

VICTORIA PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

"Together we aim for the stars"

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HEADTEACHER'S THOUGHTS THIS WEEK

Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe that another half term has passed! Thank you again for supporting your children so well during this challenging period.

After half term, we will see the return of our Foundation children. Please ensure that you have read the letter highlighting the details of the return. It is very important that we all follow the rules in order to ensure the safety of staff and pupils and to pave the way for the return of our Key stage 2 pupils. It is also important to note that a return to school does not mean a return to normal. Contact must be kept to a minimum which means that play dates and sleepovers are still not permitted.

Finally, thank you to the families who joined in with the online PTA quiz. It was well organised and lots of fun. Well done to the fantastic PTA for raising £380.

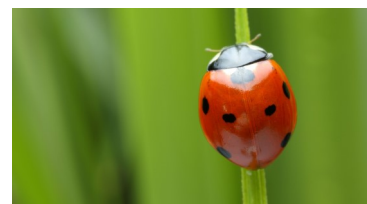
Have a lovely half term and take care

Mrs Daniels

Whole School Photography Competition—Eisteddfod

My Planet earth—wildlife in my neighbourhood

Our planet is amazing. Even in a town like Penarth, the wonders of nature are all around us - in our gardens, our streets, in playgrounds, parks, and beaches.



To celebrate cool planet Earth and the natural world, we're looking for our budding photographers to snap the wildlife of Penarth this spring. From bugs to birds, wild plants and trees to creatures of all kinds, see what catches your eye and captures your imagination.

The Rules

One photographic entry per family - choose the one you are most proud of.

Wildlife doesn't include pets or siblings— however unruly they may seem!

Your photograph should be taken on a digital camera, tablet or phone

When you are emailing your competition image to us, please give it a title and write a very brief description of it. For example, 'A frog I found in my back garden.' Your description will help us to understand why you took the image.

Star of the week



Reception

Dexter Smithson

Clara Burn

Mali Eglinton

Year 1

Harry Cahill

Freya Saul Coen Salisbury-Gaumont

Millie Haydock

Year 2

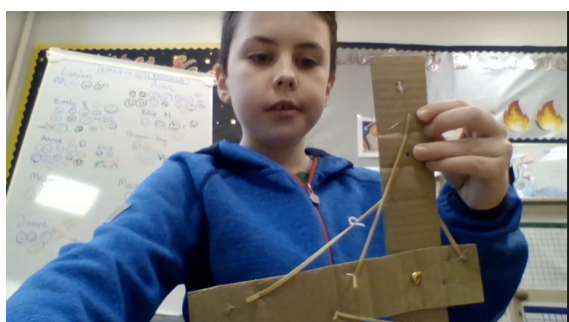
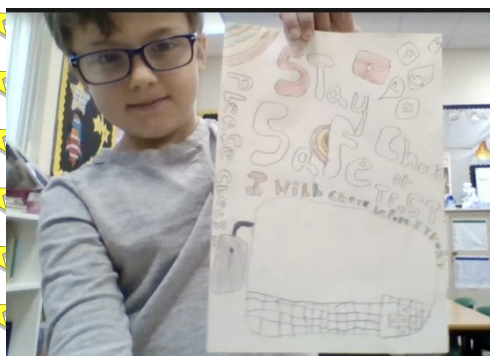
Sammy Burgess-Mason

