



Vernon Primary School

Newsletter - March 2022



Welcome!

We have had a very busy half term here with lots of lovely activities for the children to enjoy. One of my favourite days on the school calendar is always World Book Day. I am amazed by the creative and imaginative costumes and would like to thank everyone for taking part.

It was lovely to be able to welcome parents and carers back into school for parents evening. I hope that you managed to visit the classrooms and look at all the wonderful work displayed throughout the school.

The first of our classes to go on a residential went last week and were very lucky with the beautiful spring sunshine. A great time was had by all and we are looking forward for years 4, 5 and 6 to get their turn after a long break!

I would like to thank you once again from the whole Vernon team for your continued support over this half term.

Have a lovely Easter break.

Mrs Carvell



Safeguarding and Wellbeing News

To mark Safer Internet Day we had a visit from the local PCSO's who spoke to the children about some of the risks of online gaming and social media, the rules around social media applications and most of all how to keep ourselves safe online.

In classes across the school the children were involved in E safety activities delivered by our fantastic teaching staff. During the evening parents had access to an online session to update their knowledge of internet use and how to keep children safe whilst using various games and applications online. Attendees felt this session had been very informative and gave useful information.

The children in reception had a great visit from the local police where they explained their role and even took some time to finger print all the children.



On the 29th of March the children safeguarding and wellbeing committee delivered a very informative assembly to our children in key stage 2. This included looking at what power for good means here at Vernon and then taking time to introduce all of our "Captains for Good". The children also delivered a presentation they had written looking at Anti Bullying. The children in the audience got involved and there were some great questions and comments.



Well done team "Captains Assemble"

Finally we have lots of planning underway for our celebration of children's positive mental health during our Rainbow Day May 20th 2022.



Reception

Reception have had a fun packed Spring Term. We have had a visit from the Police, and they took our fingerprints and brought their police car. The children loved learning all about the sirens, the equipment inside the car and the markings on the car.



We celebrated 'National Science Week' by doing a chocolate experiment looking at how chocolate changes when it is warmed up. We also investigated the changing state of matter. All the children have worked really hard, and we are particularly proud of their reading and imaginative writing.



Year 1

Year 1 have visited St George's Church where they enjoyed the Easter trail. They learnt all about the Easter story.



For a rousing conclusion of our Monarchy Mayhem topic we held a Royal Ball where the children dressed up in royal attire.



We took part in a royal dance and a royal banquet.

The children have also made Tudor houses in DT. We used our knowledge of electricity to light up the houses inside.

Year 2

On Tuesday 8th March Year 2 embarked onboard a coach for their first school trip! The excitement levels were high as we spotted signs for the zoo on the motorway. We had such beautiful weather for our trip and everyone had a fabulous time. We saw many African animals and enjoyed an educational workshop where we looked at animal artefacts. Well done to Year 2 for their brilliant behaviour and manners.



Year 3

Year 3 had an amazing time on our overnight visit to the Anderton Centre. They participated in activities such as tree-climbing, archery, crate stacking, low ropes and orienteering.



It was brilliant to be able to make the most of the lovely weather and spend lots of time outdoors.



They toasted marshmallows on a campfire at night and enjoyed hot chocolate before bed!

Year 4

Year 4 have been taking part in an exciting learning experience as part of their 'Born to be Wild' theme, planning and creating Biome boxes! Each class was divided into teams and every group was allocated a different world Biome to research and represent within a box. The teams worked collaboratively to create their biome and present it to the other teams. The teachers were incredibly impressed with the children's Geographical knowledge, teamwork and resourcefulness! This was a fantastic conclusion to an amazing term of learning, well done Year 4!



Year 5

Year 5 held a Victorian day where they rolled back time to the 1800's and came to school dressed ready for the Victorian era. From the moment they arrived, the children experienced how boys and girls were organised in the classroom, sitting in rows and learning in rote. They had to follow new school rules and worked on chalkboards practising their script handwriting and times tables.

Embracing the new routines, we enjoyed drills on the playground and class singing of 'Daisy Daisy'.

We were also treated to two amazing Victorian workshops during which the children learnt about inventions from the 1800s and the 'Great Train Rocket'. The children had their photos taken using an 1830s lens and learnt about the creation of cameras.



Thank you to all of the children for embracing the day and for putting so much effort into their outfits. It was a fantastic way to end our Oliver Twist unit.

