

VICTORIA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"Together we aim for the stars"

12th February 2016

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HEADTEACHER'S THOUGHTS THIS WEEK

Dear Parents,

What a fantastic week we have had exploring the theme of Healthy Lifestyles. The children have experienced healthy cooking, Circuits, Zumba and a visit from an Olympic athlete; to name but a few activities! We would like to thank all of our volunteers who came in to make this week such a memorable experience. A huge thank you also to our parents who helped us to raise so much money in our sponsored fitness event (final total to follow). The money raised will help to purchase new sport's equipment for children across the phases.

Have a lovely half term week and we look forward to seeing you again on **TUESDAY 23rd FEBRUARY.**

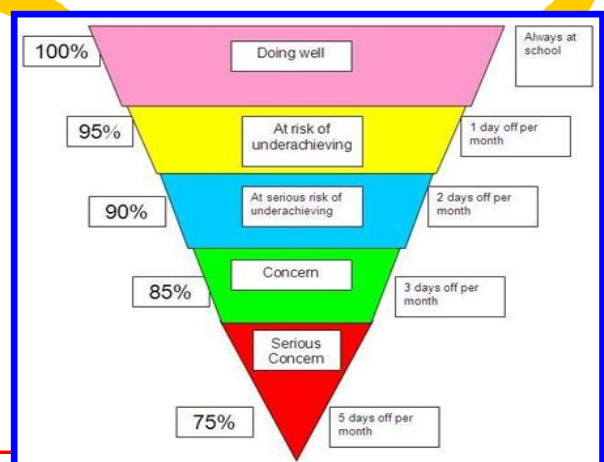
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ATTENDANCE

Below is a pictorial reminder to parents on how important it is for children to attend school everyday. We would like to thank you for your continued support in this area.

School attendance for this week was 96%. A special well done to Classes 13 and 15 who had the highest attendance with 98.9%.

WELL DONE!



STAR OF THE WEEK

Reception Ariana Watkins

Savannah Thomas

Y1 Lily Enticknap Alex Price

Caitlyn Taylor

Y2 All of Class 6 and Class 7

Y3 M Jeffreys Olivia- Mai Evans

Y4 Mahdiha Hussain Emily Evans Nellie Sweeney-Jones Harry Thompson

Y5/6 Seren Jennings Amalia Asprou Emilie John Molly Evans Paige Pesticcio Croll



Celebrating the Welsh Language

Family Phrase of the week
Beth ydy hwn? Answer with a noun.

What is this? Answer with a noun.

Siaradwr Yr Wythnos

Finlay Williams Shreya Gaglhani

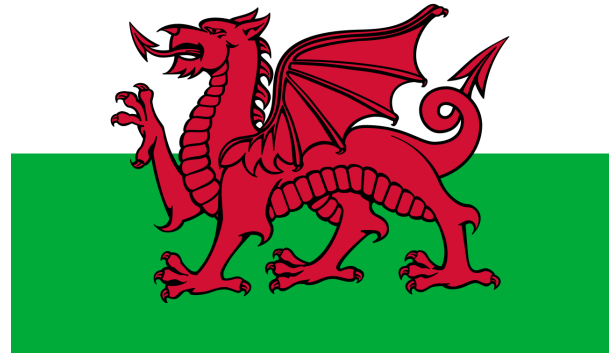
Lula Afia Katy Penn Seren Williams

Flyn McCaffer Billy Rasbuary

Poppy Afia

Maisie James

Eloise Cummins Molly Evans



PTA

Mother's Day Secret Room - this delightful event is fast approaching and we would like to ask for any donations to be sent into school and collected in the junior corridor outside Mrs Daniels' office.

We are also searching for a Coordinator to lead on this event. Time: A few hours of admin, shopping and preparation. The event takes place over two (school) days 3rd and 4th March before Mother's Day, but you wouldn't necessarily need to attend for the whole two days. Please contact Sian or Cat via victoriapenarthpta@gmail.com

The January 22nd cake sale raised £122:23. Thank you for your support.

Next PTA Meeting is on Wednesday 24th February at 8.00pm in the Cons Club. All are warmly welcomed.

Global Gourmet Café

Friday 12th February saw the culmination of the Years 3 & 4 topic of Global Gourmet, with a cafe running throughout the day. This was a wonderful opportunity for families to experience and enjoy the children's work exploring food from around the world; they have researched and made foods from Ethiopia, St. Lucia, Mexico, Italy, Wales and Ireland. Tables were decorated with information leaflets about the different countries, and the centrepieces, which were designed and made by the children, included an Italian spaghetti fountain, the Pitons from St. Lucia and Wales' Principality Stadium.

All the children have been involved in creating and running the cafe, either as a waiter, book seller, accountant, ticket collector or photographer. We are very proud of how hard the children have worked to produce this wonderful event. I'm sure all those who attended today can agree that the children were very confident in discussing their work, and it was a pleasure to see them so eager to share their learning. Thank you for supporting the children by attending, and if anyone missed ordering a recipe book or a copy of the children's novel 'The Catch', please let their class teacher know.



