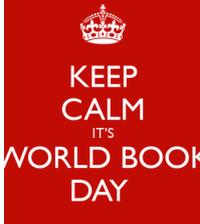


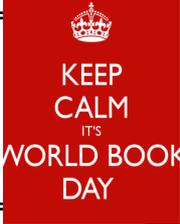


Victory Primary School Newsletter

March / April 2019



Read, read, read, the more you read the more you know, the more you know the more you grow...so read, read, read!



World Book Day.....

Every year our school celebrates World Book Day, children are given the opportunity to indulge themselves in books and take part in some fun reading activities. This year we had the pleasure of welcoming back West End Theatre Company. Previously they helped us to brush up on our Shakespeare and recreate the play 'Midsummer Night's Dream'. This year each class worked at recreating a section of 'Charlie and the chocolate factory'. This experience helped to bring this brilliant book alive and the children really enjoyed their day working with West End Theatre Company. Parent/carers were also invited into school to share a book with their child, children and staff also dressed up as book characters. A small donation was made by children, we have raised £31 which will be used to buy some books for our children. Thank you to everyone who contributed!



10 Downing Street.....

Well it finally happened, Sara and I actually spent the morning at 10 Downing Street (the famous place where the Prime Minister lives) on 1.3.19. It was an extremely memorable occasion, as we were shown the state rooms where the Prime Minister welcomes other states men and women. We also saw the cabinet meeting room, where all the important meetings are held, and walked up the famous staircase where pictures of all the past British Prime Ministers are displayed. Sara was a wonderful ambassador for our school, she asked very interesting questions, and also managed to collect business cards from policy makers and MP's! Unfortunately we did not meet the Prime Minister as she was not at home and understandably very busy!



Sara's picture is also in The Voice Newspaper for a second time! Thank you to The Voice newspaper and Nero Ughwujabo for arranging this special visit, and well done to Sara!

Get Fit, keep fit week.....

Children and staff had a fun week keeping fit by doing daily exercise activities. This year the activities ranged from yoga to learning the 'Candy Dance'. The weather didn't stop us from keeping fit, we just moved the activities to the hall. The week ended with a skippathon, which all the children took part in. Unlike last year, the money raised will go towards the year 5 and 6 school journey transport. In total £105 was raised. Thank you to all the staff who made the Get Fit, keep fit week fun, the children for enjoying themselves and the parents who sponsored their child.



New Parent Governor.....

Ms Emma Moore is our new parent governor representative. As she was the only parent who was interested in becoming a parent governor, no elections were held, unlike on previous occasions . Parents and Carers will be glad to know that Ms Moore has already made a very good start, by attending a number of meetings and keeping up with the paper work!



French and art...

In Diamond Class, they have been learning about France. In Art, they made collages of some famous landmarks in Paris. By working collaboratively they created a collage using different shapes, textures and materials.



History and art....

Emerald class have been working on Roman mosaic tiles.

Diana said "The tiles look like a real Roman mosaic, because there are a lot of beautiful colours and you have to use your imagination."

Sanjidah said "I felt pleased about my mosaic because it is a unique butterfly."

Tyrone said "I felt like I was a real Roman making the mosaic for Septimius Severus!"

Melricia said "I felt happy and proud of my mosaic because I know I did extremely well."



Supervision before and after school....

I fully appreciate that some parents are preparing their child for secondary school, whilst others feel that their child is old enough to make their own way to and from school, but I have received complaints from the residents living in the estate across the road from our school. Some children have been seen (and images captured on CCTV) destroying plants and making a lot of loud unnecessary noise. Parents/carers are once again reminded to supervise their children before and after school, because if the residents decide to take further action against your child, our school is unable to defend your child's behaviour before or after school.



PTA

It was with great pleasure to host another PTA meeting, where 14 parents attended to share their ideas about how we can work together to make our school an even more fun place to learn and also raise some money for our school. I will be writing to you next term to share their ideas, and dates for future meetings. Thank you to all parents/carers who attended the PTA meeting.



Victory School Achieve Healthy Schools Award

On Thursday 28th March, the Director of Education for Southwark, Nina Dohel, presented us with the Bronze Healthy Schools Award. This recognises the work we all do to promote the physical health and emotional well-being of the children, families and staff at Victory. Even though we have achieved this award, we will continue this important work and aim even higher!

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Maths Champions.....

Topaz and Sapphire class entered a maths competition called 'Sumdog's Southwark Maths Contest', and yes you have guessed correctly, we have won the competition! In total, 277 students answered 79851 questions correctly. Topaz class came first (401 points), and Sapphire Class came 6th place (315 points). Our prize is 6 month mathematics subscription. Well done to both classes, your hard work has definitely been rewarded, now onwards with the SAT's !!



Keeping children safe on the internet.....

Below are some tips of how to keep your child safe on the internet....

- Establish online rules and an agreement with your sons and daughters about internet / mobile phones use at home and outside of the home.
- Spend time online alongside your daughter or son and establish an atmosphere of trust regarding computer / mobile phone usage and online activities.
- Place your home computer in an area of your house where you can easily supervise your family's internet activity.
- Regularly discuss and ask to see your sons and daughters online / mobile phone friends and activities. This helps you learn about how the digital generation uses the internet - and may help keep your family safe.
- Block instant/personal messages from people that you or your son or daughter don't know.
- Review the amount of time your son or daughter spends on the internet, and at what times of the day. Take phones and other devices away from children at bedtime.
- Do not allow your child to hear, see or do anything on the internet/ mobile phone you would not allow them to do in the 'real world'.
- Install parental controls on all your electrical devices (phones, tablets, games consoles or laptops - and even your home broadband) to block unsuitable ' pop ups' and prevent your child from having access to any websites, chat rooms or apps that are not meant for primary school children.

If parents/carers would like more information on how to install parental controls on devices, you can contact NSPCC (National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children) to speak to their friendly experts on their free NSPCC & O2 helpline on 0808 800 5002.



Victory Children to Perform Alongside Professional Musicians

On Thursday 21st March, the children who attend our violin club were invited to a concert at St. George the Martyr by Water City Music. Three professional musicians performed, a violinist, a cellist and a pianist. They performed music by Mozart, Bach, Schumann and Shostakovich. It was a fantastic experience and the music sounded amazing because of the wonderful acoustics of the building.

The children have been invited to perform alongside the professional musicians at the same venue on 27th June, so they are already practising very hard. The concert is free and everyone is welcome. I will give you more details closer to the time. We are all very excited!



Dates for your diary

Last day of term **5.4.2019 at 3.30pm**

INSET day 23.4.2019 — School closed for children

School re-opens for children — 24.4.2019 at 8.55am

