



Victory Primary School Newsletter

July 2021



Working together to achieve
success!



Look how far we have come....

Congratulations to all of us, we have navigated our way through what can only be described as a very peculiar year, filled with great challenges and sadness, nevertheless, we have managed to come out the other side, still working together for the benefit of our children!

A recent newspaper report informs us that "The number of schools forced to close entirely as a result of Covid has also gone up, while numbers self-isolating after a contact in school jumped significantly from 624,000 to 774,000." As a school we are unable to predict whether the number of infections nationally will continue to increase, causing our country to have to return to restrictions again, or worse case scenario, reintroducing a local or national lockdown. Due to the level of uncertainty, I will be emailing parents/carers two opening and closing arrangements, which arrangement we put into place in September 21 will depend on the level of the infections and the DFE guidance. I will be emailing all parents/carers on 1.9.21, to inform you which of the arrangements our school will be following, so please check your emails inbox.

Increasing the tone of this newsletter to bitter sweet, the staff and I will be saying goodbye to 3 members of staff. Ms Long is leaving to teach at a larger school, whilst Ms Newman and Mr Laughton have both relocated with their family to the North of England. On behalf of our entire school community, thank you all very much for your hard work and dedication to our school. It has been a pleasure to work with you and we wish you all the best of luck for the future!

Now I am able to move onto the sweeter part of the final newsletter of the school year. As this is the last newsletter of the year, I have asked Mr Laughton to share his own message to our school community. I would also like to say thank you to a young ethical entrepreneur who supported our school by providing us with some much needed free gazebos (normally £50 to rent for the day). The philosophy of the company is inspiring, they believe in supporting the local community by providing outdoor equipment at very reasonable rates. This enables the community to perform and enjoy performing arts etc outside, lifting the lid of inequality due to lack of money. Please email JustinCooperative@gmail.com or visit <https://fatllama.com/profile/2987304779?referralCode=dari-e8df9> for more details.

I would also like to say thank you to all the staff who are continuing with us on our journey, also for your hard work and dedication to our school. This year has tested us in a variety of ways, but as per usual, we have overcome many of our obstacles! Thank you to all parents/carers for your continued support, patience and understanding, our staff have really appreciated all that you have done to support your child and our school! I hope you all have a wonderful summer holidays, stay safe, well and positive!

Dates for your diary.....

The last day of term is 22.7.21(tomorrow) at the normal times

(INSET days 1st and 2nd September 2021) School will reopen for children on 3.9.21

Please check your emails on 1.9.21 for further information about our arrangements for September 2021

Classes for next year...
EYFS - Ms Milewski + Ms Isha
Ruby Class (Yr1) - Ms Bonsu + Ms Beatrice
Amber Class (Yr2/3) - Mrs Beattie + Ms Ejiro
Emerald Class (Yr4) - Ms Blake + Ms Asila
Sapphire Class (Yr5) - Ms Maria + Ms Zeljka
Topaz Class (Yr6) - Ms Vernege + Ms Alice

A special message from Mr Laughton.....

We have made it through another challenging year..... No, we haven't just made it through, by working together, we have achieved great things. I am so incredibly proud of the children and staff here at Victory for their hard work, their dedication, their determination and, most importantly, their kindness. I am also very grateful for all the parents who have supported their children, and the school, during this year. When a community works together and acts in kindness, it can achieve truly amazing things.

Through the hard work of the children and the staff, and despite the disruption and uncertainty of recent times, the children have made incredible progress this year, not just academically but as positive, caring, respectful, determined and resilient members of our community.

I would like to thank all the staff who have worked tirelessly this year, sometimes behind the scenes, to make sure our children are safe; excited about, and motivated to learn; have the best experiences whilst at school; and develop as confident, happy, caring and kind, life-long learners.

Finally, thank you to the parents and families who have supported the school when last minute changes have needed to be made because of events beyond our control.

Don't forget that Walworth Library is running its summer reading scheme. This is a great opportunity to get your child reading, learning and enjoying themselves throughout the summer. Walworth Library, 149 Walworth Rd, London SE17 1UR.

Mr Laughton



Baking Cakes with Ruby Class

For Bake Off Week, Ruby Class made fairy cakes. We measured the ingredients and everyone took turns at mixing them altogether. When the fairy cakes were made, we decorated them with icing and sprinkles. They tasted amazing!



Design a Robot Week

Helpers of the Future



In year 5, we set ourselves the challenge of designing and building a robot to help older people.

Sometimes, in our society, older people are neglected, forgotten, and even abandoned by those who are supposed to take care of them and love them in their old age.

Since older people can be very vulnerable, and at times need help, we decided to create and build a robot who would assist them and keep them company.