Year 6

Year 6 had a visit from an inspirational Maya Archaeologist and had a fantastic day. They investigated the differences between modern day, Maya and Viking poo in a hands on activity; learnt about trade through game play; studied pottery sherds (not a typo- ceramic pottery fragments are called this, shards relate to glass); dressed in Maya costume;



made maize tortilla using traditional tools and learnt about Maya Gods. The talk given by Vanessa was brilliant and the children were enraptured with her adventures and stories.



Sport Events

On Friday 25th April, we took a group of Year 5 children to a Tri-Golf tournament at Alderley Park as part of the Macclesfield School Sports Partnership. The children spent the afternoon

mastering a range of golf moves and tricks as they worked around 10 stations gathering



points as a team. The children were a real credit to



Vernon both in terms of their performance, and behaviour. Out of the 9 schools who took part, one of our teams came 3rd and the other team were one a few points shy of a medal position. A fantastic effort, well done Year 5! We cannot wait for more exciting sports tournaments in the summer term.

On Wednesday 30th March, a group of Year 5 and 6 children travelled to Nevill Road Junior School for their first football league match. Everyone was extremely excited to be back playing football and representing their school. It was a close match with some fantastic defending and passing throughout.



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After the first half, Vernon were 1-0 down, however the team grouped together and did not give up. They had many more shots on goal and, with an amazing strike from Sonny, the final score was 1-1. Thank you so much to all of the supporters who transported the team to the match and cheered from the side-line.



We would like to thank Vernon Building Society for sponsoring our new kit; the children looked fantastic and we cannot wait to play many more matches. We would also like to thank the fabulous team at 8By8 Football for their coaching and support.



On Wednesday 9th March 2022, Vernon pupils met British Paralympian cyclist, Megan Giglia. The children started their day taking part in an energetic circuit led by Megan and the Sportivator. With music playing, they moved around the different exercises, supporting and cheering each other on. It was great fun and a fantastic start to the day. Megan spoke to the whole school during an inspirational assembly about how she became a gold medal Paralympian. It was wonderful to hear about what motivated her and how that could be applied in our own lives. She brought her three gold medals into school for everyone to see and



some children and teachers and were able to hold them; they were much heavier than expected!



It was truly an amazing experience and one that had a great impact on the children.

Thank You!

We would like to give a huge thank you to Poynton Waitrose for their very generous donation of Fair Trade products, which were a fantastic resource during Year 5's recent Geography session. The children have been learning about trade across the world and were excited to explore the range of Fair Trade products. They especially enjoyed sampling the ranges of chocolates from Fair Trade farms in Belgium and the Dominican Republic.



Exciting News!

Joel in Year 3 was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes on December the 10th 2021. Within weeks he was already thinking about how to help and inspire others with the condition as well as raising valuable funds for diabetes research.



He came up with the idea of a sponsored 20 mile bike ride himself. He wanted to spread the message that you can still do anything despite having diabetes. He rode along the Middlewood way from Marple to Macclesfield and back again and crossed the finish line to a fanfare. It took him 4 hours in total. He has raised a whopping £1255 for his chosen charity JDRF. Joel would like to say a huge thank you to everybody who has supported him along the way.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/joel-reading1>

Please keep the lovely stories coming in so we can share what our fabulous children have been getting up to outside of school.

email admin@vernonprimary.cheshire.sch.uk and we will share them in our next edition!

Housekeeping

After the Easter break the school office will be organizing a data collection to check all the details we have stored for our children and families on the school database. This will be done online through Sims and more details will follow next term. Please continue to keep us updated if any of your details change.

The School Spider app and the school website is updated daily with news, info from school and surveys for classes. If you are struggling with spider, please come and see a member of the office team who will be happy to help. You can now report absences through the app as well as on the phone, emailing or in person. Please let us know if your child is going to be absent from school and also if there are any changes to the normal pick up arrangements.

Diary Dates

Month Year	
19 Apr	Back to school
	Y1JB Trip to Staircase House
22 Apr	Charity Day
	PTA Crazy Hair for Y1ES and Y3 only!
28-29 Apr	Y4 Residential
2 May	Bank Holiday
9-13 May	KS2 SATs Week
11-13 May	Y5 Residential
20 May	Rainbow Day
23-27 May	Jubilee Week
25 May	Young Voices
26 May	Class Photos
27 May	Red, White and Blue Day
	Last day of term
13 June	Back to school