



Vernon Primary School

Newsletter - December 2023



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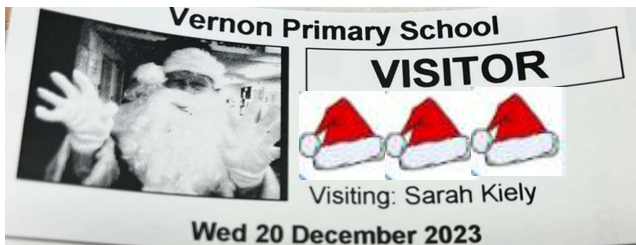
Welcome to our festive edition of the school newsletter.

I am immensely proud of our children once again this term for all of their wonderful achievements. I have enjoyed watching all the amazing Christmas performances from Reception to Year 4 as well as the music concerts organised by Miss Swan for Year 3, 4 and 5. I would like to say a huge well done to all the Children and Teachers for working so hard on their performances.

Year 5 and 6 were taken to the Lowry theatre to see Life of Pi last week. The staff at the theatre commented on their behaviour and conduct, well done to all!

The Christmas fair last week was a brilliant day and raised a staggering £1555 for school funds. I would like to thank all of the parent volunteers, our outgoing PTA led by Sarah Hanson and my school fundraising team Mrs Currall and Miss Swan.

I am pleased to report that a special visitor took time out of his very busy schedule to come and visit the children yesterday. I am not surprised that all our children are on the good list and he left treats for all the classes.



I am sure after a long half term you are all looking forward to the school holidays. I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and I look forward to welcoming you all back in 2024!

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Reception

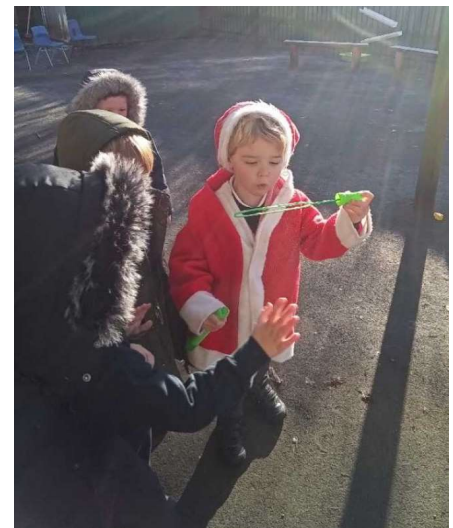
Reception classes have been out and about in the community this last few weeks.

Mrs Wilson's class visited the Linkers groups who meet at Poynton Baptist Church.



Mrs Brammar's class went to Holland Court.

We sung our songs from our Christmas performance. We also made Christmas cards for the residents to keep. We all had a great time and there were lots of kind messages from the Poynton community and the CCSO's who kindly supported us.



Year 1

This half term, the children enjoyed Minibeast day where they dressed up as their favourite minibeast and we had some very special 'visitors' for the day. Children got to hold a range of minibeasts and even had a tarantula on their heads!



We have also been busy, getting ready for their Christmas 'Winter Wonderland' performance. The children worked really hard to learn their lines, actions and dance routines. We are very proud of them all.

Miss Theo and Mrs Bartlett are super-excited to announce that our theme next term will be 'Monarchy Mayhem'. We hope you have a fantastic Christmas break, and we look forward to welcoming you back in the New Year.



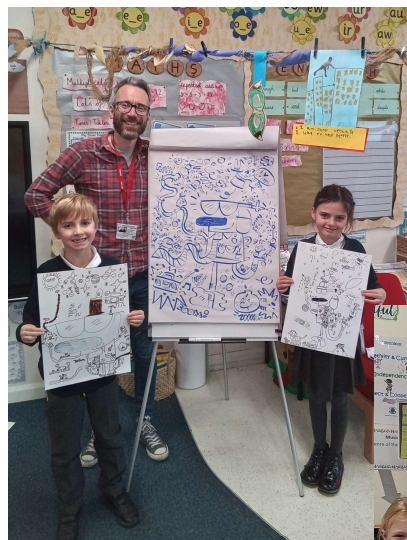
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Year 2

Year 2 have had a fantastic and extremely busy half term. We finished the term with our wonderful Christmas Play 'A Midwife's Crisis'. All of the children sang, acted and danced brilliantly. We are very proud of the hard work and effort they gave to their practising and performance- well done!



During this half term we had a visit from comic artist, Marc Jackson, who is a local cartoonist. Marc introduced the children to this style of art and everyone created their own comic character. We had great fun and lots of laughs with some very imaginative characters!



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Year 3

The Year 3 children performed their Christmas Showcase this Monday to all our Year 3 parents and carers. Our show consisted of a medley of poetry, artwork, star dancers, king dancers, narrators, actors and a DJ! We were all tremendously proud of their acting, singing and dancing.



We have also been enjoying our silk painting unit of work in Art this half term. The children have produced some wonderful silk paintings inspired by our artist Jamie Swim. We have also been practising a basic backstitch to add texture to our final piece.



