



# Victory Primary School Newsletter

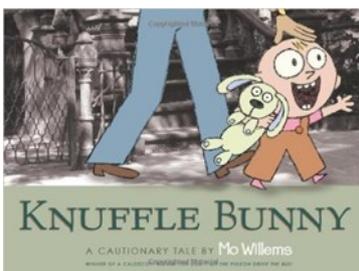
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*Random Acts of Kindness,  
makes our school a happy place to be!*

## Looking after each other...

During our whole school assembly, I introduced Acts of Kindness Awards. Children were asked to share the kind of things others had done for them, and were encouraged to do acts of kindness for other people, without anyone asking them for help. We then spent the week counting the amount of kind things children had done. Ruby Class (Year 1) won the first Acts of Kindness Award with 55 acts of kindness. They set the bench mark very high! Topaz Class (Year 6) won the following week with 50 acts of kindness.

So in addition to all our other weekly rewards, (Lunchtime Awards, Golden Book Award, Star of the Week Award and the Attendance Cup), we now also celebrate our acts of kindness!



**Nursery Children** have been reading the story 'Knuffle Bunny'. This book is about a baby who loses her favourite toy and gets very upset about it. All the children in nursery class brought in their special cuddly toys from home, to do a special 'show and tell' with their friends. They used their speaking and listening skills. Ali said - "My special toy is called Tim. He is from my home. He has long legs like mine.!"

## Our school building.....

Since the summer holidays, our school building has undergone further improvements. I say further improvements because since I became HT of our school, there have always been some building projects going on in the background. Since January 2012 we have had a new climbing frame, windows, grass area in junior playground, new school library, all classrooms have been refurbished, junior girls and boys toilets have been refurbished, new school electric gates, new fencing in the EYFS area, extended the EYFS environment outside to under the shelter, new car park, new staff kitchen, all the floors in the hall have been sanded and re-varnished, and now we have a new boiler with new thermostats on our radiators, so each classroom can control the how hot their classroom is!



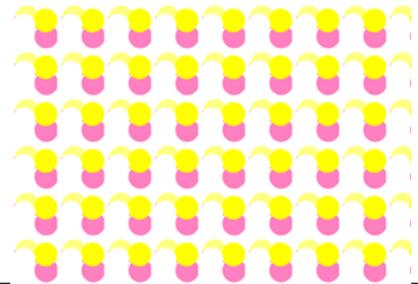
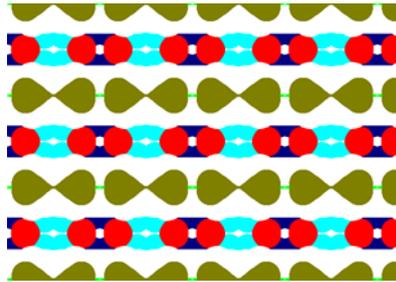
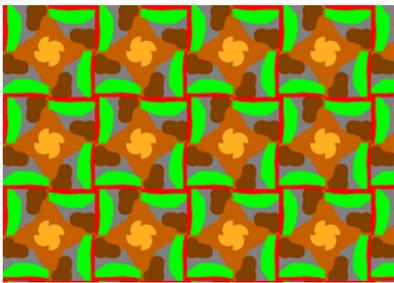
## Homework.....help us to help your child !

As a part of our Home School Agreement, all parents and carers have made the commitment to make sure that their child completes their homework to a good standard, and that it is returned on time. Some teachers have become concerned that children are not completing homework, because they do not have enough time. I agree that life can be very busy, but in order for our children to be successful, they need to have the opportunity to do their homework and practice the key skills they have been taught at school. So please can you support your child at home with their homework, and return it on time.



**HOMEWORK**

**Patterns all around us.....** Reception Class children are learning about patterns you can see, hear and touch. The children designed the patterns below using "2Simple" Software. Next week, they will be going on a trip to the Science museum to explore even more patterns!



## Black History Month.....

It's that time of year again, yes it's black history month. This year children have been learning about sporting firsts. To begin their journey through Black history month, I led a Black

History Month assembly where the children learnt about Althea Gibson. She was the first black person to win at Wimbledon, both the double and the singles trophy. She later went on the appear on TV, acted in a film, wrote a book, produced an album and became the first black female professional golfer. Her amazing achievements inspired Venus and Serena Williams. If you would like to find out more, please visit our Black History Month Exhibition. The date and times are below, but we will be sending out more information with your child, so please check your child's school bag.



## Label clothing please !

How many of you can tell the difference between 25 jumpers which are the same size, and know who the jumper belongs to? I suspect not many of you! This is the challenge which teachers face when there are no labels in children's clothing. Please help your child to find their correct clothing at the end of the day by labelling them. This will help to make sure the right jumper goes home with it's rightful owner.



## Dates for your diary

Black History Month Exhibition - 21.10.16 at 2-3.30 pm

24.10.16 – 28.10.16 Half term holidays - School closed

31.10.16 School re-opens at 8.50am



## We love music.....

This morning I received the wonderful news from our Chief Executive,

I am delighted to welcome you to Music Mark, a national subject association for music education. Your membership has been paid for by Southwark Music Service, who nominated you in recognition of one (or more) of the following:

- evidence of a willingness to engage in a development conversation related to improving music provision
- recognition of the value of music education as part of a broad and balanced curriculum
- a strategy for music in place, which provides for all children.

### Jem Shuttleworth

I am really delighted with the news, a huge thank you to our music teachers and staff for nurturing children's love of music. I am sure our children will continue to enjoy their music lessons and other musical experiences! I will now add our Music Mark to our school letter headed paper.



## Assessments.....

As promised, below are our SATs results for KS1, and our provisional results for KS2. It is important to remember that our school has several children who join our school throughout the school year from other schools and countries. Year 6's attainment is above the national average in writing, maths and SPAG, our combined attainment score (reading, writing, maths and SPAG added together) is above the national average, and the amount of progress our year 6 pupils made in all 3 subjects is also above the national average. If you would like further SATs information, please visit our school website.

	Year 2 2016 SATs results (provisional)			
Subjects	Reading	Writing	Maths	Science
% At the expected standard	66 %	66 %	69%	69%
% Above the expected standard	21 %	10%	21%	0%

	Year 6 2016 SATs results with disappication (provisional)			
Subjects	Reading	Writing	Maths	SPAG
% At the expected standard (=100)	61	78 *	78*	78*
% Above the expected standard (+100)	48	21	78	78
% above NA scaled score	39 (NA 103)		57 (NA 103)	65 (NA 104)



## Updates

We held elections for the School Council in September. The children who wished to stand for election wrote a manifesto and made a speech to their classes. All the children in each class voted for who they thought would be the best School Councilor for their class. These children were elected:-

Year 1	Hanifa and Ade
Year 2	Sofia and Shylah
Year 3	Noah and Ngor
Year 4	Kyle and Samson
Year 5	Aisha and Shan
Year 6	Mehnaz and Jason

The School Council had their first meeting of the year on 7th October. We discussed our aims for the year, wrote a mission statement, discussed ideas for raising our profile and elected members of the council to specific roles.

**Chairperson:** Aisha

**Deputy Chairperson:** Jason

**Secretary:** Shan

**Treasurers:** Noah and Mehnaz

We are very excited about our new responsibilities and about making a positive difference to our school.

Here is our Mission Statement and our Aims:-

### Mission Statement

We care  
We share  
We are fair

### Aims

To make the school an even better place  
To help children be happy and safe, and enjoy school