



Victory Primary School Newsletter

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A warm welcome back!

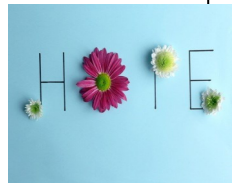


Each year I begin by saying that the children have settled well after the summer holidays. This year is no different despite our community experiencing the effects of the financial crisis. Our Personnel, health, social and emotional lessons have provided children with the opportunity to share and discuss any concerns which is on their minds. Each class also has a worry box, which enables children to write or draw anything which is worrying them and they would like to share with their teacher.

With the care, support and guidance of all the wonderful staff at our school, the children have returned to school with a positive attitude to their learning and remain well behaved. So I would like to thank all members of staff for their hard work and dedication to our school!

I would also like to thank parents and carers for their support and your trust that we are doing the best we can, to keep your child safe, happy and learning at school. Our world is currently filled with lots of uncertainty, but the one thing I am sure of is that my staff and I will continue to provide the best education possible with the dedication and resources which we have.

We welcome your continued support as we travel together through this new school year!



Silver and Gold Classes

Our youngest children began the year thinking about their dreams and hopes for the future. They then put their dreams in a jar. Other children put their dreams in a cloud, floating above their heads to remind them of what they hope will happen in the future.

I wonder what your dreams for the future are?



Emerald Class...

In Emerald class (Y3/4) for our Science Topic we have been learning about 'Rocks'. The pupils observed the rocks by using their senses, then drew the different variety of rocks by using their observational skills. We also investigated three different types of rocks - slate, chalk and granite. Question: - 'Which rock is the most durable?' We tested them by hitting them together, pouring water and vinegar on them!



"My favourite thing was drawing the rocks. First we chose a rock, looked at it, then used different shadings to make our picture." Abbey specified.

"I liked drawing the rocks because we can learn more about rocks. For example, some rocks are man-made and some are natural and have lasted a long time." Christopher explained.

"I really enjoyed doing the experiment to see if the chalk would break or not. It started to crumble in the water." expressed Millie.

"The rocks investigation was good, because we got to see which rock was the strongest and to see whether they would survive in vinegar." Benji Commented.

Travel....

Travel companies dramatically increase the cost of travel during half term, so many families find it hard to afford to travel during school holidays, so often travel during term times. Our school fully appreciate the dilemma many parents/carers are faced with, but our school will only authorise holidays or special leave during term time for exceptional circumstances. Also, applications for special leave must be made **before** the date of travel. If parents/carers take their child out of school without the HT authorisation not only do you risk being fined by the local authority, but your child may also lose their place at our school.

So as soon as you become aware that you have to travel during term time, please contact the school office for a special leave form.



Amber Class....

It was in the original buildings, that Charlie Chaplin first went to school. His teacher Mrs. E. E. Turner-Dauncey recalled that she taught Charlie Chaplin at Victory Place Board School when he was between four and five: "I remember his large eyes, his mass of dark curly hair, and his beautiful small hands. He was very sweet and so shy. He copied his famous walk from an old man who gave oatmeal and water to the horses with cabs and carts outside the Elephant & Castle."

Children in Amber Class researched and discovered many facts about Charlie Chaplin:-

"Charlie and his brother were born in Elephant and Castle and they lives in the Victorian Times." Shakir

"Charlie went to the USA to become a great actor and he became very famous." Chyna-Leigh

"Charlie Chaplin Used to wear a bowler hat because he was British. He used to wear dark, dirty trousers and a tight jacket because his famous character the Tramp was poor." Imaan

Amber Class also explored what a Victorian school day would be like: -

- Teachers used to punish children by hitting them with a cane or a ruler ;
- The worse punishment for naughty children was the dunce's cap and children were allowed to tease you;
- In each bench they would sit 3 to 5 children
- Children had to write on chalk board;
- They also use pens with metal tip that they had to dip in ink pots.

By Abdullah and Etinosa



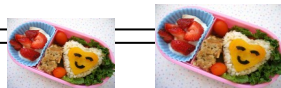
School dinners...

