

VPA News!

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Happy Friday!

It has been another fast and fantastic week at Victoria with lots of exciting activities taking place. In Nursery, we have been looking at weddings. From planning the celebrations to making party invites—we have done it all. The children practiced their sculpting skills, making tiered cake from playdoh and had lots of messy fun doing it. In Reception, we have been learning all about Diwali. We began by looking at the festival of light and creating beautiful Rangoli patterns. After they looked at Diwali dancing, practising this in class.

In KS1 we have started our sewing project. Over the next few weeks, children will be exploring a multitude of different stitches and finally designing their very own puppet. In topic, the children have invented a brand new season, taking all the elements they love from the others and combining them together to form something weird and wonderful.

In LKS2, we have been delving deeper into our topic—rivers mountains. In our writing, we have been creating some top-notch instructions advising readers 'How to Survive on the Moon'. In music, we have been learning how to play the glockenspiel. Sounds of the Harry Potter theme have been emanating from the Y3 corridor and had Mr McHale humming along.

In UKS2, we welcomed back 5OM this week. A huge well done to this class as over the last two weeks—78% of children accessed Google Classroom on a daily basis! In D&T Y5 and Y6 have been creating their own graffiti cushions. We began this week by drafting out designs and learning how to 'tag' - using creative fonts and colours to write their name.

Lots of fun this week and we can't wait to see what Week 4 brings. Have a great weekend, all.

Mrs Bailey

Antibullying week



This week has been Anti-Bullying Week 2020. The theme was 'United Against Bullying'. It is coordinated by the Anti-Bullying Alliance - based at leading children's charity the National Children's Bureau. Whether it is verbal, physical, online or in-person, bullying has a significant impact on a child's life well into adulthood. This week we have discussed and taken part in Anti-Bullying Week and closed with the 'Odd socks day' and it has been great to see so many of our children's odd socks. As a school we are determined to do



Attendance

This week's whole school attendance is 94.9%

FS1 91.57%	FS2 JR 91.38%	FS2 KH 95.94%	Y1 AB 98.06%	Y1 JR 92.02%
Y2 HD 95.42%	Y2 HG 97.49%	Y3 GL 89.47%	Y3 LP 93.81%	Y4 MC 94.74%
Y4 GG 96.43%	Y5 RM 95.7%	Y5 OM 93.37%	Y6 BC 96.21%	Y6 RK 96.3%



School Photos

Don't forget that the deadline for ordering school photos is November 24th. If you have any problems ordering or haven't seen your child's proof yet—please contact us so that we can help.

Parent Consults

Thank you to all parents who signed up to this week's parent consults. If the call was missed or an appointment was not scheduled, please contact the class teacher or email at info@vpaleeds.co.uk

New Resources

For the eagle-eyed among you, you may have noticed a few new additions to the playground this week. We have placed 6 new nets around the playground. We began with adding in our 4 portable nets onto the KS2 playground and these created so much excitement, we decided to put up 2 brand new netball posts. Mr Cussans, Miss Harrison and Mr Cook were working in the fading light putting these up.

We have also purchased a new set of hockey sticks, along with 120 new tennis balls. Y3 & Y4 have been enjoying our new 'sticky catch' pads. Our first game happened on Monday and it was enormous. 10 pairs of Velcro pads were placed out in the play-ground and they were immediately picked up and the games began. Finally, the new skipping ropes were put to good use this week and there were races-a-plenty.

1K a day!

This week, each class has been running in our 1k a day challenge, organised by Miss Harrison. The challenge has reached new heights over the past 5 days, with classes total scores growing each day and some classes reaching over 200 laps in total!

What is happening next week?

Each week in Victoria is special but next week is an exciting one. To begin with, we will be starting things off with a week of science!

In science week, each class will be looking at different topics. In KS1, they will be looking at seasonal changes asking the question 'Should we only wear sun protection in the Summer?'. In LKS2, they will be exploring light and darkness. The question they will be asking is 'How far can you throw your shadow?'. Finally, in KS2, they will be answering the question 'How do you light up your life?'. While they are also looking at light, year 5 and 6 will be going deeper into light sources, refraction and reflection.

Next week we also welcome back Hywel Roberts, an expert travelling teacher who specialises in creating 'Adventures in learning'. He will be taking the opportunity to work with teachers and children to take their ideas and turn them into something creative and unique.

Each term, we assess all children to ensure that the learning we provide is tailored and that any support needed can be given. Next week marks our second assessment period. These assessments will cover all the areas of reading, maths and SPAG (spelling, punctuation and grammar) we have learnt this year.

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