

VICTORIA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"Together we aim for the stars"

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HEADTEACHER'S THOUGHTS THIS WEEK

Dear Parents,

What a shame that the weather was not on our side this week. Hopefully, the sun will be shining on the 11th July and we will be able to hold our annual sport's day for Y1 -Y6. We are looking at a possible alternative for Nursery and Reception and will let you know if we are able to identify a suitable date.

We have recently counted the final fundraising amount for Lesotho and are pleased to announce that a huge £1098.10 was raised. A special well done to Y5/6 for their tremendous efforts. We are very proud of you children!

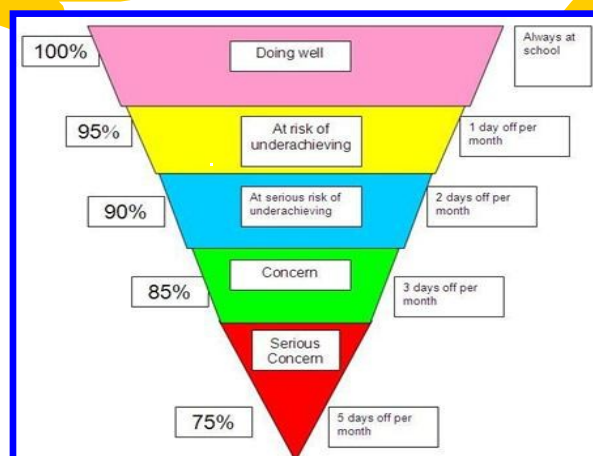
Have a lovely weekend

S Daniels

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 94%. A special well done to Class 8 who had the highest attendance with 99%. WELL DONE!



Star of the week



Reception

Emily Coombs

Sophie Powell

Iolo Watkins

Y1

Amber Webber

Charlie Bialynicki-Birula

William McPhail

Angel King

Ollie Pattison

Y2

Jack Wragg

Martha Jones

Mali Godfrey

Y3

George Bennett

Y4

Naomi-Claire Lloyd Latham

Y6

Sam Davies

Caitlin Bowman

Chloe Dyer

Milly Hutchings

Sounds of South America and Africa

On Saturday 25th June, a group of year 5 and six children went to the Welsh College of Music and Drama for a Percussion workshop with children from other Primary and Secondary Schools. We all met in the grand foyer and were allocated a group. You could feel the buzz of excitement as the children chatted and college students played in the background. After a quick welcome and introduction from Phil Gírling, percussionist at the Welsh National Opera, we went to groups to start our workshops. Samba, and African drums

At the end of the workshops we performed a concert for our parents in the foyer and to passers by outside! The sun shone and so did we. Everything we learnt came together and each groups linked into the next. It was a triumph and we all agreed it was a fabulous occasion. I would like to thank the professionals, Phil, and Dave Phillips for giving up their time and the Welsh College for hosting the event. If you want any further information about what the Welsh College of Music and Drama have to offer, please visit the website,

<http://www.wcmd.ac.uk/>

Mr Husband



Music Concert

On Tuesday the 12th of July we will be holding our annual music concert to celebrate the wonderful progress children have been making with the peripatetic music staff this year.

This includes:

- Year 4 ukuleles
- Year 3 recorders
- The Master Band
- Victoria Orchestra (summer term club)
- Groups from each instrument group (guitar, strings, brass, woodwind)
- Victoria Voices
- A selection of solo keyboard pieces

The concert is being held at Stanwell Auditorium and will start at 3:45 with a view to end by 5:15.

Letters of protest

In May, Mrs Davies' English class were inspired by the news in England whereby parents took their children out of school so that they did not sit SAT tests. This topic encouraged the children to look at the for and against arguments of our own Welsh Government tests, whereby the children then wrote a formal letter stating their opinion on the matter and finally posting it to Cardiff Bay. This week, the children were very excited to receive their own individual replies from the Welsh Government which considered their personal views. Who knows, perhaps we have the future Prime Minister amongst



Children in Need

We are delighted to inform you that the fundraising efforts from our children have been featured on the new BBC Children In Need website. Please click on the link below and scroll across the bottom where you will see the achievements of the children celebrated.

