

VICTORIA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"Together we aim for the stars"

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HEADTEACHER'S THOUGHTS THIS WEEK

Dear Parents,

The National School Categorisation System aims to provide a clear structure to review how well a school is performing for all its learners, taking into consideration how effectively it is led and managed, the quality of teaching and learning, and the level of support and challenge it needs. Each school is categorised by one of four colours. We are very pleased to announce that once again Victoria has been categorised as a 'Green School' in recognition of the hard work and dedication of all stakeholders; staff governors, parents and, of course, our wonderful pupils. Thank you for your continued support.

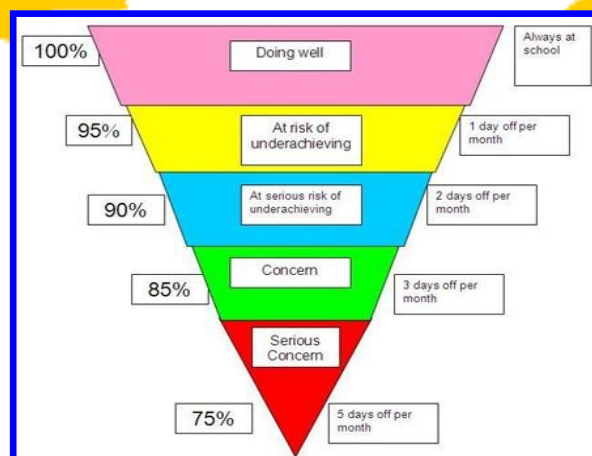
Have a lovely weekend

S 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 94%. A special well done to Classes 2O and 4F/H who had the highest attendance with 97%. WELL DONE!



STAR OF THE WEEK



Reception

Ayra Shahzad

Jacob Sanders-Jones

Y1

Alice Atkin

Lucien Wingren

Y2

Lexi-Marie Daly

Finlay Wilcox

Y3

Ben Wright

Alice Farmer

Annabelle Goddard

Y4

Jibril Jama

Lola Wingren

Y5

Alyssya-Eve Farrall

Megan Guidi

Y6

Evan Herdman

Lydia Paley

Darcy Thomas

Just to get you thinking...



Originality is the creative-thinking behaviour that produces new or novel responses. The more ideas that are produced the more they depart from the norm, the better are the chances that there will be original responses.

Can you complete these sentences creatively? Try to use your brainstorming techniques and come up with as many answers for each one as possible.

1. Make a long list of ways to **save paper**.
2. Make a long list of ways to **save energy**.
3. Make a long list of excuses for not doing **homework**.

Our word of the week for next week is: 'exceptional'

Can you spell it? How many new words can you make from it? Can you use it in a sentence this week?

Year 4 Future Rugby Stars

Rugby fever has certainly hit Wales this week and we have three of our very own budding Rugby Stars. Warren Perry, Aaron Taylor and Nikhil Gaglani Playing for the Old Pens rugby Team and can be seen below sporting their new kits.



Mother's Day Secret Room

On Thursday 8th and Friday 9th March we will be opening the doors to the Mother's Day Secret Room giving all children a chance to secretly choose a gift for a special person in their life. As always, we are looking for good quality donations of unused gifts such as toiletries, jewellery, scarves, books etc. If you are having a post-Christmas clear out, there is a box for donations in the corridor outside Mrs Daniels' office or pass to your child's Teacher. Many thanks. We will also be looking for volunteers to help in the wrapping room. It is a lovely event to help at for an hour or two so please pop the date in your diary and we'll be in contact soon.

Thank you

The PTA



St. David's Day 2018

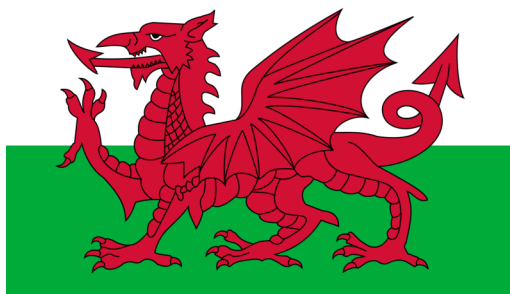


Please see our arrangements for St.David's Day this year and how you can encourage your child to get involved. A number of competitions will be organised in school time, including; art, poetry, handwriting and year group performances. Every child who enters a competition will earn house points for their entry. Overall winners will be announced during the Eisteddfod where additional house points will be rewarded as well as a certificate.

