

VICTORIA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"Together we aim for the stars"

5th October 2017

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HEADTEACHER'S THOUGHTS THIS WEEK

Dear Parents,

Firstly, I would like to apologise for the lateness of the newsletter which has been as a result of staff illness. If you have any queries regarding arrangements of planned events, please do not hesitate to contact the school office or speak to members of staff at pick up/drop off times.

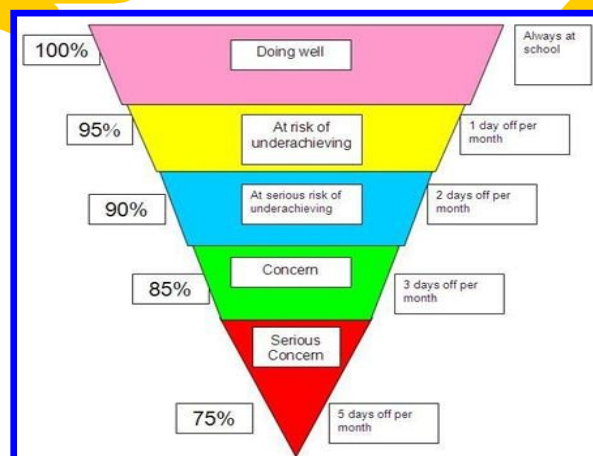
Our whole school theme, Victoria Museum, has begun and the children have enjoyed the opportunities to immerse into the topic e.g. experience days, visitors and trips. We are very fortunate that we have such a proactive PTA raising funds to support and subsidise these events.

Many thanks for you continued support,
Mrs Daniels

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 97%. A special well done to Class 3S who had the highest attendance with 100%. WELL DONE!



Star of the week



Reception

Annabel Barry

Brogan Jay Farrall

Y1

Ellie Weigel

Noah Smith

Y2

Joseph Saul

David Brown

Y3

Lili Pearn

William Lawrence

Y4

Patch Ogden

Sophia Phillips

Elinor Ekstrom

Y5

Jack Davies

George Bennett

Y6

Ellie Dyer

Darcey Thomas

Harvest Festival

The children from Year 1 - Year 6 had a wonderful time celebrating Harvest with the help of Tabernacle church. We are very proud of our readers, musicians and all of the children who sung their hearts out. Thank you to all of the parents who sent in food which has been put towards the local food bank managed by Tabernacle Church.



Immersion Day—Year 5

Year 5 had great fun when we commenced our Tudor topic. The children enjoyed dressing up, cooking and tasting the Tudor recipes of pottage and gingered bread, and listening to our visitor from Chance Encounters. Next stop...Llancaiach Fawr on Friday 20th October.



Immersion Day—Year 6

During our immersion day many children in year 6 came to school dressed as evacuees for the start of our World War 2 topic. The children learnt a lot about evacuation and about the impact the war had on daily life.

Throughout the morning they experienced several air raids and practised air raid drills. In the afternoon, the children took part in a workshop, where they were visited by an ARP Warden and educated on how people would have remained safe during air raids and the blackout. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and look forward to learning more about World War 2.



Notices

Homework

Thank you to all of the parents who have supported our move to paperless homework. It was not a decision that we took lightly, but a necessary one for schools facing insufficient budgets. Unlike other local schools, we have not requested a donation from parents or suggested that children provide their own pencils etc.; most importantly, we have not made any staff cuts this year. Therefore your support when vital cutbacks do need to be made is very much appreciated. Thank you.



Spooky Disco

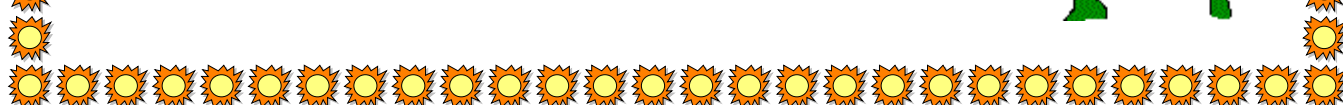
On Thursday 26 October, we will be holding a spooky fundraising disco, in order to raise funds for end of term celebration treats. The Foundation Phase disco will take place during the school afternoon, but the KS2 discos will happen after school:

Years 3-4 16:00—17:00 years 5-6 17:00—18:00

The children will be able to wear their favourite spooky costume and, for £2.00, will have entry to the disco and be provided with a spooky snack and drink.



In the summer, Year 5 who are now our current Year 6 were set the challenge of growing their own sunflower as part of our Plants and Animals topic in science. Well done to Lydia Paley who grew the tallest sunflower for the girls and Coel Morgan who grew the tallest sunflower for the boys. A special award went to Jasmine Kibblewhite for growing the tallest sunflower overall. Certificates were given to all of the children who took part.



Calendar 2017/2018

Autumn Term 2017

Parent Consultations
Y5 to Llancaiach Fawr
6J trip to Brecon
6G trip to Brecon
6K trip to Brecon
KS2 Spooky Disco

Monday 16th Oct and Thursday 19th Oct
Friday 20th October
Monday 23rd October
Tuesday 24th October
Wednesday 25th October
Thursday 26th October

Half term break

Monday 30th Oct—Friday 3rd November

Y4 to Big Pit
Y4 Cake sale
Children in need day
INSET—school closed to pupils
Y3 trip to Caerleon
Whole school Theme Week (costume needed)
Christmas Fayre
Early Years Concert
Junior Concert
Infant Carol Service
Magic Show
Class Christmas Parties

Tuesday 7th November
Friday 10th November
Thursday 16th November
Friday 17th November
Monday 20th November
Mon 27th Nov—Fri 1st Dec
Saturday 2nd December
Monday 4th December
Tues 5th Dec—Thurs 7th Dec (4pm)
Friday 8th December
Wednesday 20th December
Thursday 21st December

Christmas Holiday starts

Friday 22nd December

Spring Term starts

Monday 8th January

INSET—school closed to pupils

Friday 25th May

INSET—school closed to pupils

Monday 23rd July

INSET—school closed to pupils

Tuesday 24th July

Vale Catering Kitchen Assistant Wanted

Part time kitchen assistant required at Victoria primary School
12.5 hours per week

For further information contact

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Ysgol Stanwell School

Open Day, 17th October 2017 3pm - 6pm

We invite prospective, current and past pupils and their families to visit our Open Day on Tuesday 17th October to meet staff and pupils and take part in activities.

Stanwell School is consistently placed among the best schools in Wales, attaining the top ranking of Green in Welsh Government categorisation and the accreditation of Lead Practitioner and Professional Development hub. In the most recent Estyn Inspection, Stanwell was awarded the highest rating of Excellent in all key questions. Inspectors praised the School's outstanding teaching and learning ethos and the exceptional learning environment and facilities enjoyed by our students; please visit our website www.stanwell.org to view the full report and also news of school events and achievements.

We provide extensive extra-curricular activities, with music, drama and sport all flourishing. A range of after-school clubs is available to ensure that all pupils have the opportunity to fulfil their potential.

Excellent examination results are achieved by Stanwell pupils. In 2017, 37% of pupils achieved 5 or more A* and A GCSE grades and 79% of pupils achieved 5 or more A* - C grades including English Language and Mathematics. 88% achieved a grade C or above in English Language GCSE, 83% in Maths and 100% in Science. Results in the Sixth Form are equally impressive with A* - B grades achieved in 63% of all entries. Stanwell is also in the top 10% of schools in England and Wales for both value added performance and actual results at A Level.

We look forward to meeting you at Open Day. Alternatively, please contact the school at any other time of year to arrange for a tour during the school day.



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