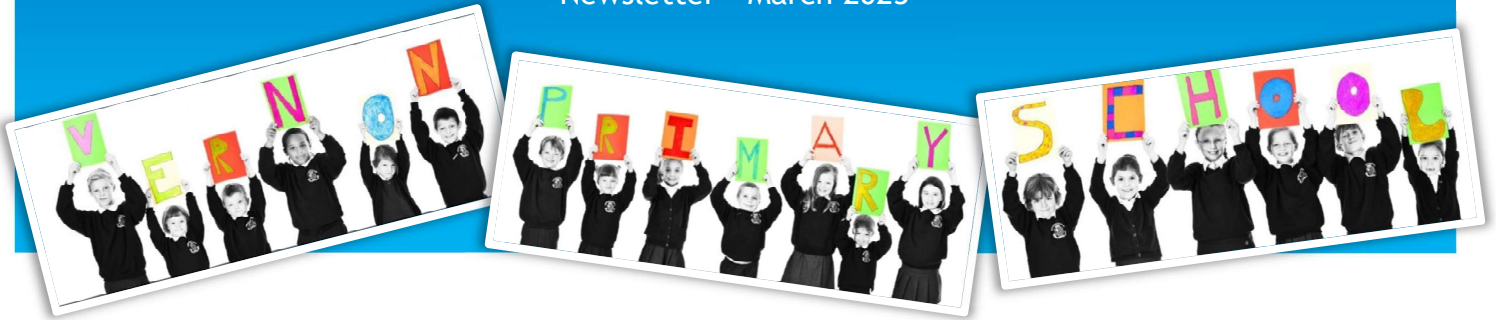




# Vernon Primary School

Newsletter - March 2023



## Welcome!

It doesn't seem like five minutes ago that I was writing the last newsletter. We have certainly crammed a huge amount of activities into this short half term. I hope you are enjoying all the classroom activities the teachers share on Google Classroom.

It was lovely to welcome you all into the school for parents evening and I would like to thank you for all the lovely responses we have received on the school questionnaire. The survey is now closed and we will be sharing the results after Easter.

The PTA Chocolate Bingo was a highlight of the term. The night was a huge success thank you to those who attended and supported the event. The total raised was a fabulous £1244 which we will be spending on extra resources for Science and Maths.

I hope that you all have some time to relax over the Easter break and I look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April.

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## Safeguarding

### Safeguarding Audit November 2022

On the 21st of November 2022 we had an external audit from a member of the Safeguarding Children in Educational Settings Team. Mrs Jones came to look at all the safeguarding practices here at Vernon. On the day she spoke to a variety of children and staff including spoke to our wonderful safeguarding and wellbeing committee. This committee is made up of children from years 5 and 6. On the day these children were AMAZING they took time to show Mrs Jones around our school and pointed out a variety of safeguarding measures we have in place to keep everyone safe.

The audit went incredibly well, and Mrs Jones was pleased with all the policies and procedures we have in place. We had no actions noted, and are

currently working towards putting in place some further great practice ideas to improve safeguarding practices within school even further. One of the most positive area of feedback was about how fantastic all of our children are and how they all feel very safe in our school.

We were so pleased with our committee and wanted to share with everyone how amazing they were.



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## Calm Corner

In January 2023 the school applied for and received some funding from John Lewis and Waitrose. This money is for us to create a “calm corner” here in school. This will be a small space within our reading hub, this will be a comfortable calm space where children can go to take 5 minutes to have some quiet time. There will be a range of sensory resources and books for children to access whilst using this space. We will update with some photographs once this is completed in the summer term.

## Safer Internet Day 2023

This year our children once again marked safer internet day. The children spent time in their classrooms focussing on staying safe on line using a variety of online resources and assemblies. Our safeguarding committee are currently working on an interactive assembly looking at how we talk to people online and how we stay safe doing this. The children are currently in the process of interviewing children around school to get some great ideas to feed into the assembly.

## Student wellbeing survey

We are currently in the process of completing a student safeguarding and wellbeing questionnaire in order to gauge how safe our children feel in school. We look forward to sharing the results with you once this is completed.

## Pupil Voice (Focus on mental health and emotional wellbeing)

In January 2023 we had a visit from 2 of our amazing governors, they came into school to talk to a variety of children across the school about mental health and emotional wellbeing. They asked the same questions of all pupils they met and we were really pleased with the positive feedback we received. Children commented that they felt they knew what to do if they were feeling worried and who they could tell if they had and concerns in school. Children identified many ways we celebrate positives within school and also things in school that support with feeling happy and calm. Things such as mindfulness activities, worry monsters, quiet corners etc. Some of the older children were keen to score out of 10 how they felt in school with many 10/10 scores!

# Book Sale

Wow, what a HUGE success our recent book sale was. Children from all year groups had the opportunity to visit the stall and find themselves some real book treasures.

We raised an incredible £ 307 which we will use to purchase a range of new books all children to enjoy in school.

Sending out a huge thank you to all of the Year 5 and 6 children who planned and ran the event. As well as the Governors and parent helpers who support the sale.

Thank you also for all of the incredible donations we had prior to the sale. We look forward to hosting this event again in the future.





# Artists at Vernon!

We have been refreshing some of our lovely wall work this half term and thought we would share some of the beautiful work that has been created by our very talented children.





## Sporting Success



It has been another successful term for our football teams. The girls' team triumphed and retained their trophy from the Macclesfield Community Cup. The Year 5/6 boys also attended and were runners up. What an amazing achievement from both teams!



The A and Girls teams have continued their league matches and so far, they have won each game. We can't wait to follow their progress in the summer term and hopefully their continued success. Thank you to 8by8 who coach the children during lunch and provide support at the matches. Also, thank you so much to all of the parents and carers who transport the children to the games and support from the sidelines.



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## Housekeeping

Please keep the office informed of any changes to your details including medical information and contact details. We will be running a data collection exercise after the holidays.

We are hoping that School Spider is now behaving itself and that everyone is up to date with payments. If you are struggling please contact the office for assistance.

Please can remind parents of our uniform policy which can be found on the school website. If you are struggling for any reason please speak to a member of staff in complete confidence and we will help.

We advise long hair to be tied back at all times for hygiene reasons and for PE. Jewellery should not be worn at school however small studs are permissible and removed for PE.

## Diary Dates

Month Year	
Mon 17 April	Back to school
Tue 18 April	Y4 Whitworth Art Gallery
Wed 26 April	Y4 Viking Day
27-28 April	Y5 Residential
Mon 1 May	May Day Bank Holiday
Wed 3 May	Y5 Unexpected Twist, Lowry
8 May	Bank Holiday
9-12 May	Y6 SATs
Tue 16 May	Class Photos
Thur 25 May	Y1 Blue Planet
Fri 26 May	Last day of term