<https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/schools/fundraiserslikeyou>



Farewell

Today is the last day for Miss Davies, as she leaves us to take a well earned rest before the birth of her new baby. We would like to wish her our very best and cannot wait to meet the new addition. Miss Williams, our Reception teacher for September, will be taking over the class for the remaining weeks.



I would also like to take this opportunity to wish Miss Green the very best of luck as she takes temporary special leave, at the end of this term, in order to visit New Zealand. Enjoy the fantastic experience Miss Green, we look forward to hearing all about your experiences on your return.

Summer Fayre

On Saturday 9 July, 11-1pm, Victoria Primary School will be holding it's Annual Summer Fayre, aiming to raise enough money to give the school canteen a much-needed makeover.

Taking place within the school grounds, there will be all the usual favourites; Fire Engine – Hot Dogs – Ice-creams & Lollies – Cream Teas – Face painting – Bric-a-Brac and lots lots more. Plus new for this year are Pony Rides, a Roald Dahl themed Bake Off and Pie the Head Teacher (for the school children only)

Entry is £1, children go free

As well as coming along for a fun packed family outing, there are lots of other ways you can help support the Fayre: Volunteer - if you are able to spare some time to help at the Fayre please sign up using the electronic forms found on the PTA website and facebook page - or using good old fashioned pen and paper in the Junior Foyer

Bake Off - Create a Roald Dahl Inspired bake and be in with a chance to be crowned Victoria's Star Baker and to win 4 tickets to see Danny The Champion of the World at St Donat's Art Centre. **There is also a Junior category for the children - just bring your bakes along by 10.30 on the morning of the Fayre.** Entries will be judged on appearance only and sold at the cake stall after judging.

Donations - from Monday 4 July we are accepting donations in the junior corridor, outside Mrs Daniel's Office, of; Toys and Books, Soft Toys, Unused small toys for lucky dip prizes, Nail Varnish, Wrapped Sweets, Plants, Second hand school uniform

Raffle Tickets - Each family should have received two books of raffle tickets. With a host of fantastic prizes from the local community just return ticket stubs and money in a sealed envelope via your class teacher to be in with a chance of winning. **More books available from the school office.**

Bottle Tombola - On Friday 8 July there will be a non-uniform day for the children. In return we ask they each bring in a bottle for the Tombola. This could be alcohol, soft drink, perfume etc.

This year, each year group will be preparing a hamper, for the raffle, from donations sent in. After much deliberation, the themes of each hamper are as follows:

Nursery	Day at the beach	Reception	Pet Dog
Year 1	Pamper Night	Year 2	Great British bake off
Year 3	Wales	Year 4	Cinema Night
Year 5	Italian	Year 6	Arts and crafts

Take 3

Year 5/6 parents- Would you like support to help you with the changing role of parenthood?

If you feel you would benefit from some guidance in managing the challenges of understanding the needs of your child, you might be interested in coming along to the Take 3 parenting course, with Mrs Williams (ALNCo) and Mrs Kate Welsh (Schools Transition Officer) which will be held at Stanwell School in the Autumn term.

If you would like more information please see Mrs Hall.

Winning House

Congratulations to
Meliden



This week's winners with
the
most star points.



Calendar 2015/2016

Summer Term

Llangranog trip for Y5
Class swop day
Y5 Enterprise Morning (Stanwell)
Non-uniform day (Tombola contribution)
Summer Fayre
Peripatetic Music Concert
Y6 Leaver's Assembly
Y6 BBQ
Nursery Graduation
Y5/6 Trip
Reports out
House Star Point Treat
Race for Life
Last Day of Term

Staff Training (school closed to pupils)
Staff Training (school closed to pupils)
STEM week
Staff Training (school closed to pupils)

Fri 1st July—Sun 3rd July
Wednesday 6th July
Thursday 7th July
Friday 8th July
Saturday 9th July
Tuesday 12th July (3.45)
Thursday 14th July (9.30)
Thursday 14th July (4.30—6.00)
Friday 15th July
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Tuesday 19th July
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Thursday 1st September
Friday 2nd September
Monday 5th Sept—Friday 9th Sept
Monday 31st October