



Victory Primary School Newsletter

June / July 2021



Working together to create success!



Looking back at the newsletter for June 2019, this time two years ago we had a whole school picnic, where parents and children were able to come together to share their picnics and eat tasty BBQ chicken! There were also lots of other interesting activities, which children and their parents could take part in. I look forward to be able to once again bring together our school community to celebrate our successes, and also say thank you to each other for all our hard work and dedication to our school.

We are moving slowly towards the possibility of this happening next year, as yesterday it was announced by the secretary of state for education that as a part of the road map out of lockdown, there is a possibility that after 19th July, children will no longer have to be kept in bubbles. This would mean that we could once again have whole school assemblies etc. It is unclear whether any future testing would involve primary-age pupils. At the moment, primary school children are not participating in the government's Covid testing programmes at schools.

So the waiting game will continue until July 19th, when hopefully we will be able to answer the important questions like, bubbles, self isolation and testing in primary schools. Even if all the restrictions were removed this side of the summer holidays, there is a possibility that they may be put back when we return in September! Until then, our current restrictions will remain, but I will continue to keep you updated. Nevertheless, staff and I are also working out if we can have a socially distanced sports day. Our school will be contacting you shortly with more details....

On a non pandemic subject, I would like to say an enormous thank you to all the parents/carers who returned their parents/carers questionnaires. We had 102 responses. The classes who won the return the parent questionnaire competition were Amber Class, Emerald Class and Sapphire class (all these classes had 100% returned questionnaires). The results of the questionnaires are below.

Lastly Walworth Library is open and will be running their usual summer reading scheme. This is a wonderful free activity, which will help prepare your child for school in September. Please contact the library for more details.

Parents/Carers Questionnaire Outcomes For June 2021

The table below shows the % of parents/carers who agree / strongly agree with statements

	Questions	Whole sch %
1	My child is happy at this school.	100%
2	I know that my child at school is as safe as they can be during the pandemic. My child feels safe at this school.	100%
3	The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.	100%
4	The school deals with any bullying quickly and effectively.	98%
5	When the school reopened after lockdown, I was made aware of what my child will learn during.	94%
6	When I have raised concerns with the school, they have been dealt with properly.	98%
7	The school has high expectations for my child.	98%
8	Staff are working hard to help my child catch up with their learning.	99%
9	The school lets me know how my child is doing by emailing me reports and contacting me if they have any concerns.	99%
10	Before lockdown, there was a good range of subjects available to my child at this school.	97%
11	The school supports my child's wider personal development, e.g. respecting themselves and others.	100%
12	I read the emails from the Headteacher and the newsletters.	98%
13	I would recommend this school to another parent.	97%

Travelling somewhere....

If you decide to travel with your child to other countries, below is the link to the government's website showing all the countries which if you decided to visit, you would be required to go into quarantine for 10 days after you return. This list is updated frequently, so please continue to check this list before you decide to travel to another country.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-travel-corridors#history>



Ruby Class ...

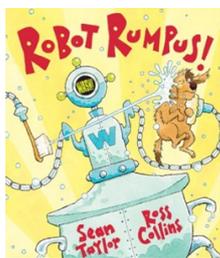
In Ruby Class (year 1) for Make a robot week, we read a story called Robot Rumpus, then we made our own robots and we described them.

"My robot has orange arms. It has yellow stars on it's back." (Jeffrey)

"My robot can make dresses and hats. She has pink arms and colourful stars." (Simona)

"My robot can help you to clean your teeth." (Fahmida)

"My robot has green round eyes. It can make you dry, when you are done washing up." (Dylan)



Emerald Class....

In Emerald class, (Year 3/4), we recently took part in an 'Oceans Week'. We looked at all the different oceans of the world and their various beautiful sceneries from the outside to the inside. Our creative task was to replicate this by using: paper, plates, paint and wool.

"I found Ocean week interesting, because we were learning about different species, such as the Megalodon; the biggest shark, but it is now extinct." Anah expressed.

"I was enthusiastic about creating the ocean plate, as I love arts and crafts and making things. Oceans have different shades and I used different colours of wool for an effect." Yaphet Commented.

