

VICTORIA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"Together we aim for the stars"

3rd February 2017

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HEADTEACHER'S THOUGHTS THIS WEEK

Dear Parents,

Thank you very much to the Year 3 parents for their generous contributions towards the PTA cake sale held last Friday. The cake sale raised £125.10.

The PTA are currently fundraising to improve the outside area. The first phase will be to improve the shelter area, creating an outside classroom with a woodland theme. The school council have had a large say in the plans and we are excited to see the changes take place.

The next PTA event is the Y2 cake sale on Friday 17th February and we thank you for your continued support.

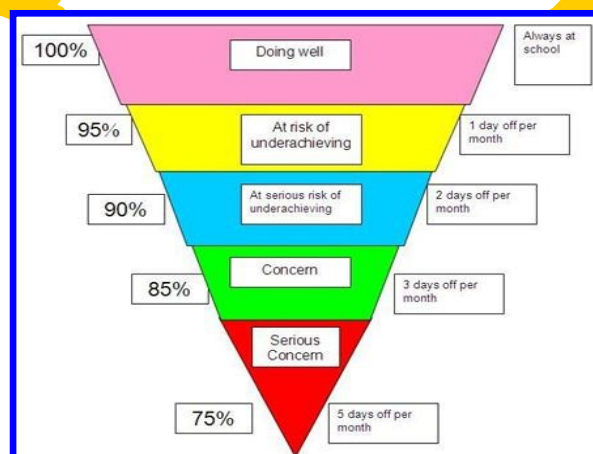
Have a lovely weekend

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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 93.3%. A special well done to Class 10 who had the highest attendance with 99%. WELL DONE!



STAR OF THE WEEK



Reception

Charlotte Marsden

Tyler-Jay Winmill-Forrester

Y1

Gracie Godfrey

Joseph Saul

Y2

Max Weston

Violet Johnson

Caitlyn Taylor

Florence Thomas Sophie Wilks

Y3

Hannah Lawrence

Warren Perry

Y4

Darcy Jennings-Slater

Vida Mahoney

Y5

Alec Davies

Orla Oswin-Heritage

Evan Herdman

Y6

Liam Portelli

Mia Pearn

Year 6 Cycling Proficiency

Many children enjoy the freedom of owning and riding a bicycle. Unfortunately the volume and speed of traffic today means that young cyclists often face very real danger on the road. We would therefore, like to congratulate those Year 6 children who recently braved the weather conditions and completed their cycling proficiency course, achieving National Standards level 1 and 2.

The National Standards Cycling course is the first step in teaching children to become safer cyclists. The course is designed to develop road sense, awareness of traffic dangers and to improve children's ability to ride safely on the road. During the course the children were taught a number of basic manoeuvres in the playground and then on the public highway.



We would like to take this opportunity to thank those parents who came into school, during a very cold week and volunteered to help during the cycling sessions. Without the continued support of parents it would not be possible to provide this cycling proficiency training course.



Nursery News

The children in Nursery have been busy exploring their science and literacy topic of Magical Mixtures & Playful Puddles this term. Wilfred the Wizard apparated into Nursery at the beginning of January and asked the children to help him discover spells and potions in order to fill his mysteriously empty spellbook. Reading 'Room on the Broom' by Julia Donaldson was a great start to this, and the children have thoroughly enjoyed creating 'Disappearing Potions', 'Swiftness Potions', 'Potions of Friendship' and their own concoctions in their garden kitchen. They have been very busy writing these spells down for Wilfred and are hoping for a return visit from him soon.



Reception—When I fall asleep

Reception pupils were excited and amazed to see the stars as never before as they took a close up look at the Solar System in Techniquet's Starlab, on Wednesday 26th January. The inflatable planetarium brought the night sky to our very own school hall. The experienced presenters helped the children to explore why we have day and night. We played dot-to-dot with the stars in the night sky to find animal constellations and the children spotted planets amongst the stars.



SRE (Sex Relationship Education)

Each year during the spring term the school delivers a programme of SRE lessons. These lessons are planned over a 4 week period and will commence the week beginning 6th February.

It is important that a comprehensive and well-planned graduated programme of sex education be given to pupils in order to help them cope with their physical, emotional, moral and spiritual development and to help prepare them for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of adult life.

The lessons will place great emphasis upon helping pupils to respect themselves and others, equipping them with the skills to make responsible and informed decisions. The SRE policy is available on the school web site and includes an overview of lessons for each year group.



Parent/Teacher Meeting

This week you will have received a letter detailing our upcoming parent/teacher meetings. We try very hard to ensure that allocated times for siblings are convenient, however in order to do this, we need slips returned as soon as possible.

If you are unable to attend these very important meetings, then please see your child's classteacher to make alternative arrangements.

We look forward to sharing your child's learning journey with you.



Calendar 2016/2017

Spring Term

PGL information meeting	Thursday 9th February 3:45pm
Parent/Teacher Meetings	Monday 13th and Wednesday 15th February
Y6 visit to St Athan's Coastguard	Wednesday 15th February
Y2 Cake Sale	Friday 17th February
Half Term	Monday 20 th to Friday 24 th February
Eisteddfod for FP	Wednesday 1st March
Eisteddfod for KS2	Friday 3rd March
Open day for prospective Nursery parents	Wednesday 8th March
Y3 visit to Porthkerry	Tuesday 14th March
Y6 Residential	Monday 20 th to Friday 24 th March
Mother's Day Secret Room	Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th March
Whole School Theme Week	Monday 27 th to Friday 31st March
Parents E-safety Meeting	Thursday 30th March at 6.30pm
Dress up as favourite book character	Thursday 30th March
Y3/Jigsaw Trip to Bristol Zoo	Friday 31st March
Y1 Cake sale	Friday 31st March
Y1 visit to Techniquet	Tuesday 4th April
Y6 to Lifeboat Station	Thursday 6th April
Last Day of Term	Friday 7th April

Summer Term

First Day of Term	Monday 24 th April
Reception Cake sale	Friday 28th April
Bank Holiday	Monday 1st May
WGT dates	Wednesday 3rd May - Wednesday 10th May
Nursery am Cake sale	Friday 19th May
Staff Training Day (School closed to all pupils)	Friday 26 th May
Half Term	Monday 29 th May to Friday 2nd June
Swimming Y4	Monday 5th June—Friday 23rd June
Nursery pm Cake sale	Friday 30th June
Y5 Residential	Friday 30th June—Sunday 2nd June
Summer Fayre	Saturday 8th July
Last Day of Term	Friday 21st July

