VICTORIA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"Together we aim for the stars "

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HEADTEACHER'S THOUGHTS THIS WEEK

Dear Parents,
Welcome back and what an unusual and exciting week we had! A very big thank you to our caretaker and PTA volunteers for ensuring that the exits and entrances to the school were clear and safe for us to reopen.

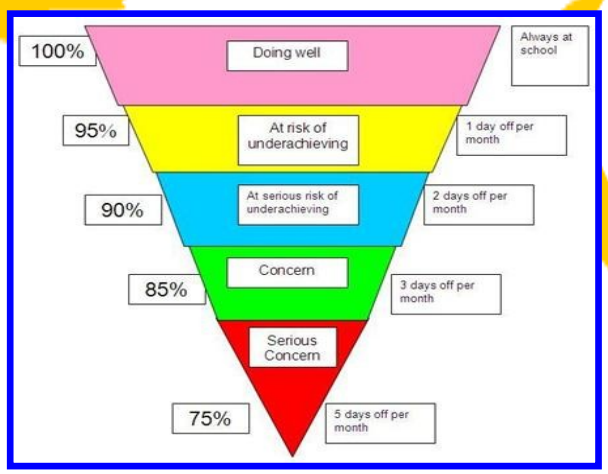
Unfortunately, due to the weather, we have had to postpone our Eisteddfod but are hoping to go ahead with the festivities next week. We will keep you updated via our school text service.

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

Thank you for your continued support.
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 last week was 96%. A special well done to Class 3S who had the highest attendance with 100%.
WELL DONE!



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!)
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.
Make a list of: uses for a pile of cardboard
words you think are fun
things that are symmetrical
Our word of the week for next week is: '**memorable**'
Can you spell it? How many new words can you make from it? Can you use it in a sentence this week?

Disability Awareness Workshops

Over this term, Years 2-6 have had the opportunity to participate in an Inclusion Disability Workshop. During the session the children completed a True or False Disability Knowledge Quiz, discussed the perceptions of disabled people and considered what they could do to include their disabled friends in activities. They also discussed correct terminology and finished off with a game where the children were responsible for making adaptations to suit a variety of impairments. The children were able to experience playing sport in a wheelchair and there were visually impaired goggles for them to use to support them in making changes.

Theme Week

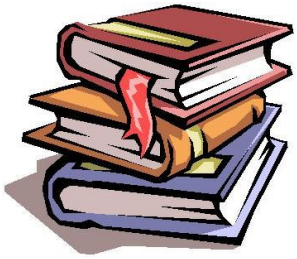
Once upon a time….

Shortly, we will be holding our whole school theme week, 'Once upon a time'.
The Curriculum task Group have organised a number of events such as dressing up day (29/03/18), Family Learning Projects, competitions and a whole school display!
On the following days, they would like to invite parents in, to work alongside their child, to create an illustration depicting one of the United Nations 'Rights of a child'. You do not need to be a budding artist and all materials will be supplied.
The timings for the visits are as follows:

Timings	Mon 26th March	Tues 27th March	Weds 28th March	Thurs 29th March
09:00—10:00	Y3S	Y4FH	Y5E	Y6J
10:30—11:30	Y3N	Y4S	Y6K	Y6G
13:00—14:00	Y1SP	Y1C	Y2G	
14:15—15:15	Y3WY	Y5D	Y2O	

Please meet in the Junior Hall (main building) at the set time. If you have children in more than one year group, then please choose the time that suits you. We look forward to working with you to create a stunning display, with an important message.

Reception children will complete the artwork in class with their teacher. There will be opportunities to for Reception parents to work alongside their child in the summer term.



Costume ideas for Book Week (29/03/18)

10 No-Stress World Book Day costumes!

1. Polar Express

Pyjamas and a dressing gown - sorted!

2. Room on the Broom

Witches hat and a purple dress - or full on witch costume left over from Halloween. Could double up as the Worst Witch too!

