

VICTORIA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"Together we aim for the stars"

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HEADTEACHER'S THOUGHTS THIS WEEK

Dear Parents,

As you are probably aware, we are currently trialling group texting as a form of communication. Over the next three weeks we will be monitoring our use with a view to implementing fully in the future. Your feedback on this system would be very welcome.

I would like to thank parents who have supported the Marie Curie charity. We have raised £46.00.

Please note that staff will be participating in Numeracy training on Monday 25th April and the school will be closed to ALL pupils.

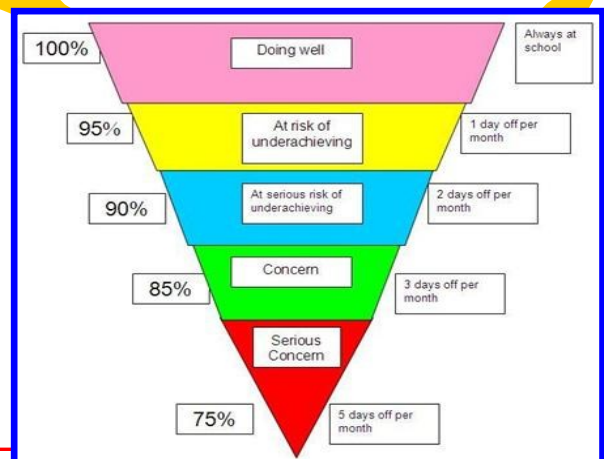
Have a lovely weekend

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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 97.6%. A special well done to Classes 8 and 9 who had the highest attendance with 99.3%. WELL DONE!



Welsh Government Tests

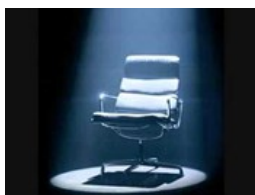
Shortly, children from Y2-Y6 will participate in standardised assessment activities including the Welsh Government reading and numeracy tests. Over the past few weeks, the children have been regularly practising and preparing in order to familiarise themselves with the format and eliminate any fears. We are very keen to emphasise to the children that the work they will be doing is to help the teachers to prepare future work at the correct level.

During the test period (3rd May–10th May), we would encourage the children to have plenty of sleep and a good breakfast. It is imperative, as it is for the rest of the year, that children arrive at school on time.

The results of the tests will be shared with parents at the end of this term.

Please note that there will be no music lessons during the test period.

Vale of Glamorgan Junior Mastermind 2016



On Friday 18th March five children from years five and six took part in an inter-school 'Junior Mastermind Competition' at Victoria Primary School. There were 7 teams from different schools and the children were very excited to be part of this first inter school competition. Mr Husband who organised the event and played question master 'Jeremy Paxman' was very pleased with the success of the event and in particular at how much the children knew, 'Some teachers would be hard pushed to get many of these questions correct'

There were five categories: general knowledge, sports, history, geography and literature. There were ten questions in each category and the children were given a choice of 4 possible answers. The questions were written by teachers from other primary schools who are part of the Penarth More Able and Talented' group who organise events to cater for pupils who show talents in particular areas.

The competition was exceptionally close. At the halfway point Victoria was in 6th place but after a 10 minute break including squash, biscuits and a chance to 'mingle' with the children from the other schools we came back strongly. At the end, Evenlode won the competition with Sully coming a close second and Victoria in third. Congratulations to Emilie John, John Bryant, James Stechman, George Stechman, Alisha Khan.

'I had such fun this afternoon. We really had the best time.' (George Stechman)

Perhaps next time, the children could be the question masters and the teachers can compete against each other? I wonder who would win?

Mr Husband

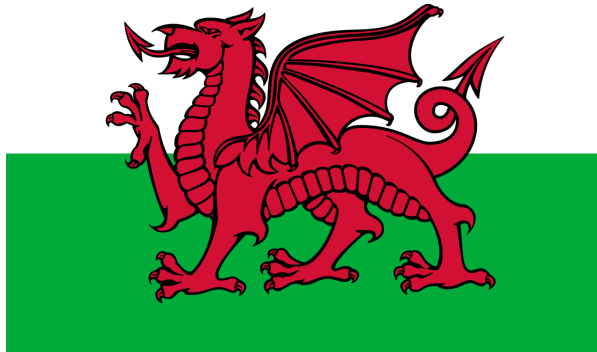


Celebrating the Welsh Language

Family Phrase of the week
Dwi'n poeth—Im hot
Ga I ddiod? Can I have a drink?

Siaradwr Yr Wythnos

Gracie Williams
Xavier Swidenbank
Zachary Wildin
Ruby Morgan
Nellie Parkin-Downs
Isabel Briody



Calendar 2015/2016

Summer Term

Staff Training Day (School closed to all pupils)
Class Photographs
Cake Sale (class 1 and 2 donations)

Monday 25th April
Tuesday 26th April
Friday 29th April

Welsh Government Tests Y2—Y6

Daily Mile pilot (more information to follow)
Rotary Club Concert
Margam Park Visit (Y5/6)
Cake sale (nursery am donations)
London Theatre Visit Y3/4 and Jigsaw

Tues 3rd May—Tues 10th May
Week beginning 9th May
Thursday 12th May
Friday 13th May
Friday 20th May
Wednesday 25th May

Half Term

Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June

PTA Band Night
Y6 Transition day (Stanwell)
Cake sale (nursery pm donations)
Llangranog trip for Y5
Y5 Enterprise Morning (Stanwell)
Summer Fayre
Y6 Leaver's Assembly
Y6 BBQ
Reports out
Last Day of Term

Friday 10th June
Tuesday 21st June
Friday 24th June
Fri 1st July—Sun 3rd July
Thursday 7th July
Saturday 9th July
Thursday 14th July (9.30)
Thursday 14th July (4.30—6.00)
Friday 15th July
Wednesday 20th July