

VPA News!

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Happy Friday!

It's hard to believe that we are over halfway through the half term already! With 4 weeks down, we only have 3 left, and we will soon be on the countdown to Christmas.

It has certainly been an unusual week (and term) at Victoria. Lots of things may have been adapted or changed completely in order for us to remain COVID safe, but one thing certainly remains – our love of learning. This week we have created shadow puppets, built a garden centre, planned a wedding and visited Spikey Mountain, all without leaving the classroom. Teachers are working hard to provide a fantastic and learning rich environment for children both in the classroom and learning from home.

Victoria isn't feeling as full as it was last week, with three more bubbles being closed. Many schools have closed completely but we are still in the fortunate position of having most of our children and staff in. This is an uncertain time for us all and we thank you for your continued support around school. The Victoria community is a lovely one and it's amazing that in times even as tough as those we face now, we continue to pull together.

We have lots to look forward to in the coming weeks with Christmas being only 29 days away. Decorations galore will be made to literally deck the halls of Victoria. Unfortunately, due to restrictions, we cannot bring cards in from outside this year. Cards instead will be made inside school and given out. We can only imagine the amount of glue and glitter we will need to create these!

Have a safe weekend everyone.

Mrs Bailey

Best Photos of the Week



Attendance

This week's whole school attendance is 93.1%

FS1 94.3%	FS2 JR 90.9%	FS2 KH 97.2%	Y1 AB 97.6%	Y1 JR 95.5%
Y2 AB 94.2%	Y2 HG 96.4%	Y3 GL 93.9%	Y3 LP 94.2%	Y4 MC N/A
Y4 GG 97.7%	Y5 RM 93.3%	Y5 OM 89.8%	Y6 BC N/A	Y6 RK 94.2%



Google Classroom

Lots of the learning provided is now being hosted on Google Classroom. If you are currently isolating, please ensure you contact your teacher if you are unable to log on. Daily videos are being uploaded to ensure quality education whichever setting you may be in.

Vaccination reminder

Just a reminder that flu vaccinations will take place on Tuesday 1st December. These vaccinations will be provided for those who have completed the registration form. If you were unable to complete this on time, please contact your nearest GP to book a test.

Science Week

This week in Victoria has seen investigations, hypotheses, conclusions and experiments! Science week has come in force and each class has delved into the world research and fair tests.

KS1 have been in and outside the classroom finding out about the seasons and the sun in Winter. LKS2 have really enjoyed investigating the dark and different light sources as well as reflections in different surfaces. All off KS2 have made the most of the winter sunshine and have gone outside to investigate shadows. UKS2 have also been exploring light and some excellent shadow puppet shows have been created. There has also been an excellent response to our Science competition and prizes will be handed out on Friday.



Covid - 19

We would like to remind all parents/carers that all adults are asked to wear a mask when entering the school site - this includes the playground and areas where you might be waiting to collect your children. This is for everyone's safety and has been a key part in our teamwork keeping the spread of infection within our school community low. Please don't stop now. Infections in Leeds are still very high. Let's do our bit to protect ourselves, our families and each other in the final 4 weeks through to Christmas.

Hywel Roberts

This week, we have welcomed in Hywel Roberts, an expert in creative curriculums. He has been working closely with children and staff in Victoria over the last year and came in again this week to kick off our new geography topics.

In LKS2, Hywel Roberts, our 'Travelling Teacher' was so pleased to see the work the children had completed so far on the mountain community. The children were eager to share the names of the places on the mountain and the meanings behind it. 'Spiky Mountain' is called this because it has lots of thorns and brambles covering it was a comment from one child and other explained the 'Rocky River' was a shallow river and dangerous. There was great excitement when discussing what was inside the secret cabin. The children came alive with all their ideas and were able to show each other what job the workers on the mountain would have. When Hywel introduced the idea of a stranger wanting to head into the community, Jack (who was part of the security for the mountain) was the first to take a closer look.

In UKS2, Hywel continued our topic of biomes and how we can preserve the worlds biomes by rejuvenating a run-down garden centre. Together we discussed what a garden centre would need and the requirements for biomes to thrive. From this, we worked together to create our own luxury garden centre.



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