

VICTORIA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"Together we aim for the stars"

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HEADTEACHER'S THOUGHTS THIS WEEK

Dear Parents,

Firstly, a reminder that Parent/teacher meetings will be taking place next week. If you cannot make this very important meeting, then please contact the classteacher to organise an alternative date. Thank you.

This week, competitions are underway in preparation for the upcoming Eisteddfod. We have chosen the instrumentalists and next week we move on to the solo vocalists. With so many talented children, I have no doubt that this year's festival will be a great success.

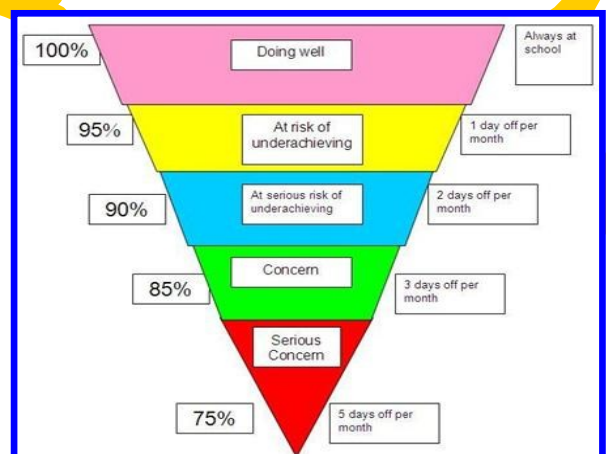
Have a lovely weekend

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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%. A special well done to Classes 5 and 12 who had the highest attendance with 99%. WELL DONE!



STAR OF THE WEEK



Reception

Emily Saunders

Isaac Maddern

Y1

Emily Lowther

Alexander Taylor

Y2

Noah Gore

Sonny Wood

Louie Price

Erin Walters

Daisy Farmer

Y3

John Warren

Isabella Hutchings

Y4

Ruby Moore

Lucy Bullock

Y5

Rebecca Coggins

Seren Keegan-Smith

Joe Carter

Global Safer Internet Day

This week, we joined the global Safer Internet Day campaign to promote the safe and responsible use of technology. The theme this year was 'Be the change: Unite for a better internet'. The children received education which focused on sharing images online and being safe. Year 5 and 6 children wrote pledges of how to stay safe, they also took fun and positive photos which will be displayed upstairs in the coming weeks. Pledges included:

- Only take images of people when they say agree to it
- Do not reveal any personal information in photos that are put online such as the school uniform badge or street name
- Do not send images to people who you don't know
- Remember that images uploaded online can be copied and uploaded to other places

We also discussed having a digital profile, how these can be used positively but how they can also create a negative impression. Does your child have a social media account or do they have access to apps such as WhatsApp and Instagram? Remember to check their settings, what they are posting and who they are posting to. For further information on digital safety for your child, please visit the websites below:

<https://hwb.wales.gov.uk/onlinesafety>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

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Mr Stechman's visit to Year 4

Mr Stechman, who is a parent and surgeon, kindly came into school for a visit. It was a lovely experience learning about the different operations he has to perform. We found it very interesting learning about his incredible job helping people at the Heath Hospital. We also found out some amazing facts about the body.

A big thank-you, from all of us in Year 4, to Mr Stechman for taking the time to talk to us.