Tommy Evans

Eva Corsi

Olivia Robson

Star of the week



Year 3

Annabel Barry

Aven Navarra

James Lewis

Amber Bowerman

Year 4

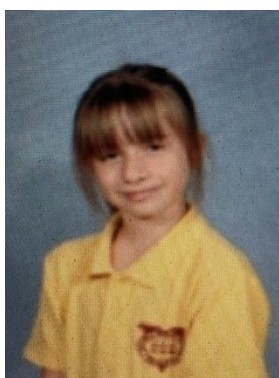
Brendan Tennant-Marsh

Grace Alexander

Jack Harding

Charlotte Marsden

Star of the week



Year 5

Sam Morris

Nia Court

Grace Williams

Gabriel Brooks

Charlotte Llewellyn

Year 6

Alex Price

Angel King

Tilly Kay

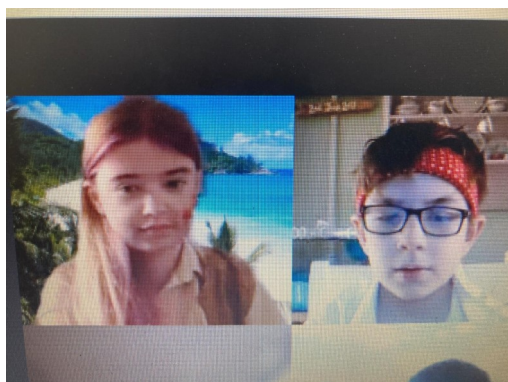
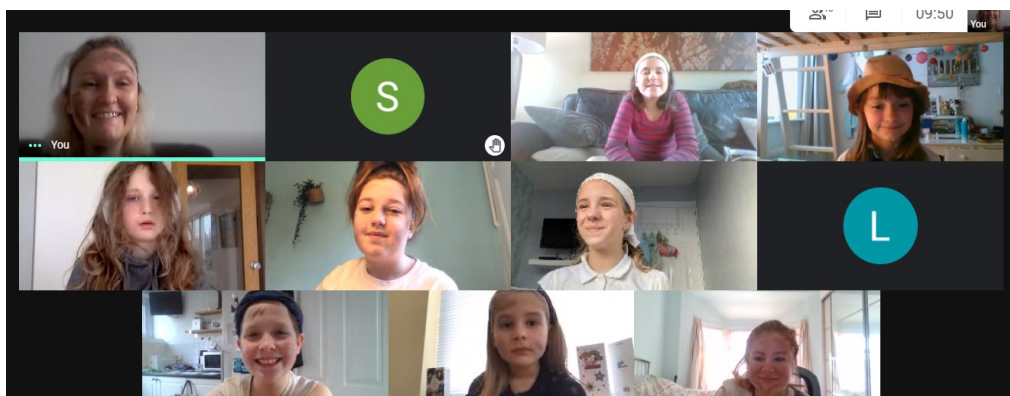
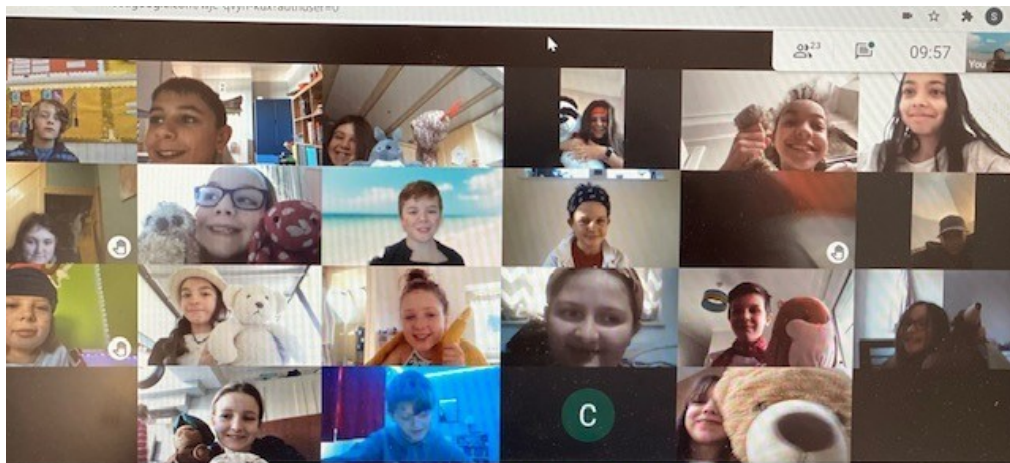
Ben Griffiths

Sophie Wilks

Megan King

Year 6 Theme Day

Our topic this term has stemmed from the novel *Kensuke's Kingdom*, written by Michael Morpurgo. The children have worked incredibly hard on a range of different activities, including writing character descriptions, sketching rain forest animals, and reviewing the book. This week we had an online theme day where the children were able to dress up as castaways. We then looked at different survival skills that would be needed and what would be important if they found themselves shipwrecked. Some great thinking skills displayed by our fabulous Year 6 children.



Key Stage 2 Music competitions – St David's Day

Music is an important part of school life in Victoria, especially as part of our St David's Day celebrations. So many of our children have music lessons in and out of school and we are always amazed at our talented musicians. This year, we will be celebrating St David's Day as a school and there will be many of the usual competitions in the Google classroom during our Welsh Theme Week. In addition to the class competitions, we will be holding a number of music competitions:

- Keyboards
- Strings
- Guitars
- Wind (Woodwind & Brass)
- Percussion e.g. drums

Each year group will also have a singing competition. The song can be in Welsh but does not have to be although, it does need to have its roots in Wales. Details where and when to upload their entries will be shared with the children in their Google Classrooms.

For the music competitions, (keyboards, strings, guitars and Wind) the final day for uploading entries is Tuesday 23rd February. Videos are to be uploaded to the folder St David's Day Competitions in the whole school classroom. The piece of music is entirely up to the individual; it may be a favourite piece or something they have been working on in their lessons. Maximum length of the video is 2 minutes. Please note, children who wish to enter do not need to be taking lessons in school.



