

VICTORIA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"Together we aim for the stars"

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HEADTEACHER'S THOUGHTS THIS WEEK

Dear Parents,

This week we forwarded a letter from the Vale Council expressing concerns over unfair funding in schools across Wales.

After the half term holiday, we will receive our annual budget and, at that point, we will be able to inform you how this year's cuts, and continuous unfair funding, will directly affect Victoria. Please support our school by writing to the Welsh Government, or local elected representatives, expressing your concerns over the current budgeting situation.

If budgets were based on a fair funding system, a school with 210 pupils would be £127,000 financially better off each year—this would have a dramatic effect on a school our size!

Our children deserve better!

Thank you for your continued support.

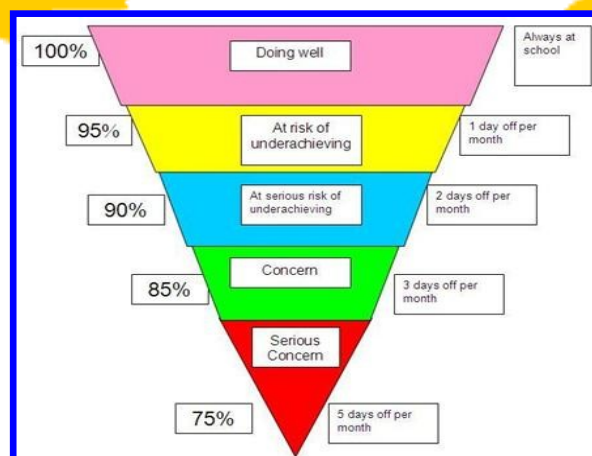
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ATTENDANCE

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 94%. A special well done to Class 4S who had the highest attendance with 99%.

WELL DONE!



STAR OF THE WEEK



Reception

Ellie Gregory

Annie Bennett

Y1

Isaac Sheppard

Niamh McCarthy

Y2

Isobel Twining

Mani Ryan

Dylan Person

Y3

Lula Afia

Theo Ekermawi

Violet Johnson

Leo Adams

Katy Penn

Y4

Olivia Griffiths

Amelie Williams

Y5

Isaac Brooks

Esme Bax

Y6

Callum Walker

Alysha Shahzad

Seren Keegan-Smith

Just to get you thinking...



The following are ways to encourage your child, regardless of age and ability, to think for themselves and to make connections with what they already know (There is no need to write anything down!)

Can you complete these sentences creatively? Try to come up with as many answers for each one.

1. Make a long list of things that **melt**.
2. Make a long list of things that **sparkle**.
3. Make a long list of things that are **invisible**.

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

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

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 after half term.

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.

Football News

A huge well done to our Y5/6 football team who played brilliantly at last week's tournament. They played two competitive games; losing the first but winning the second. A big thank you to Mr Adams who escorted the team.

Congratulations children we are very proud of you.



Netball Update

It was a busy week this week for netball, with two teams representing the school in different tournaments. The Year 6 team (above) competed in the Vale Netball festival on Wednesday, playing a total of 7 games throughout the day. Our mixed Year 5 & 6 team (below) played in our local league on Thursday against other schools in Penarth. Congratulations to both teams for fantastic sportsmanship and teamwork, and for being excellent ambassadors of the school. Miss Green is very proud of you.



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



WANTED: Spare tights and socks

If you have any tights or socks that no longer fit your child, please can you send them into school so that we have spares when children in the Foundation Phase need changing. Thank you.



Home Learning Project

Dear Families

Our second home learning project will be linked to our whole school theme – ‘Once upon a time...’.

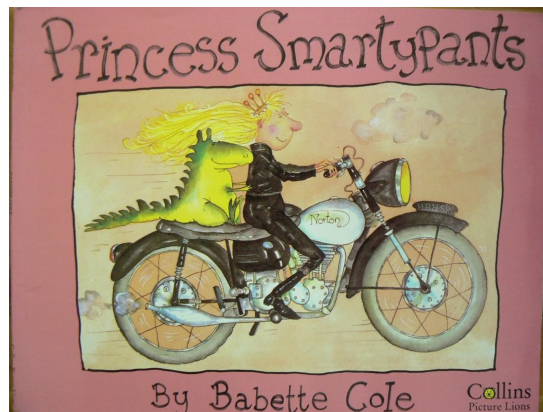
The family task is to create a book cover in the style of a favourite illustrator.

Suggestions:

You can use any medium to illustrate your front cover– be as creative as you want!

You can choose any genre: fairytale, adventure, science fiction, spooky or one of your own choice.

Please return your project by Friday 16th March, to be shared across the school during our theme week (Monday 26th March – Thursday 29th March).



Calendar 2017/2018

Spring Term

Break up for half term

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
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Y4 F/H Library Visit
Y4S Library Visit
Y5 Dance Workshop
Y3 trip to Bristol Zoo
Sponsored Bounce
Theme week (book character costume needed)
Nursery Summer starter visit

Friday 16th February

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
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Friday 23rd March
Mon 26th - Thurs 29th March
Wednesday 28th March

Break up for Easter

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

Thursday 29th March

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

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

Friday 25th May

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

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Monday 23rd July

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Tuesday 24th July

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