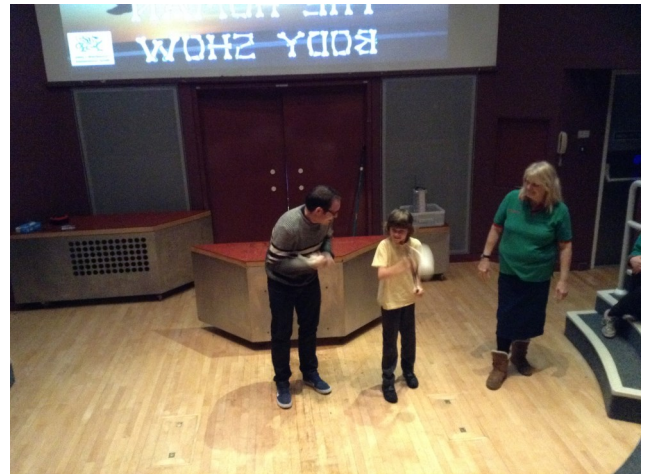
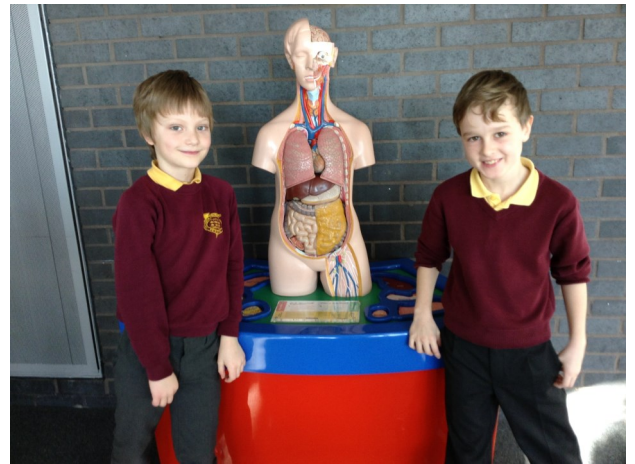
Vida Mahoney and Brooke Davies —Year 4



Year 4 Techniquet Trip

The trip to Techniquet was a great experience for all of us. During the amazing body show we found out how the digestive system works and it was fun, gross and gory all at the same time. We also enjoyed using the interesting activities about the body and organs. Techniquet was amazing and we would like to thank parents for helping the children on the trip.

James Whalley, Jack Davies, Lewis Watkins and Archie Lannon—Year 4





Inspiring writers



On Wednesday, a children's author, Victoria-Ann Clarke was invited to school to talk to the children during assembly about her new book 'Secrets of Avalon' which has just been published. She read excerpts from her book which the children found really interesting. After the reading, Victoria answered a range of questions from the children. A group of our more able and talented writers from years 5 and 6 were then invited to take part in a workshop with Victoria. They shared their 'best' pieces of work and Victoria gave them advice on how they could improve their writing.

Alex Guidi : ' Working with Victoria really helped my understanding of the writing process'

Rachel George: 'Victoria told me that it was important to write what I am interested in and what I enjoy. I would love to be an author when I am older!'

PTA Update

Mothers Day Secret Room - 24 & 25 March

Once again we will be opening the doors for the Mother's Day Secret Room - a chance for children secretly choose a gift for the Mum in their life.

As always we will be looking for good quality donations of unused gifts such as toiletries, jewelry, scarves, books etc. We will

remind everyone nearer the time, but if you are having a post Christmas clear out there is a box for donations in the corridor outside Mrs Daniels Office.

Please note alternative arrangements will be made for the year 6 children who will be on residential at this time.



Cut for charity

Well done to Lucy Smart (class 9) who had her hair cut and donated to the Little Princess Trust charity. The Little Princess Trust provides real hair wigs free of charge to boys and girls across the UK and Ireland that have sadly lost their own hair due to cancer treatment and other illnesses.



Family Learning Project

This week we have given the children an **optional** Family Learning Project to complete. The children have until Friday 10th March to return the project so that families who are busy over the half term break are given additional time to complete. If you wish to participate in the task, please note that it is only ONE project per family, with as much involvement from as many family members as possible. We are looking forward to sharing the completed projects with your children during our whole school theme week.



Governor's Annual Report to Parents

We are pleased to announce that the Annual Governor's report to parents is complete and available to view on the school website. If, however, you would like a paper copy of the report, or wish to request an appointment to discuss the content, then please contact the school office.

The school website address is www.victoriaprimary.co.uk



Bug Busting

It is the time of year when viruses and bugs are rife. We have been encouraging the children to wash their hands thoroughly after using the toilet and before eating, as this is a sure fire way of reducing the risk of spreading any germs. Please remember that children must stay off school for 48 hours when suffering from sickness or diarrhea.



Calendar 2016/2017

Spring Term

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	Thursday 2nd 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