In the photograph, you can see BOB (Best Operator Bot - created by Jessica) and HAYS (Help At Your Service - by Karla). These robots have different features and functions, from pill dispensers, to Covid19 testing packs. These projects can take time and a lot of work, and for that, I thank the families of our Year 5 class who took their time to support all the children who completed their task. It is vital to inspire our children to achieve great things and to understand that our society is built on care and respect. We should always keep in our minds that these projects will inspire them to make a difference to our community.

Ms Maria Loureiro

Origami and Cake

In Emerald class, we made origami butterflies during Origami Week which we thoroughly enjoyed!! (Some of you may have noticed that your paper went missing...). Recently, we took part in a 'Bake Off' competition, our class chose to make a dairy and non-dairy cheesecake.

"When I made the Origami butterfly I was excited, because I have never done it before. During the Bake Off, we made cheesecake - it was so delicious and I have not tasted cheesecake before!" Camila commented.

"In the beginning, I felt that I couldn't do the Origami, but when I started my confidence grew. Afterwards, I went home and I made more Origami models." stated Joel.

"I enjoyed the Origami activity, I was trying to make a butterfly. It was a bit difficult. I had to concentrate on following the step-by-step instructions." Mohamed explained.

"The Bake Off was fun. We made it as a group. Our cheesecake had strawberries on top. It tasted great!" Hamida exclaimed.



Ocean Art Week

Earlier this term, Amber class learnt about St Lucia. We used the Caribbean sea to inspire our art. We used paint to create a tropical background and then different collage materials to make our sea creatures and sea bed. It was great fun and the results were fantastic!



Great Victory Bake Off

In the week beginning 5th July, we held a whole school "Great Victory Bake Off" competition. The children in each class weighed and mixed ingredients, and baked their cakes in the oven. Mr Laughton had the pleasure of judging the competition on Friday. He ate his way through a lot of cakes.

Gold Class baked butterfly cakes. Delicious cup cakes, soft in the middle with a slightly crispy outside, filled with fresh cream and topped with a dollop of strawberry jam.



Ruby Class baked delicious individual cakes with white icing and multi-coloured sprinkles. They were very appealing and well-presented cakes - a soft cake mixture and perfectly sweet icing.



Amber class came up with a medley of cakes. First, a coconut ice - coconut icing sugar, half white and half pink. Next, a butter cookie with orange icing and hundreds and thousands - very buttery and crumbly. Finally, a cup cake. A light and airy sponge, silky-smooth butter cream, topped with chocolate chips.



Emerald Class delivered a strawberry cheesecake. A smooth, light cheesecake mixture on a crumbly biscuit base topped with cream and a fresh strawberry.

Sapphire Class went vegan with an opulent chocolate cake. Dark, sumptuous, velvety, chocolate-infused sponge cake.

Topaz Class cooked up a Victoria sponge cake. Firm and slightly crispy outside with a delicious, soft, moist inside, delicious fresh cream and sweet strawberry jam.



It was a very difficult task to judge and Mr Laughton made sure he ate every last bit just to make sure. The winners were **Gold Class!!!!**

Healthy eating alert!

We know the delicious cakes don't look very healthy, but this is a once in a year treat, for some very special and hard working children!

Final Goodbye from Mr Laughton....

To the community of Victory Primary School,

At the end of this academic year, I shall be leaving Victory Primary School. I am relocating back to Yorkshire, where I grew up, and looking for another school who I can help to make as outstanding as Victory Primary School.

I have worked at Victory Primary School for 21 years and have known some of you for a very long time. There are now even children of children I taught attending the school!

I shall miss all of the children, family and staff very much but it is now time to move on. It has been an absolute privilege and an honour to serve the community of Victory. I will treasure the memories I have of Victory, and the school and the community will always be in my heart and my thoughts.

Thank you to all the families who co-operate with, and support the school and the children. Parents are a child's first, and most important teachers.

Thank you to all the staff for their dedication, loyalty, hard work, genuine care and compassion for the children, and for having the highest expectations of every single child.

Thank you to Mrs Williams who has taught me so much.

I am very proud of the children here. Remember children, keep aiming high and working hard to achieve your dreams, and when things get difficult, always remember to think, "So what am I going to do about it?" Always have the courage to stand up for your values and for what you know is fair, just and right, and always remember to be kind.

I am very proud to have been a part of this fantastic school, and I know, if everyone continues to work together, Victory will go from strength to strength in the future.

My warmest wishes for the future to everyone.

James Laughton

Year 6 Cake Baking Week



For the Victory School Bake Off Week, Year 6 decided to bake Victoria Sponge Cake. They were very proud of their efforts! Can you tell?

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