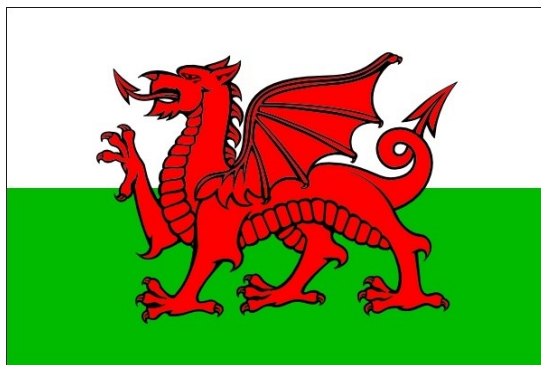
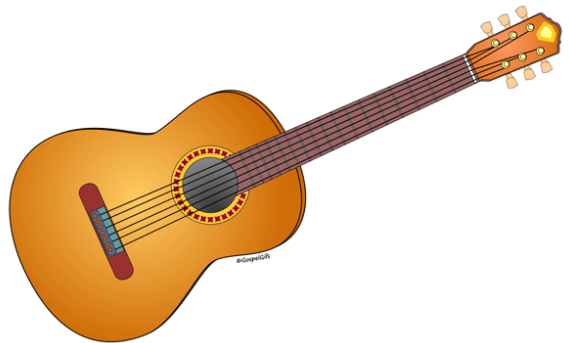
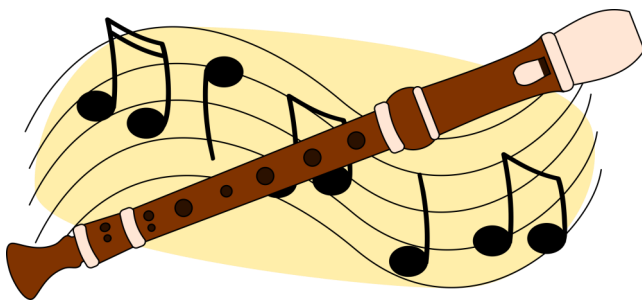
Foundation Phase Music competitions – St David's Day

As we look ahead to our Eisteddfod celebrations, we have started thinking about the competitions that we will hold this year.

We are very aware that several children in the Foundation Phase, Reception through to Year 2, are currently learning to play a musical instrument, whether that is via lessons organised through school and the Vale, or via private lessons at home. We have therefore decided to include a music competition as part of our Eisteddfod celebrations and would welcome any children who are currently learning an instrument and attend lessons to take part.

In order that we have time to judge the entries we ask that any child wishing to participate uploads a video to the Eisteddfod Competitions Music section of your child's Google Classwork page by Tuesday 23rd February. Please do not post videos on the stream or send via email as we would hate to miss any of the entries.

We look forward to seeing the videos,
Foundation Phase Team



Whole School Competitions - St David's Day

Get your rolling pins ready and your aprons on, this competition is open to everyone in our school. We know that lots of you enjoy baking and half-term will give you the perfect time to bake some delicious goodies together as a family. Over half-term, it is also Valentines day and Pancake day so you could create a recipe that brings two ideas together and fits in with your weekly plans too, e.g. a Welsh pancake.

Instructions;

- * Choose a recipe, this can be from a cook book, online or one of your own. There are some ideas in the link below to get you started.
- * Make sure you have all of the ingredients and equipment needed. You may have to write a shopping list for your parents.
- * Send in your entry by 3pm on Tuesday 23rd February.

What to include in the entry?

- * Name, class, recipe name and possibly some information about the recipe.
- * Images showing your recipe, these can be photos, a slideshow or a video.

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/collection/st-davids-day-recipes>



Local photographer seeks to reinvigorate the community support for the NHS and key workers with a new symbol of hope and positivity.

Photographer Conor Elliott, from Penarth is looking to inject a fresh approach to the support for the NHS and other key workers. Last year the Rainbow proved a very successful way to show support and appreciation for the NHS. Now he feels that it is as important as ever to continue that support. He is therefore asking the community to display in their windows a new symbol: a Butterfly.

The Butterfly is a perfect symbol to use. Like the Rainbow, it is a symbol of hope. It is also seen as a very positive image of birth and regeneration. The possibilities to be creative are endless. It is an easy image to create for younger children and everyone. Conor does not want to dismiss the rainbow, it can, of course, continue to be used, even combined with the butterfly but he feels that asking people to repeat what they did last year might be a little tired. He also feels that people are very jaded by the ongoing pandemic and he wants to show the NHS that now more than ever they have not been forgotten. So by introducing a new symbol it can reinvigorate something that was successful last year.

Last year, having noticed the creative support made up of the window art of rainbows that were displayed with such affection throughout the communities of Penarth and Barry in the Vale of Glamorgan, Conor walked the streets photographing this art and created large 6ft x 4ft mosaics that were made up of thousands of photographs. The mosaics are now displayed in Llandough and Barry hospitals in the Vale.

"This is a new opportunity for the community to show the NHS and key workers that there is still massive support for them through continuing difficult times. It is a very simple concept that will have a huge impact as we are on the final push to get back to our normal lives."

"The weather is starting to brighten. Spring is on its way. This will be a wonderful opportunity to brighten our windows again by doing something creative and to feel positive again, a chance to spread a little happiness. It would be nice to see smiles back on peoples' faces."

It is hoped that this can spread as far as possible. People can get involved in all kinds of ways in their own communities and be as creative as possible. It is an important way for people to show their support to something as important as the NHS, which continues to be under such huge pressure, and all key workers. Re-generation within our communities and lives is something we are facing. On a wider scale this can even send a message of hope around the world through 'The Butterfly Effect'.

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