



# Vernon Primary School

Newsletter - Feb 2023



great fun last time and I hope you will join us on Friday 17th March.

## Welcome!

It has definitely been a busy start to the year so far with lots of exciting activities going on, in and out of school this half term. You can keep up to date with live classroom updates by logging on to google classroom or following us on twitter.

Welcome to our new families that have joined the school recently. We hope you are settling in to life at Vernon.

I would like to say how proud I am once again of the fabulous Vernon KS2 choir led by Mrs Gurney and Miss Swan. On Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 86 children along with 10 staff attended the 26<sup>th</sup> Young Voices concert at Manchester Arena. I would like to thank the teachers and parents for your support at this wonderful event. It is such an incredible experience to be part of and we look forward to going again next year!



Thank you to the PTA for organising another fun disco for the children. There is another exciting family event next term; Chocolate Bingo! This was



Penny Brammar, our Foundation Stage leader recently gave a presentation at a Cheshire East EYFS conference, which focussed on our schools implementation of the Early Years curriculum. We were asked to share our outstanding practice by the Cheshire East Monitoring and Intervention Lead following a recent visit to school. Key successes were shared alongside photographic and written evidence. I am incredibly proud of Mrs Brammar, our wonderful EYFS team and our fabulous children.

Wishing you all an enjoyable half term and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February.

Jo Carvell

# Reception

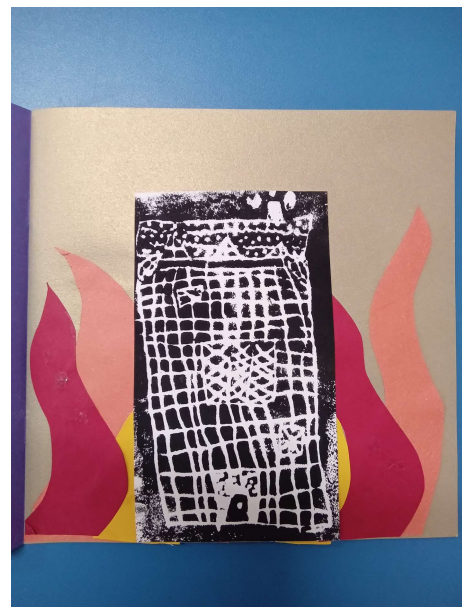
This half term in Reception we have been learning about the Chinese New Year and how it is celebrated. The children enjoyed making money envelopes and their own lanterns, decorating these with Chinese writing. We also created our own colourful dragon heads and used these to perform our own dragon dances after exploring different video examples. Well done Reception!



We also made our own wattle and daub which the children have learnt was a building method that was commonly used at this time.



Children have been studying Tudor houses and have created their own tiles to print with.



# Year 1

Year 1 had a lovely visit to Staircase House in Stockport where they learnt more about the Great Fire of London and the plague. Children dressed up as Samuel Pepys, the king and the plague doctor.



## Year 2

Our theme for this term is Africa, 'Hakuna Matata'  
In Art we have been focusing on the Ghanaian Artist, Nicholas Kowalski.

We sketched, mixed primary colours to make secondary colours, thought about the shapes and patterns used to then create our final painting.  
The children all worked calmly and carefully when painting, it was a very mindful afternoon!



## Year 3

Year 3 had a fantastic time at our Roman experience in Chester. We toured the city with shields and swords, marching and shouting in Latin!



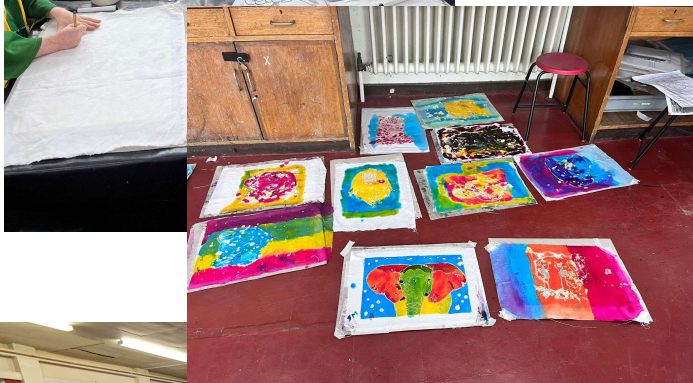
We practised training like Romans. We visited the ruins of a real amphitheatre, and explored the fantastic Deva museum learning about all things Roman, the children were especially fascinated by their toilet habits!

## Year 4

We had fabulous fun on our residential.



We created batik artwork of endangered animals



We wrote and performed poetry pieces based on extinction and we expressed ourselves in interpretive dance pieces based on the Earth Summit. Most importantly we ate lots of pizza, burger and cake, top banana!



