

VICTORIA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"Together we aim for the stars"

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HEADTEACHER'S THOUGHTS THIS WEEK

Dear Parents,

Welcome back, we hope that you have all had a happy and restful half term week.

On Monday, all teaching staff received training on the new Digital Competency Framework, along with other teachers in the Penarth Cluster. A very important and useful start to the half term.

The lead up to Christmas is always a busy and productive time with lots of exciting events to enhance the children's learning. Please read the newsletter each week, especially the dates on the back page, so that you do not miss out any important information over the coming weeks.

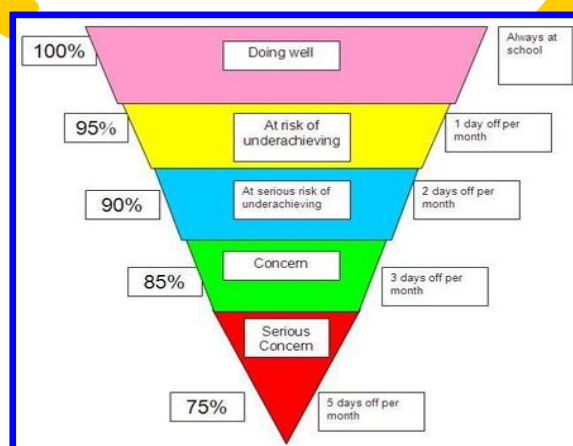
We look forward to working with you closely over the next half term.

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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 95.6%. A special well done to Classes 8 and 11 who had the highest attendance with 100%. WELL DONE!



STAR OF THE WEEK



Reception Isaac Sheppard

Esme Van Keogh

Y1 Lily Richards

Owen Herdman

Y2 Caitlyn Taylor Ruby Morgan Anna Valentine

Y3 Francesca Wood Arthur Gilbert

Y4 Eryn Davies Esme Bax

Y5 Jasmyn Davies

Y6 Jacob Julien Theo Hunnam Charlie Stockley-Jones Elina Asprou
Jake Barnett

Museum Week

On Monday 21st November we will be holding a whole school theme week, 'Victoria Museum', in order to celebrate the children's history work from this term.

During the week, the children will make artefacts that they will put on display as part of their class museum. On Friday, 25th November, we will invite the children to come into school dressed from the period of time that their class is currently studying e.g. Year 5 will come dressed as a person from the Tudor age. The children will then visit different rooms in the school 'museum' in order to find out what other children have learnt over the term. We will also be displaying the fantastic family learning projects.

We would like to invite parents from Foundation Phase to visit the school between 09.30 and 10.30 and Key Stage Two parents between 10.30 and 11.30. The Curriculum Task Group will act as your official guides as you visit our the Victoria School Museum.

Themes Studied:

Reception—Knights and Castles

Year One— Famous people past and present

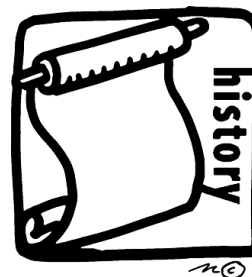
Year Two— Great Fire of London/ Gunpowder Plot

Year Three—The Romans

Year Four—The Victorians

Year Five—The Tudors

Year Six—Medieval Wales



PTA

We are currently busy preparing for the Christmas Fayre. On 14th November, we are asking all children to bring in a contribution for the tombola stall in return for wearing non-uniform. The Christmas Fayre will be held at the school this year, on Friday 18th November at 3:30. On the day we will operate a one way system with parents who are not attending the Fayre picking up their children from the playground via the back gate and parents who are attending the fayre using the front gate. There will be more information over the coming weeks Thank you for your support.





