

VPA Newsletter



29th April 2022

Message from Mrs Bailey

Happy Friday to you all! It has been a very busy but very brilliant week in school this week, with so much worthy of celebration.

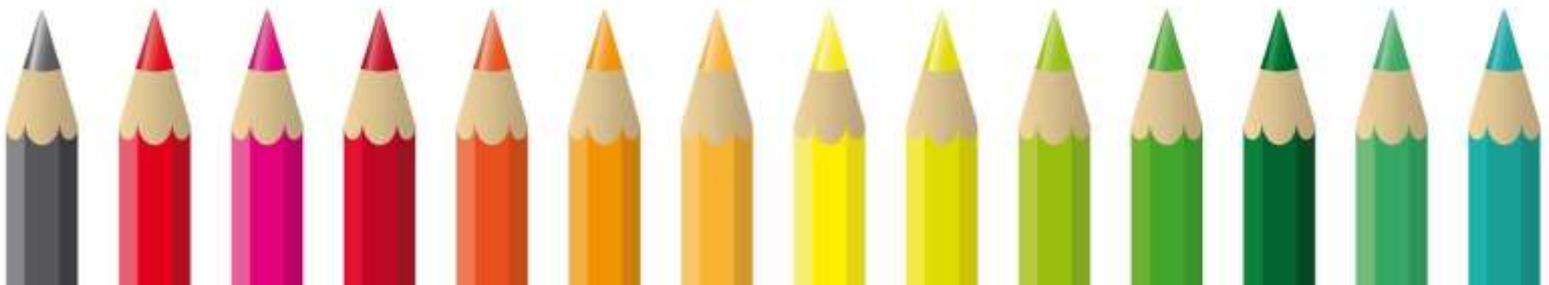
On Wednesday, our VPA Choir had their first BIG event when they were finally able to attend the Young Voices Concert at Sheffield Arena. This incredible national event is one which is generally organised each year – but for obvious reasons it has not been happening the past few years, and even our expected concert date in January this year had to be postponed until now. It was wonderful, therefore, to finally get the children to Sheffield and take part in this incredible event which the children have been rehearsing for since September! Huge thanks to Miss Thackeray and Mr Myczko for all of the hard work and organisation making this event possible for our children, to Miss Lunn for being there on the night (so very late!) and to all of the parents who were able to come along, as well as those supporting on social media. What a brilliant community we have become, and how lucky are we that our children are such brilliant ambassadors for our school?

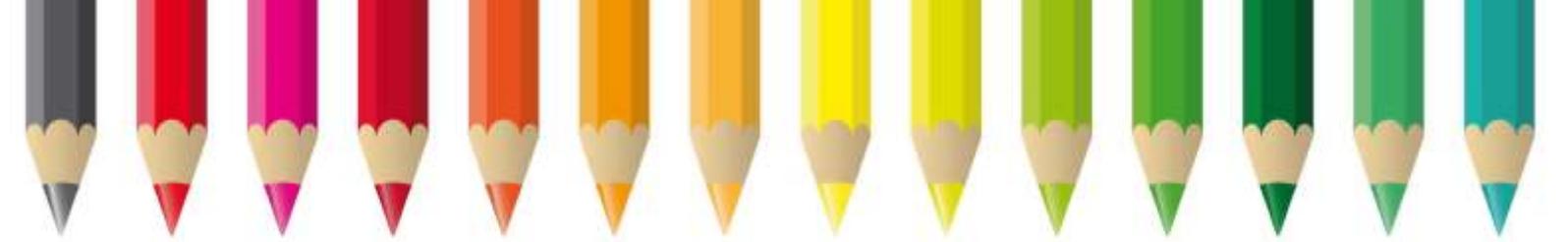
Speaking of which... This week Mr Scott received a very wonderful email from Leeds Industrial Museum, where 120 of our Year 5 and 6 pupils have recently been on a school trip. This email heaped praise upon our pupils and was a joy to receive, as it confirmed our own views that our children are wonderful citizens whom we are proud of. **“What I did not have the opportunity to do was say what a pleasure it was to work with you and your colleagues. Your young learners were sociable, engaging and overall shone with positivity....”** Glorious. Well done Y5/6. 😊

I hope you also enjoyed your own private audience with your child’s class teacher this week and the chance to sit down and enjoy ten minutes of time talking about the incredible achievements of YOUR child. We honestly could not be any more delighted with our children, how they have coped with the past few years of disruption and how mightily we are now bouncing back and filling gaps in our learning in bucketloads. I hope you enjoyed the experience but – of course – if you have any questions or concerns about your child... Come back to us. If you haven’t yet been able to make this appointment – please catch your child’s class teacher and do so – it’s ten minutes of your life well spent and your child will be prouder than you think!

Have a wonderful Bank Holiday weekend and we’ll see you all on Tuesday!

Mrs B.





Attendance

Farewell Mrs Geraldie



Our wonderful Mrs Geraldie completed her final day as a Teaching Assistant yesterday and today marks the beginning of the next phase in her life and her first day of her well-deserved retirement! Mrs Geraldie has been at Victoria for an unbelievable 27 years and so it is fair to say her smiling face, calm manner and can't-do-enough-for-anyone attitude has become one of the things we've become very, very used to seeing, here at Vic. Over those 27 years - can you imagine how many individual children's lives she has had an impact upon in that time, and how many families across our city know the legend that is Mrs Geraldie?! Pam - you have been an incredible asset to VPA for so long and you will be missed. On behalf of the VPA community past and present - all our thanks, love and good luck for the future: stay beautiful and stay in touch!

Swimming

5RM returned swimming this week with great enthusiasm! They will be swimming each week now through to the summer holiday - so please remember your kit each Tuesday.

Attendance

At last - our attendance is finally on the up and it is fantastic to see our classrooms full and thriving these days! Please remember to do your bit if your child is going to be absent by contacting us beforehand if you know about their absence (holiday, religious event or appointments) or on the first day of absence by telephone if your child is ill. We have become so much better at this, which is freeing up time spent on home visits for both Miss Dooley and Mrs Broughton - so thank you. More than all of that - let's go for it in the summer term and see if we can secure a 100% attendance day in every class throughout school.... It IS possible and I think we've got it in us! #makemyday

Diary Dates for Summer 1

Weekly coffee morning and Parents course in the house every Friday, starting at 9am.

2nd May - School closed: Bank Holiday

4th May - Extreme Readers Pizza Express Visit

9th - 12th May - Year 6 SATs

16th - 27th May - Year 2 SATs

27th May - Break up for Half Term

6th June - Return to school for Summer 2