Nursery News

What a busy half term we have had in nursery! All of our new January starters are settled in their groups and are enjoying all of our fun activities!



Our topic, "Holes, Spaces and Hiding Places" has been a great success. The children have loved creating dens and hiding places using boxes. We read 'We're going on a bear hunt', acted out the story and created a display showing the sequence of events. We also had a visit from Mr Bear.

On Monday, we celebrated Chinese New Year. The children loved making lanterns and eating noodles for snack. They were amazing at using chopsticks!

Tuesday was a very busy day making and enjoying pancakes. Miss Starke was a pro in the Pancake race!

We also took part in the Healthy Lifestyles week participating in regular exercises and having fun the outdoor area.

We are looking forward to next half term with St David's Day, Mother's Day and World Book Day to celebrate.



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An Olympic Athlete



The children had great fun when Ben Rushgrove, a former Paralympic athlete, visited the school on Tuesday. Ben and the 'Sportivater', Andy worked the children extremely hard during the four different activities but a massive well done to all the children for coming through it with flying colours. As the sponsorship forms and money start to come into school, we are already overwhelmed by the generous donations made. This will help tremendously with much needed, new PE equipment for the school and to Ben himself. Ben delivered an inspiring assembly which we hope gave the children a brief outlook into the life of a GB athlete and also helps them to aim for the stars and reach their goals.

Beat boxing

A big thank you to Lewis Gardner, a past pupil who came into school to work with year 5 and 6.

During the workshop Lewis worked with the children who composed and performed their own percussion using their voices as their instrument. The session ended with Lewis

giving a performance for all of year 5 and 6.





A Zumba Experience

On Monday, Amy from Escofit visited school and led Zumba Kids Jr and Zumba Kids taster sessions with all of the children. Escofit offer fitness classes for various ages and abilities within the Penarth community, from Zumba to outdoor bootcamp style sessions.

Should you require any further information on sessions offered please contact Amy on 07545 127650 or arasbuary@icloud.com. The children undoubtedly enjoyed the sessions!



Pizza Making

A very big thank you to Mr Rabiaotti, and Pizza Pronto, for coming in to teach the children how to make healthy pizzas. Mr Rabiaotti generously donated all of the ingredients and his time in order for the children to have this unique experience. The children (and staff) thoroughly enjoyed taste testing the final product!



Pop Up Bakery

This week, we have been lucky enough to taste the delightful products of the Foundation Phase bakery. The bakery was the result of a whole host of learning activities that the children have participated in, such as:

- Taste Testing - tally chart of results.
- Parent Questionnaire - tally chart, block graph, bar chart.
- Supermarket price check.
- Doubling ingredients.
- Costing ingredients.
- Finding the cost per item to enable us to make a profit!!
- Selling - adding prices and giving change.
- Sorting and counting coins.
- Evaluating our topic.
- Spending our profit on things for our outdoor classroom!!



Governor's Annual Report to Parents

We are pleased to announce that the Annual Governor's report to parents is complete and available to view on the school website.

If, however, you would like a paper copy of the report, or wish to request an appointment to discuss the content, then please contact the school office.

The school website address is
www.victoriaprimary.co.uk



Leave of Absence Form

After half term we will be using a new leave of absence form. The new form will detail your child's current attendance percentage, prior to the leave being taken. If your request leave is denied due to concerns over your child's current attendance percentage, this will also be detailed.

The form can be obtained from the school office or, alternatively, from the school website.

As always, we would discourage any leave being taken during term time.



Calendar 2015/2016

Spring Term

Half Term

Staff Training Day (School closed to all pupils)

Show Racism the Red Card—Y5

Cake sale (class 7 and 6 donations)

Eisteddfod Foundation Phase (all children in Welsh dress)

Eisteddfod Key Stage 2 (House colours)

World Book day (Costumes required)

Mother's Day Secret Room

PGL trip for Y6

Open day (Nursery)

Parent consultations

Cake sale (class 5,4 and 3 donations)

Last Day of Term

Summer Term

First Day of Term

Sponsored Bounce

Staff Training Day (School closed to all pupils)

Cake Sale (class 1 and 2 donations)

Welsh Government Tests Y2—Y6

Cake sale (nursery am donations)

London Theatre Visit Y3/4 and Jigsaw

Half Term

Llangranog trip for Y5

Summer Fayre

Monday 15th to Friday 19th February

Monday 22nd February

Friday 26th February

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Tuesday 1st March

Wednesday 2nd March

Thursday 3rd March

Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th March

Mon 7th March—Fri 11th March

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Tues 15th March and Thurs 17th March

Friday 18th March

Thursday 24th March

Monday 11th April

Friday 22nd April

Monday 25th April

Friday 29th April

Tues 3rd May—Tues 10th May

Friday 20th May

Wednesday 25th May

Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June

Fri 1st July—Sun 3rd July

Saturday 9th July