Year 5 Trip to Blancaiah Fawr

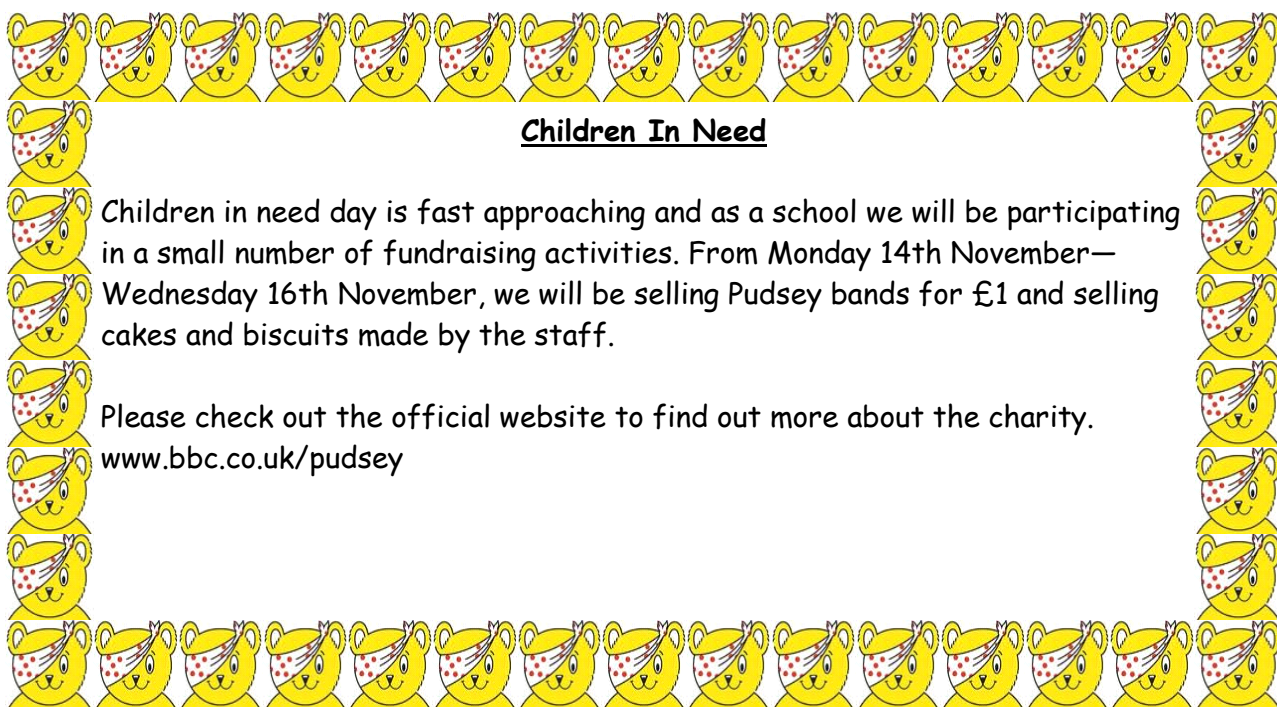


Year 5 had a fantastic experience at Blancaiah Fawr in Nelson. The children enjoyed a tour around the house provided by the Tudor actors. They then took part in workshops on Tudor medicine where they made soap, learned about Tudor leisure time and played games, they also experienced a Tudor court scene. The children learned so much from this trip, and we would like to say a big thank you to the parents who helped on our trip but also to the Victoria Primary PTA as without their financial support we would not have been able to experience this brilliant resource.



Year 5 Shakespeare Workshop

Year 5 were treated to a workshop by Mrs Price and two of her actress friends, they have all acted in and/or produced a variety of plays by Shakespeare. They showcased some of the skills which they have learned from a variety of drama companies including The Royal Shakespeare Company. We were really proud of the way Year 5 engaged with the activities and how they used these skills in their oracy tasks. Well done Year 5 and thank you to Mrs Price.



Children In Need

Children in need day is fast approaching and as a school we will be participating in a small number of fundraising activities. From Monday 14th November—Wednesday 16th November, we will be selling Pudsey bands for £1 and selling cakes and biscuits made by the staff.

Please check out the official website to find out more about the charity.
www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey

'I.T. AND BEYOND!'

**'Reaching out to grand-
parents'
(the silver surfers)**

If your 'computer skills' need a little TLC, then why not take advantage of our expertise.

We are hosting a workshop on the 16th November (1.30-3pm) where our digital leaders (children) can work with you to improve your IT skills, specifically looking at how to use an i-pad.

The workshop will be held in Mr Husband's class: just off the junior hall.

We look forward to seeing you.



Operation Christmas Child

One of our parents Mrs Payne, will be supporting the charity Operation Christmas Child and will be collecting shoeboxes containing gifts (tooth brushes, toothpaste and soap, hairbrushes, pens, pencils, something to write in, toys or games). If you would like to contribute then please return your box during the morning or afternoon school collections at the back Shelter on the 9th , 10th and 11th November.

Please use the stickers on the leaflet to indicate if the box is for a boy or girl and the approximate age range. The boxes should not be taped down but held shut with an elastic band.

Should you have any questions about Operation Christmas Child, or Samaritan's Purse, please visit: www.samaritans-purse.org.uk or speak with Lora Payne on 07403901603.



Calendar 2016/2017

Autumn Term

Colorfoto order due in

Own clothes day (contributions for tombola)

Christmas Fayre

Victoria Museum Theme Week

(costume needed for Friday 25th November)

Breakfast with Santa

Early Years Performance

Foundation Phase Nativity

Key Stage Two Performance

Christmas Party

Last Day of Term

Friday 11th November

Tuesday 15th November

Friday 18th November

Monday 21st November

Saturday 3rd December

Monday 5th December

Tuesday 6th December pm

Wednesday 7th December am

Thursday 8th December 4pm

Friday 9th December 4pm

Thursday 15th December

Friday 16th December

Spring Term

Staff Training Day (School closed to all pupils)

First Day of Term

Half Term

Y6 Residential

Last Day of Term

Tuesday 3rd January

Wednesday 4th January

Monday 20th to Friday 24th February

Monday 20th to Friday 24th March

Friday 7th April

Summer Term

First Day of Term

Staff Training Day (School closed to all pupils)

Half Term

Monday 24th April

Friday 26th May

Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June

Notices

★ Clothing

★ We are experiencing very beautiful autumnal weather at the moment; however the temperature has really dropped. Please can you ensure that your child brings a warm coat in as we will not be allowing children to play outside without appropriate clothing. Many thanks for your support.

★ Punctuality

★ If your child arrives at school after the morning bell (8:55), please ensure that they are taken to the office to sign in; they must not go straight to class. Thank you.

★ Lunch Menu

★ We have a new lunch menu. Please look on the school website for a link to the new menu.