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## Year 5

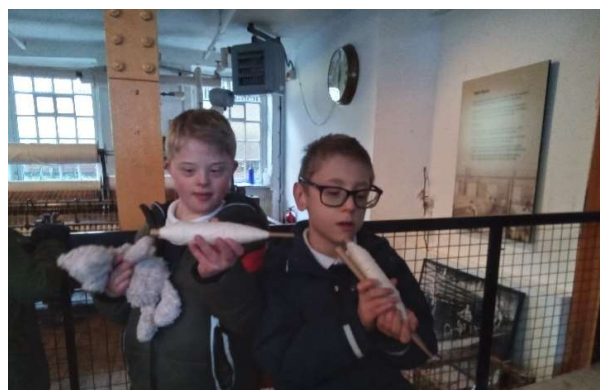
Year 5 had a fabulous visit to Quarry bank Mill to learn more about the workings of the Mill during the Industrial Revolution and the huge cotton empire.



One of the children explained the events of the day perfectly;

'We met our guides and then we were off to the Apprentice House. It was great we saw the girls and boys dorms, the kitchen and the school room. After that, we went to the mill and saw all the machines in action and heard about some of the jobs and actually tried some out! We saw and heard the giant wheel powered by water. Then it was lunch time, everyone was hungry. After lunch we went back into the mill to see what they used to wear and what it was like in the house. We wrote our names in slate.'

The staff at Quarry Bank fed back to the staff about how polite and respectful all of the children were throughout the day. They made Vernon proud as always.



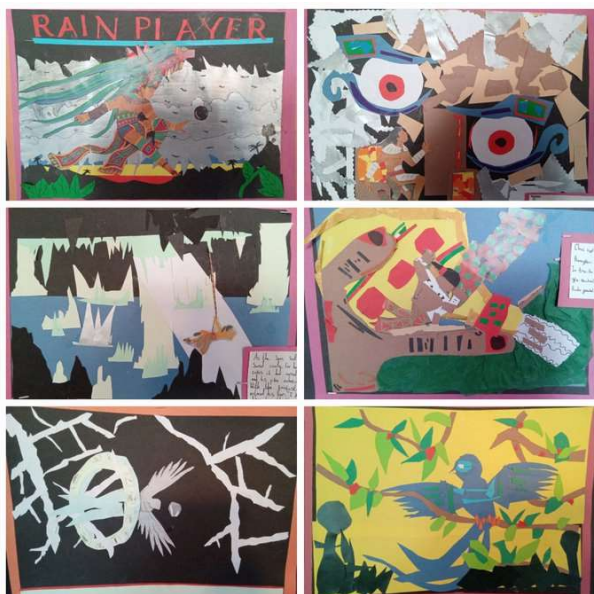
## Year 6

The year 6 children have been taking part in a range of transition activities at Poynton High School. Their origami art is currently on display in school.



Year 6 are enjoying their theme studying the Maya and have been using the text 'The Rain Player' by David Wisniewski to shape their writing in English.

They have created beautiful papercraft stills from the book and are now on display in the Year 6 corridor.



## Battle of the Bands!

Miss Wildig's incredible Year 5 class have recently won the KS2 "Battle of the Bands" Times Table Rock stars competition. It was incredibly tight up until the last hour, where the class worked together to snatch the victory and win the trophy. It now proudly sits on the windowsill for all to see. (Written by Year 5 children).



## Thank you!



We would like to give a huge thank you to Poynton Waitrose for their very generous donation of Fairtrade products, which were a fantastic resource during Year 5's recent Geography session. The children have been learning about trade across the world and were excited to explore the range of Fairtrade products. They especially enjoyed sampling the bananas and different ranges of chocolates from Fairtrade farms in Belgium and the Dominican Republic.



# Sports News

This half term our football teams have been very busy taking part in the Macclesfield Community football tournaments. The Year 6 girls' team did a fabulous job and are now second in the county!



The Y5/6 boys' team also did an amazing job and came second having taken the final match to penalties. Special thanks to coach Nathan and the rest of the 8By8 team.



COMING SOON... Coach Sam from 8By8 will be joining us on the school playground at lunchtimes to engage the children in games and activities to get them moving and taking part in new sports.



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*'Nobody else is quite like me'*



The Year 6s took part in the annual Sportshall Athletics competition at Poynton High School. It was a fantastic event where children took part in both track and field events against other schools from the area. They came a magnificent 4th place and had a lot of fun taking part.

## Housekeeping

School Spider would like to apologise for the technical difficulties we have been experiencing. This is due to an external server issue which is now hopefully being rectified. If you are still having Spider problems please come and speak to the office staff or drop us an email.

There is a mountain of lost property at the office. Please ensure you name ALL of your child's belongings to ensure we can return items when they go astray.

Reminder that children are expected to be lined up on the playground/at the classroom door at 08:40 for a prompt 08:45 start to the day. Collection at the end of the day is 15:15. Please ensure you are on time for drop off and pick up every day.

# Diary Dates

27 Feb	Back to School
2 Mar	World Book Day
3 Mar	Bloom Drama starts
7 & 9 Mar	Parents Eve
9 Mar	Bikeability Y6 KW
10 Mar	Bikeability Y6 AG
17 Mar	Class photos
17 Mar	PTA Chocolate Bingo
31 Mar	Break up for Easter holidays