3. Charlie Bucket

Blue jumper + Grey school trousers + A bar of chocolate (or if you're feeling crafty you could make a golden ticket!)

4. Matilda

Blue dress with a red ribbon in hair and carrying a few books

5. Harry and his bucketful of dinosaurs

All you need is normal clothes and a plastic bucket full of dinosaur toys!

6. One of the dalmations from 101 Dalmations

Warning - this one involves a small element of artistic effort! White T shirt and a black marker to draw spots on it - if you want to push the boat out you could do a bit of face painting too!

7. Tintin

Blue jumper + trousers + hair gelled quiff. If you have a white toy dog all the better!

8. Angelina Ballerina

If you don't have a dancing outfit then beg, steal or borrow one. Use an eye pencil to draw on some whiskers

9. Oliver Twist

Brown clothes, a bit of dirt on the face and carrying a bowl!

10. The Boy in the Dress

Put him in one of his sister's dresses!

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Home Learning Project

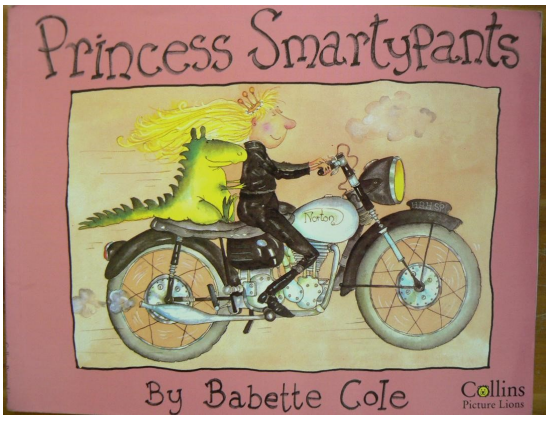
Dear Families

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).



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. We are in particular need of tights. Thank you.

Calendar 2017/2018

Spring Term

Parent/teacher meeting	Monday 5th March
CATS protection to visit Y2	Tuesday 6th March
Parent/teacher meeting	Wednesday 7th March
PC Emma Mudie Year 4 Workshop	Wednesday 7th March
Mother's Day Secret Room	Thurs 8th—Fri 9th March
Y6 visit to lifeboat station	Tuesday 13th March
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Y4 F/H Library Visit	Thursday 15th March
Y4S Library Visit	Friday 16th March
Y5 Dance Workshop	Thursday 22nd March
Y3 trip to Bristol Zoo	Thursday 22nd March
Sponsored Bounce	Friday 23rd March
Theme week (book character costume needed)	Mon 26th - Thurs 29th March
Nursery Summer starter visit	Wednesday 28th March
Nursery Easter Parade	Thursday 29th March
Break up for Easter	**Thursday 29th March**
Summer term starts	Monday 16th April
Y6 to Magistrates Court	Wednesday 18th April
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Cake sale (Reception donations)	Friday 20th April
PC Emma Mudie Year 1 Workshop	Monday 30th April
Cake sale (Nursery am donations)	Friday 11th May
PTA Family Fun Run	Saturday 12th May
Welsh Government Tests	Weds 2nd May—Weds 9th May
Y6 residential	Mon 14th May—Fri 18th May
INSET—school closed to pupils	Friday 25th May
Break up for half term	Friday 25th May
Y4 swimming	Mon 4th June—Fri 22nd June
PC Emma Mudie Year 5 Workshop	Wednesday 6th June
Father's Day Secret Room	Thurs 14th—Fri 15th June
Cake sale (Nursery pm donations)	Friday 22nd June
PC Emma Mudie Year 2 Workshop	Wednesday 27th June
Y5 residential to Llangranog	Fri 29th June—Sun 1st July
Own clothes day (tombola donation)	Tuesday 3rd July
Summer Fayre	Saturday 7th July
Y5 enterprise morning	Monday 9th July
End of year reports out	Friday 13th July
INSET—school closed to pupils	Monday 23rd July
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A reminder that the school website address is https://hwbpluse.wales.gov.uk/en/6732138/Pages/home.aspx