Important information:

- **All** children may dress up in Welsh costume on St David's Day - **Thursday 1st March**
- Foundation Phase Eisteddfod – **Thursday 1st March**
- Key Stage 2 Eisteddfod – **Thursday 1st March**. KS2 children to wear their house colour in readiness for their house competition/ performance.

Year Group	Activity	Suggestions / Comments
Foundation Phase	Create a new emblem for Wales	What do you think of when you think of Wales? Design and create a new emblem for Wales. Be as creative as you like when making your emblem – drawing, collage, model, edible, IT based, sewing.
Year 3 and Year 4	Photography competition	Images that capture Wales. This could be done as a single photo, a montage, an album, digital projects can be uploaded onto Hwb+. Clearly label name, house and year group.
Year 5 and Year 6	Welsh Cake Bake Off	Welsh cakes now come in different flavours, shapes and colours. Please bring in your Welsh cakes on Wednesday 1 st March. They will be judged by our school kitchen staff – remember presentation is important too. Clearly label name, house and year group.
All children (Foundation Phase to hand money to teacher in the morning)	Welsh cake sale	Welsh cakes made by Year 5 and 6 will be sold for 10p each after they have been judged on Wednesday afternoon. All proceeds will be donated to Ty Hafan.
Head-teacher's competition	Welsh Artists	Research about the life of a Welsh artist. You could create a fact-file, poster, presentation, book. This could be IT based or handwritten. Clearly label your name, house and year group.



Calendar 2017/2018

Spring Term

Y6 visit to Orchestra Adventure
Y2 trip to Bryngarw

Tuesday 13th February
Weds 14th February

Break up for half term

Friday 16th February

Eisteddfod
Cake Sale (Y1 donations)
Parent/teacher meeting
CATS protection to visit Y2
Parent/teacher meeting
PC Emma Mudie Year 4 Workshop
Mother's Day Secret Room
Y6 visit to lifeboat station
Y6 visit to lifeboat station
Y4 F/H Library Visit
Y4S Library Visit
Y3 trip to Bristol Zoo
Sponsored Bounce
Theme week (book character costume needed)
Nursery Summer starter visit

Thursday 1st March
Friday 2nd March
Monday 5th March
Tuesday 6th March
Wednesday 7th March
Wednesday 7th March
Thurs 8th—Fri 9th March
Tuesday 13th March
Wednesday 14th March
Thursday 15th March
Friday 16th March
Thursday 22nd March
Friday 23rd March
Mon 26th - Thurs 29th March
Wednesday 28th March

Break up for Easter

Thursday 29th March

Summer term starts

Y6 to Magistrates Court
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Cake sale (Reception donations)
PC Emma Mudie Year 1 Workshop
Cake sale (Nursery am donations)
PTA Family Fun Run
Welsh Government Tests
Y6 residential
INSET—school closed to pupils

Monday 16th April
Wednesday 18th April
Thursday 19th April
Friday 20th April
Monday 30th April
Friday 11th May
Saturday 12th May
Weds 2nd May—Weds 9th May
Mon 14th May—Fri 18th May
Friday 25th May

Break up for half term

Friday 25th May

Y4 swimming
PC Emma Mudie Year 5 Workshop
Father's Day Secret Room
Cake sale (Nursery pm donations)
PC Emma Mudie Year 2 Workshop
Y5 residential to Llangranog
Own clothes day (tombola donation)
Summer Fayre
Y5 enterprise morning
End of year reports out

Mon 4th June—Fri 22nd June
Wednesday 6th June
Thurs 14th—Fri 15th June
Friday 22nd June
Wednesday 27th June
Fri 29th June—Sun 1st July
Tuesday 3rd July
Saturday 7th July
Monday 9th July
Friday 13th July

INSET—school closed to pupils

Monday 23rd July

INSET—school closed to pupils

Tuesday 24th July

A reminder that the school website address is <https://hwbpluse.wales.gov.uk/en/6732138/Pages/home.aspx>