

VICTORIA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"Together we aim for the stars"

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HEADTEACHER'S THOUGHTS THIS WEEK

Dear Parents,

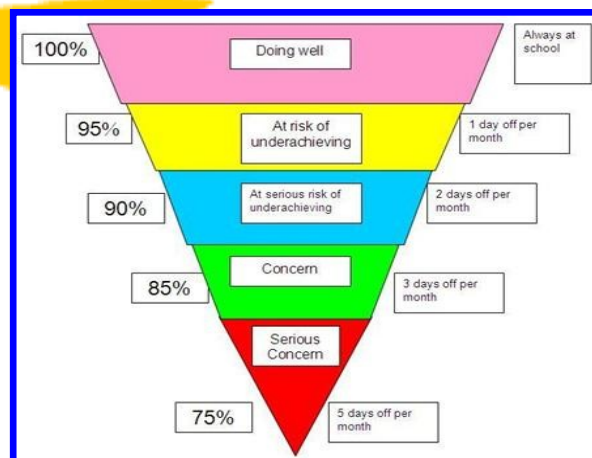
This week, in particular, we have been very proud of the children and their attitude towards their learning. Year 2—Year 6 have tried their very best in the first of their Government Tests. The final test date is Wednesday 10th May; please check the time table below.

As the weather improves, we are hoping to utilise the outside area on a regular basis. On May 17th, we will be celebrating Outdoor Learning day and will demonstrate to the children the many ways that they can learn outside in a fun and exciting way. Please see ways you can support this in this week's newsletter. Have a lovely bank holiday weekend—hopefully the sun will shine!

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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 97%. A special well done to Class 3N who had the highest attendance with 99.6%. WELL DONE!



Welsh Government Test Timetable

Year Group	Reading	Numeracy Reasoning	Numeracy Procedural
Year 2	2nd May	4th May	9th May
Year 3	2nd May	8th May	3rd May
Year 4	2nd May	8th May	4th May
Year 5	2nd May	4th May	3rd May
Year 6	3rd May	8th May	4th May

STAR OF THE WEEK



Reception

Esther Hall

Oscar Williams

Magnus Harvey

Lila Smithson

Y1

Aria Reynolds

Rowan McCaffer

Y2

Emilia Leath

Jacob Dixon

Y3

Ethan Hillman

Ben Griffiths

Zach Wildin

Seren Williams

Ruby Petherick

Y4

James Llewellyn

Lucy Smart

Y5

Sam Dacey

Sam Evans

Y6

Jasmyn Davies

Joe Lerway

Sofia Kells

Art Exhibition grand total!!!!

We have great news! We have raised **£916.50** from all the pictures that were sold. A huge thank you to all the children for producing such amazing pictures and to all the adults for buying the art work. We look forward to using the money raised to buy art resources for the classrooms and school.



KS2 Welsh Phrase of the Week

Ble est ti?	Where did you go?
Es i i/i'r	I went to the
i'r parc	to the park
i'r sinema	to the cinema
i'r parti	to the party
i'r traeth	to the beach

Examples

Es i i'r parc.

I went to the park.

Es i i frecwast gyda Mamgu.

I went for breakfast with Grandma.

Foundation Phase Welsh Phrase of the Week

Sawl un sy eisiau? How many do you want?

Pronunciation **Sowl een see eyeshy?**



NOTICES

Please remember that PE kits should be brought in on Monday and taken home on a Friday. We will now be using the field in the good weather. Thank you.



The Great Outdoors

Spring has sprung at last and we are looking to brighten up our outdoor area and to look for opportunities for the children to take part in more outdoor learning experiences. Below is our plan on how to achieve this and we hope you will be able to support us in some way!

On Friday the 11th of May between 9.00-12.00, Mrs Dobson is looking for some green fingered Parents/Grand parents to join her 'Garden Gang' to prepare the school garden and raised beds and plant pots around school ready for planting.



On Thursday the 17th of May we would like to repeat our very successful 'bring a plant' in day. We have registered to celebrate 'International outdoor learning day' on this day and as part of this the children will be taking part in outdoor learning experiences throughout the day including planting the donated plants.