Year 4

What an amazing term Year 4 have had, and they ended it in the best way with an incredible Christmas performance! There were wonderful vocal solos, fantastic dance moves and Oscar worthy acting performances. The children worked so hard and absolutely dazzled, well done Year 4!



Year 5



Wow, what a wonderful way to finish off our Friday afternoon. The Year 5 children sang their hearts out during their music performance in front of their parents and teachers. They have been working incredibly hard during their music lessons with Miss Swan to learn a range of songs and medleys including 'Fire fly' and 'I am like a bird'. There were an incredible amount of amazing solo performances and speakers who delivered their parts with some confidence.

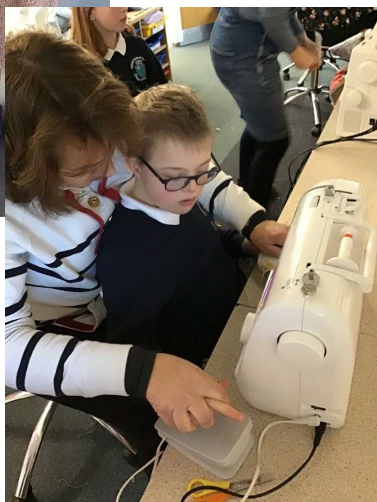
Well done Year 5, you did us all proud!

Year 6

Year 6 finished their WW2 theme in style by dressing as evacuees and bringing in a WW2 themed packed lunch to go on a trip to the Imperial War Museum North. Members of the public and staff at the museum were very complimentary about the efforts the children had made. Whilst there, they made documentaries about artefacts in the museum relating to WW2. There will be a showcase in the new year of their productions.



Year 6 have also completed their 'Make Do and Mend Project' and have impressed staff with their ability using a sewing machine to complete their memory blankets.



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Sport

A team of excited Year 5 footballers headed to Manchester City Training Academy to take part in a festival.



We had so much fun playing on the grounds that the professionals use. After winning our final group match 6-0 and proceeding to the knockout cup, we had a challenging match against Lower Park. Everyone had a great time and we loved taking pictures with the U21 Premier League trophy. Thank you so much to Sam from 8by8 who coached and supported the team and to all of the parents for transporting the children.



Eco/School Council

The joint Eco Council and School Council Christmas decoration competition was very well supported. We had some fabulous entries all made out of recycled materials- well done to everyone. The School and Eco councillors all voted individually for their favourite and the winners are: KS1- Elliana Hulme



KS2- Rocco Chapman



School Council

This term the school council decided that they would like to organise a collection for a local food bank. Stockport food bank came and collected our donation and were very grateful for the support.



The school council in conjunction with parliament week arranged for our local MP David Rutley to visit the children and talk to them about his job.

We presented our petition to save Poynton Leisure Centre and he has pledged his support to the campaign.



The Cheshire East consultation closes on the 7th January, please make sure you complete this to share your views with Cheshire East.

In Memory

Joseph Whitworth brought joy and positivity to everyone who knew him. We have raised money, as a staff, to remember our beloved former pupil who sadly lost his life this year. Joseph and his family will always be remembered and loved at Vernon.



We have purchased a new friendship bench in his honour, the 'Joseph Whitworth Friendship Bench' which will be taking pride of place in our playground.



School Office

You can contact the school office on email to admin@vernonprimary.cheshire.sch.uk

Call us on 01625 872556 or visit us in person we are open from 08:30-16:30 every day.

Please continue to report absences in the usual way. If you are informing us of a period of absence, not medical related, please ensure you email; absence@vernonprimary.cheshire.sch.uk

We kindly request that, where possible any appointments for the children are made outside of the school day. We understand this is not always possible. However, we request that your appointment letter or confirmation is emailed to school so that it can be recorded correctly in the register.

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School Lunches

Cheshire East Catering currently supply our school meals. They have advised us that the cost of a school meal will be increasing to £2.80 from January.

Uniform

The school uniform policy can be found on the website. We request that skins are not worn under the uniform.

For health and safety reasons please remove any jewellery before coming to school; a watch and small stud earrings are permitted but earrings must be removed for PE.

Makeup and hair dye is not permitted and any long hair must be tied up.

If you need assistance with uniform please speak to the office and we will help.

Parking

We continue to receive complaints about parking outside of school at drop off and pickup. These are regularly reported to the PCSOs and CCSOs. Please do not park on double yellow lines or block our neighbour's driveways.

This congestion is causing cars to drive to the pavements which is very unsafe for children and families walking to school.

Diary Dates

Month Year	
Mon 8 Jan	Back to school
Mon 5 Feb	Young Voices
8-9 Feb	Y4 Residential
Tue 13 Feb	Y3 Roman Chester
Thur 15 Feb	School Disco
Fri 16 Feb	Finish for Half Term
Mon 26 Feb	Back to school