"I had a fantastic time looking at lots of underwater creatures, some were cute! Especially sea horses, because when they are together they look like the shape of a heart." Stated Sarahi.

"I was excited when we were learning about the different oceans. Their waves can be different, depending on which part of the world it is." Zedekiah specified.



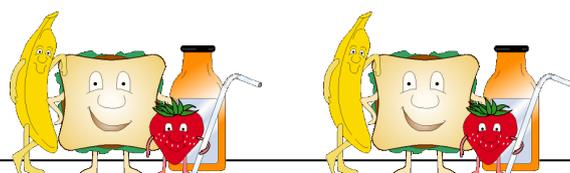
Information from Southwark—Southwark's Summer of Food and Fun.

This summer, Southwark Council will be hosting Southwark's Summer of Food and Fun. We are partnering with local holiday hubs across the borough to provide an exciting programme of food and activities for children and young people in our local communities. Places are available free of charge for children between the ages of 4-16 years, who are eligible for free school meals.

The programme aims to support local families by giving them access to free, healthy food and fun activities over school holidays in 2021. Each programme will provide:-

- free, nutritious and tasty food,
- fun physical activity sessions,
- a wide range of other enriching activities to suit different ages and personalities
- opportunities to learn more about food and nutrition for children and their families

Further details of how to apply for places will be made available in the near future.



Amber Class.....

As a reward for bringing back the most parent questionnaires in KS1, Amber Class had great fun during their Bubble playtime.



Gardening Week

Amber Class were very busy during Gardening Week! After weeding and digging up a few potatoes, we tidied up the plant beds. The children planted some fruits and vegetables. We have started a vegetable patch with chilies, cauliflower and courgettes and added a couple of plants to the strawberry patch. We will need to water them and watch them grow!



EYFS....

During gardening week we each planted beans! We were investigating whether our beans would grow just like Jack and the Beanstalk's. Also in class we planted carrots, spring onions and radishes and we have been using our magnifying glasses to see the changes in our plants. Our beans have also been growing at home - we can't wait to see what they look. **EYFS parents, please don't forget to remind your child to bring their plants back on the 5th of July!**



Topaz Class....

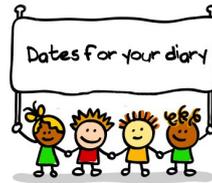
To celebrate Oceans week, Year 6 created an art exhibition of their art work on the theme of oceans. The children were set the challenge of using colouring pencils, felt-tips and crayons to create our underwater sea life drawings.



Information from Southwark - Meals provision during the 2021 summer holiday.....

There will be no additional council funding for vouchers and/or meals provision for pupils entitled to FSM, or primary pupils who request a food voucher during the coming summer holiday.

Instead, provision will be made through the Holiday Activities and Food programme, which is the main source of funding for Southwark's Summer of Food and Fun (please see page 2) and through charitable and other organisations. Our school will therefore not be sending out food vouchers to cover the summer holidays.



Year 6 Leaver's Concert
20.7.21 at 2pm
Summer Reports to parents
21.7.21

Competitions
Fancy Hat Day— 21.7.21
Last day of school for pupils
22.7.21

Themed weeks
5.7.21 - VPS Bake off
12.7.21—Design a superhero

Term Dates for 2021/22

Autumn term

Wednesday 1st September 2021 to Friday 22nd October 2021
Half Term - Monday 25th October 2021 to Friday 29th October 2021
Monday 1st November 2021 to Friday 17th December 2021

Spring term

Tuesday 4th January 2022 to Friday 11th February 2022
Half Term - Monday 14th February 2022 to Friday 18th February 2022
Monday 21st February 2022 to Friday 1st April 2022

Summer term

Tuesday 19th April 2022 to Friday 27th May 2022 (May Day bank holiday - 2nd May)
Half Term - Monday 30th May 2022 to Friday 3rd June 2022
Monday 6th June 2022 to Friday 22nd July 2022

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INSET Days - school will be closed for children

Wednesday 1st September 2021
Thursday 2nd September 2021
Tuesday 4th January 2022
Tuesday 19th April 2022
Friday 22nd July 2022