,
side-lined, or untold..."*



This morning Kremena visited us in school. She spoke with children across the school about the project 'Wellingborough Stories,' a collaborative art project between artists and locals to represent the many wonderful things about Wellingborough, past, present and future.

She also worked with Year 1 to produce art work to be displayed in the exhibition.



NOTICEBOARD



DO YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT HOW TO KEEP YOUR CHILD SAFE ONLINE?

Come along to an information session at
Oakway Academy
on **28th March**
at **6-7pm**

Parents across the Trust are invited to attend this
FREE event led by Simon Aston. No booking required.
Please note; refreshments will be provided and there is
limited parking available.

Meet Simon Aston - a
locally based National
Online Safety officer.

He will provide
ways for you to
equip your child
and stay safe.



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Wellingborough Saturday mornings from 9.15-12.15

We look forward to seeing you at
Wellingborough Centre for a
morning of fun!



Come and try our instrumental groups
of all standards, art and drama.

If you don't play an instrument yet
we can even help you with that too!

Sign up here:



NMPAT Wellingborough Centre
Sir Christopher Hatton Academy, NN8 4RP
Centre Head - Jo Green
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& TUESDAY 11TH - FRIDAY 14TH APRIL

FROM 9AM - 3PM
FOR BOYS & GIRLS
AGED 4 - 12 YEARS



FREE PLACES

Available for eligible children
Incl. a Healthy Lunch for HAF Places



For HAF funded bookings, if you are eligible you will
be emailed a voucher directly from your school with
a link to book via

www.holidayactivities.com

and search for your chosen venue's name
e.g. 'Wellingborough' with
'Fun Football Training Camp'

For voucher enquiries please speak directly to your
school or email support@evouchers.com

DAILY ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- Tournaments
- Penalty Shoot Outs
- Fun Football Games & Training Drills
- Football Quiz & Challenges
- Football Transfer Game
- Matches & Much More!



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CERTIFICATE
FOR EACH
CHILD**

VENUES

GOALS NORTHAMPTON
Goals Northampton, NN4 8BT
ProTurf® Pitch

WELLINGBOROUGH
Redwell Leisure Centre, NN8 5LP
4G Pitch

RUSHDEN

"PLAY ON THE PITCH"
Hayden Road, Rushden, NN10 0HX
Football Ground - Grass Pitch

KETTERING

Crescents Community Centre, NN16 9PH
Grass Pitch & Indoor Hall

FOR GENERAL BOOKINGS PLEASE GO TO
www.pro-sports.co.uk/holiday-camp

Contact us: information@pro-sports.co.uk

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Please bring water bottles and clothes appropriate for all
weathers, footwear for indoors and outdoors e.g. trainers and
moulded football boots or astro trainers.

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IMPORTANT NOTICES

Wellingborough Library visits

The year 3 and 4 children in Groups 1, 2 and 3 must bring all books borrowed from Wellingborough Library to the school office by Wednesday, 29th March at the latest.

A member of staff will return these to the library to avoid overdue charges over the Easter holidays.

These special visits for year 3 and 4 have now come to an end and the children will be given their library cards so that families can continue to borrow books at any time.



Year 3 Production A Flower Power Musical

Wednesday 29th and
Thursday 30th March
At 1.50pm

Don't forget
Parents'
Evening!

Tuesday, 28th March

3.30pm—6.00pm

Thursday, 30th March

5.30pm—8.00pm

Parent Consultation evenings

Appointments are live and available to book on Parent Mail. Log in and go to "Parents' Evening" on the menu.

Closes Monday 27th

The first edition of our **SAFEGUARDING NEWSLETTER** has been sent out by Parent Mail today.

Safeguarding is the action that is taken to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm.

This will be sent out on a termly basis and is available on our website.



If you have any questions/concerns regarding your child at Victoria Primary Academy, please speak to our office team who will try to help, or will refer you to our Inclusion/Pastoral team for support.



If you have queries concerning your child's learning, please contact their class teacher via Class Dojo or speak to them at the end of the day. **The teachers are not available first thing in the morning as it is important to take registers and settle the class. If you have an urgent enquiry/message, the office team can pass the details on during the day.**

RECEPTION

We had another fantastic stay and read session last week! Thank you to everyone who came.

Today was the last stay and read for this term.



This term so far, we have been looking at how we keep ourselves healthy – eating healthy food, getting a good night sleep and exercising. This week we have been talking about how we look after our teeth and the importance of having healthy teeth.

How Can We Prevent Tooth Decay?

Tooth brushing

Tooth brushing helps prevent tooth decay and gum disease. Tooth brushing should start as soon as the first primary (baby) tooth comes through.

Teeth should be brushed at least twice every day, once at bedtime and on at least one other occasion and should last for approximately 2 minutes each time. The [Brush DJ app](#) can help encourage brushing for the recommended length of time, with its 2 minute music timer.



Children should be encouraged to spit out the toothpaste and **NOT** to rinse their mouth with water. This allows the fluoride in the toothpaste to stay on the teeth for longer.

Did you know - An adult should help or supervise children with tooth brushing until at least the age of 7 years.

Fluoride toothpaste

It is important for toothpaste to contain **fluoride**, as fluoride **prevents tooth decay**. Children must be supervised so they don't eat or lick toothpaste from the tube and to control the amount used.

A smear of toothpaste should be used for 0-3 year olds. A pea size amount of toothpaste should be used for 3-6 year olds.



The amount of fluoride in the toothpaste is written on the packaging as 'ppm', this means 'parts per million'. Toothpaste that contains 1350-1500ppm fluoride gives your child the best protection.

Did you know - A toothbrush with a **small size head** and **medium texture bristles** helps make tooth brushing more effective.

In Assemblies this week we have been talking about **POETRY!** Around the world on the 21st March World Poetry Day is celebrated. We have been discussing the importance of poetry and why we like or may not like it. Linked to the idea of representation we have been thinking about who writes poems? Which voices are we hearing? Are all voices fairly represented? How can we make more voices heard?



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?

Representation

It is a noun

The action or fact of one person standing for their own rights or acting to stand for another's rights and obligations

Origin: from Latin 'repraesentare.'

**Why does
representation
matter?**

Jokes of the week



**What do you
call a fish
without eyes?**

Fsh.

**How do
celebrities
keep cool?**

*They have
many fans.*