We are very lucky that our school dinners are prepared and cooked from fresh by our dedicated kitchen staff. Not only does the food cooked represent a variety of different nationalities, it is tasty, healthy and well balanced. Children always have fruit, vegetables and salad options, as well as a choice of main meals.

If your child has or develops a food allergy however, please can you contact our school office and complete a medical form.

Lots of children enjoy our school dinners, because they see their friends eating, but some children are fussy eaters at home. Below is a link where you will find some information about how to support fussy eaters and ideas for well balanced meals.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/baby/weaning-and-feeding/fussy-eaters/#:~:text=Tips%20for%20parents%20of%20fussy%20eaters&text=Check%20the%20label%20of%20any,they%20only%20eat%20a%20little.>



Sapphire Class....

For our PSHE topic, we have been looking at the topic VIPs which is about positive self-talk, being kind to others and dealing with differences of opinion. During our lesson we discussed how to deal with powerful emotions and we tried different calming techniques, such as the ones in the photos.



Topaz Class....

Based on a poem written by Ruth Craig entitled 'What I Didn't Do This Summer', Topaz Class wrote some of their own poems. Read and enjoy!

What I Didn't Do This Summer

This summer I did not see a leprechaun,
Nor did I climb a rainbow.
I did not eat disgusting raw corn,
Neither did I befriend a skinny doe.

This summer I did not see a supernova,
Nor did I lick a red, fluffy cloud.
I did not drive a Moon Rover,
Neither did I say a speech aloud.

This summer I did not travel to Pirate Island,
Nor did I sail with a haunted ghost ship.
I did not join a pirate band,
Neither did I cut my arm off with a paperclip.

This summer I did not see a blue moon,
Nor did I travel to Mars.
I did not make a new music tune,
Neither did I get trapped behind metal bars.

This summer I did not leap on bright yellow stars,
But I enjoyed my time.
I liked my holiday,
Because it was just fine.

Written by Wafiq



What I Didn't Do This Summer

This summer I did not meet my future self
This summer I did not read a magic book from a shelf

This summer I did not find a flying broom
This summer I did not enter a princess' room
This summer I did not learn a magic spell
This summer I did not ring a loud bell
This summer I did not get into a fight
This summer I did not find a unique light
This summer I did not enter a haunted house
This summer I did not eat a mouse

What did you do this summer?

Written by Ameerah



What I Didn't Do This Summer

This summer I did not
Ride a huge crowd
Or eat a white, little cloud,
Use a magic broom,
Nor paint my bedroom,
Set alight my brother's blazer,
Or play with a bright, red laser,
Write a famous book,
Or swap my hand for a hook.

This summer I did not
I definitely did not
Slice a hole through the moon
With a bright yellow spoon,
Sneak into a school party,
Or make a weird clone called Barty,
I did not climb a tree
To get stung by a bee.

This summer I did not
Eat ten blocks of ice
Or supersize a pizza slice,
I did not make a lamp
Or go climbing with a tramp,
I did not run from the police,
Or pull on someone's teeth.

Written by Ali



Dates for your diary

Black History Month Exhibition
On 22.10.23 at 2.00pm— more details to follow

Half term
23/10/23 - 27/10/23

Class Assemblies at 10.30am
3rd November 2023 - **Amber Class**
8th November 2023— **EYFS**

Science workshop for parents/carers
7.11.23—more details to follow

Literacy workshop for parents/carers
3.11.23— more details to follow

The Beauty and the Beast Production — 11.12.23

Christmas Dinner
19.12.23
Christmas Parties — TBC

Christmas Productions
EYFS + KS1—15.12.23 at 2pm
KS2— 18.12.23 at 2pm

Parent's Evening
19.12.23 from 3.45pm— more details to follow

Last day of term—20.12.23—school closes at 12 noon

Online safety....

The internet can be a wonderful learning and fun experience for children, if parents/carers fully understand how to keep their child safe. Below are some useful websites full of useful information and tips on how to keep your child safe online. **Please be aware that Roadblox is for children aged 13+ and Minecraft is 7+, but still needs adult supervision.**

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/>