

VICTORIA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"Together we aim for the stars"

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HEADTEACHER'S THOUGHTS THIS WEEK

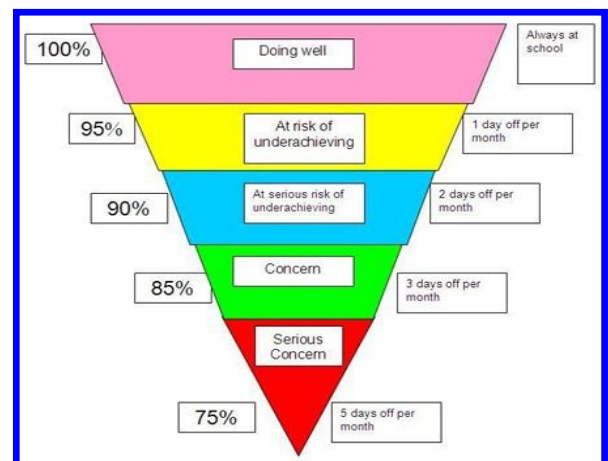
Annwyl Parents/carers,
As we reflect on the very hot week we have experienced, I would like to extend my sincere thanks for your support in ensuring that the children were appropriately sun-creamed and had filled water bottles with them. Your cooperation plays a vital role in keeping our children safe and comfortable during such warm days. I would also like to thank those who attended the online workshop on understanding your child's report. I hope you found the session beneficial and informative.
Today, we are distributing the reports which are crucial in documenting your child's unique learning journey. I encourage you to discuss these reports with your child, as it is imperative that they have the opportunity to celebrate their successes and recognise any targets they may need to focus on moving forward.

Diolch yn fawr for your continued support.

Mrs Davies

PRESENOLDEB

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 94.8%. A special well done to Class 2P and 5S who had the highest attendance with 98.8%. WELL DONE!



Patrwm Yr Wythnos

This week's patrwm is ...

Faint ydy dy oed di?
How old are you?

Dwi'n tri oed.
I am three years old.

Dwi'n saith oed.
I am seven years old.

Dwi'n deg oed.
I am ten years old.

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Big Fresh

We have implemented some changes to the new menu and are getting some great feedback with the usual expected complaints when change happens. We are dealing with all complaints on an individual basis with parents to explain the rationale at this point. The whole idea is to try to offer more nutritional, hot, home cooked foods to our pupils with bread options removed together with certain foods.

There is a children's version of the consultation and it would be great if pupils could provide their feedback too.

Can I ask that this link is shared in your parent newsletters. The closing date is 29 July 2025.

Thanking you in advance.

<https://www.gov.wales/written-statement-consultation-changes-healthy-eating-schools-nutritional-standards-and>

Carole Tyley
Managing Director
Big Fresh Catering Company



Wimbledon Wonders

Congratulations to Ophelia and Elijah Hunkin who are both taking the tennis world by storm. Ophelia recently won a tennis competition in Cardiff—a whole age range above her own! Additionally, Elijah won his first competition in Newport. Elijah has also been selected, a year early, for South Wales County training, and is definitely following in his sister's brilliant footsteps.

Well done both, we are very proud of you!



Musical Showcase

On Wednesday Year 1 and 2 children were lucky to hear the talented Jacob (an ex pupil of Victoria) and Conrad playing a range of music on the French horn. They hope to inspire children to have a go at a musical instrument and talked about their enjoyment playing in the youth orchestra. During the assembly, several children and Mrs Barnett had a go at playing the French horn too!



School Council Litter Pick

On Wednesday afternoon, the School Council got together to complete their last task of the year - local litter picking! We chose to head to the school field, tidying it up ready for our final weeks of school! We used litter equipment from Penarth Library which is available for anyone to use (Penarth Library Litter Picking Hub).



Penarth Library Summer Reading Challenge

Hello Everyone,

We're thrilled to announce the theme for the **2025 Summer Reading Challenge:**

"The Story Garden"!

Here's a quick overview of how to take part:

- Visit your local library this summer—or join the Challenge online—for **FREE!**
- Sign up and receive your very own **Story Garden collector folder**.
- Choose books to enjoy over the holidays.
- Earn **stickers and other fun rewards** for each book you read.
- Add your stickers to your folder as you grow your own Story Garden!
- Complete the Challenge and celebrate your achievement with a **medal and certificate** at a special presentation evening with **Mr Marvel** at **Penarth Library** this autumn.

For more details and school resources, visit:

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/story-garden-books-landing>

Happy reading!

Regards

Rachel and the team at Penarth Library



Arbor Communications

We have recently moved over to a new communications system at school, Arbor, which will come into full use after half term and wanted to let you know of some changes to expect.

E-mail Address: we have a new school e-mail address (office@victoriaprimarieschool.com) which will replace the current address - victoriaps@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk. The current e-mail address will stop being used on 18/07/25. You can use either address in the meantime.

E-mail Messages: will be sent from our new system but you should receive them in exactly the same way as usual and probably won't notice much difference. You will be able to reply to these e-mails and they will be delivered directly to the office@victoriaprimarieschool.com address.

Text Messages: will be sent from our new system and appear as sent from a randomly generated number that will be unique to you and will remain unchanged for all messages. You will be able to send replies to text messages but not start a new message thread yourself.

Parent Portal: the school now has a Parent Portal that you can log in to and see information about your child/children, such as attendance, trips and clubs. You will receive an e-mail soon giving you instructions on how to login to your account. The e-mail will be sent from Arbor (the name of new system) so please keep an eye out in junk/spam mail.

Arbor Parent App: you can also download the Parent App to see the same information about your child/children as on the Parent Portal. Once you have downloaded the app, we will be able to communicate with you using in-app messages. You will also be able to reply to messages via the app which will be sent directly to the school.

School Office: as always, the school office is open from 8.15 - 3.45, Monday to Friday, and you can call us on 02920 709225. If your child is absent you can leave a voicemail message or speak to one of our admin staff within the opening hours.

School Newsletter: the newsletter will be sent out as usual via e-mail and can also be found on our website each week - [Newsletters | Victoria Primary School](#)

If you have any queries, please let us know.

Calendr 2024/2025

Y5 enterprise visit to Stanwell
Winning House treat
Y1 and Y2 to Parc Play
Y6 Leaver's Assembly
Y5/6 trip to Barry Island
Nursery Graduation

Tuesday 15th July
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Wednesday 16th July
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Thursday 17th July
Thursday 17th July 10:30am

INSET—school closed to pupils

Monday 21st July

INSET—school closed to pupils

Monday 1st September

INSET—school closed to pupils

Tuesday 2nd September

INSET—school closed to pupils

Friday 3rd October

INSET—school closed to pupils

Friday 13th February

INSET—school closed to pupils

Friday 1st May

INSET—school closed to pupils

Monday 20th July