We are also looking to brighten up our school entrance and would like to set an outdoor project over the half term holidays where families plant up an old welly. These would be gratefully received on Wednesday the 6th of June.

Thank you for your support



'Improve our play' day

We are aiming to improve the quality of equipment that children can access during their playtime at our school. We politely ask that each child (1 item per family) bring in an item that could help enrich the playtime for children at Victoria Primary School.

This is a voluntary contribution and we do not expect anyone to go out and buy play equipment. If you have any items at home that are no longer being used and could be beneficial to a child's play, please bring into school on Friday 18th May (Monday 21st May for Y6 children on the residential).

Each year group has been assigned a particular item to bring in. This is to hopefully ensure that we have a variety of equipment for children to access, however we will be grateful for any contribution.

Reception - Skipping ropes (variety of sizes)

Year 1 - Hoops

Year 2 - Role play costumes/small world toys

Year 3 - Small/medium soft balls (tennis, rounders)

Year 4 - games equipment (boules, bowls, Frisbees, vortex howler, bat and ball, plastic cricket bats, bowling pins etc)

Year 5 - Construction equipment (lego, kinnex)

Year 6 - Large soft balls (rugby, netball, football, basketball)



Musical talent

Well done to the children of Victoria who took part in the Vale of Glamorgan band concert at Evenlode School. The 'Little Brass' group played a number of pieces, including a joint piece with the adult members of the brass section. Well done children, we are very proud of you!



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.

If you had to go on a journey to the moon which two people would you choose to go with and why?

Think of as many ways to complete this word

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The answer is 50. Think of 10 questions that could give this answer

Five people are in a field waving their arms above their heads. Why?

Our word of the week is: 'perplexed'

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

Calendar 2017/2018

Welsh Government Tests
Cake sale (Nursery am donations)
PTA Family Fun Run
Y6 residential
Reception seaside workshop
Theatre performance for Y3-Y5
Outdoor Learning Day
Welsh gymnast visit
Y2 Science workshop
Writing Workshop
INSET—school closed to pupils

Break up for half term

Y4 swimming
PC Emma Mudie Year 5 Workshop
Y6 to Margam Park
Music Concert
Y6 Crucial Crew Workshops
Father's Day Secret Room
Additional Needs Workshop
Early Year's Sport's Day
(Back up Sport's Day)
Y6 Transition day to Stanwell
Cake sale (Nursery pm donations)
Sport's Day for KS1 and KS2
(Back up Sport's Day)
Y5 to Music Workshop
Y5 residential to Llangranog
Own clothes day (tombola donation)
Class swop day
Y4 trip to Porthkerry
Summer Fayre
Y5 enterprise morning
End of year reports out
Y3 to Porthcawl
PTA AGM
Y6 Leaver's BBQ
Reception trip to Barry Island
Y5/6 trip to Barry Island
Nursery Graduation
Celebration Assembly
INSET—school closed to pupils

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Autumn term begins for pupils

Weds 2nd May—Weds 9th May
Friday 11th May
Saturday 12th May
Mon 14th May—Fri 18th May
Monday 14th May
Wednesday 16th May
Thursday 17th May
Tuesday 22nd May
Wednesday 23rd May
Thursday 24th May
Friday 25th May

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Mon 4th June—Fri 22nd June
Wednesday 6th June
Thursday 7th June
Tuesday 12th June
Thursday 14th June
Thurs 14th June
Tuesday 19th June
Wednesday 20th June
Wednesday 4th July
Thursday 21st June
Friday 22nd June
Wednesday 27th June
Wednesday 11th July
Thursday 28th June
Fri 29th June—Sun 1st July
Tuesday 3rd July
Wednesday 4th July
Thursday 5th July
Saturday 7th July
Monday 9th July
Friday 13th July
Monday 16th July
Tuesday 17th July
Wednesday 18th July
Wednesday 18th July
Thursday 19th July
Thursday 19th July
Friday 20th July
Monday 23rd July

Tuesday 24th July

Monday 3rd September

Tuesday 4th September

NB All workshops will take place at 2:15—3:15 unless otherwise stated