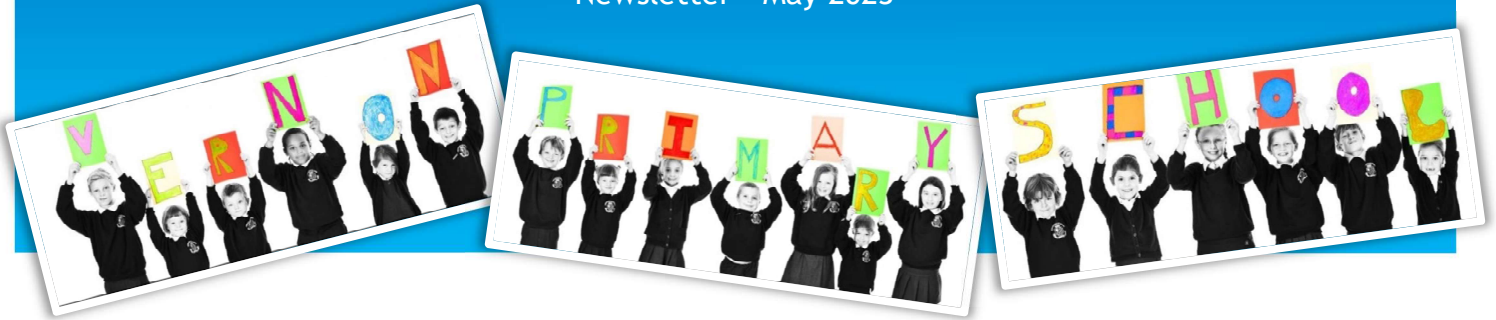




Vernon Primary School

Newsletter - May 2023



Welcome

Firstly, I would like to say how proud I am of all our children who have worked incredibly hard this term.

We had a lovely day in school on the 5th May celebrating the coronation of our new King. The children (and adults) entered into the spirit of the day and dressed in red, white and blue, some with a regal themes.

I hope you enjoy reading our newsletter to get a taste of what we have been up to!

I am delighted to see the sunshine has finally made an appearance so that you and your families can enjoy a lovely break over the half-term holidays.

Jo Carvell

Safeguarding

On the 19th of May the children from our safeguarding and wellbeing committee completed a site walk focussing on the safety features in place. The children felt that overall, the school site is very safe even more so with the addition of further fencing and our newly installed Invenry system. They were able to point out existing safety measures including CCTV, locked gates/doors, restricted areas etc. This sort of exercise is really beneficial as this helps identify areas of concern. The children were very vocal and keen to keep us on our toes with health and safety around school!

Karen Wood



Coronation Celebrations



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'Nobody else is quite like me'

Reception

This half term we have been lucky enough to meet two lambs; Matilda and Scrapy Doo, who visited school. The lambs were very well behaved and the children were very brave stroking them! The children asked some very thoughtful questions and learnt about where they sleep, what they eat/drink, how old they are and why they have numbers on their bodies. Thank you so much to Joel Yarwood and his family for bringing in their gorgeous lambs to share!



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Year 1

Our theme for this term is 'Oh I do Like to be Beside the Seaside'. The children were very excited to be able to visit The Blue Planet Aquarium at Cheshire Oaks. We saw lots of amazing creatures that are found at the seaside and learnt lots about them. We learnt lots about camouflage and how plastic is affecting our oceans.



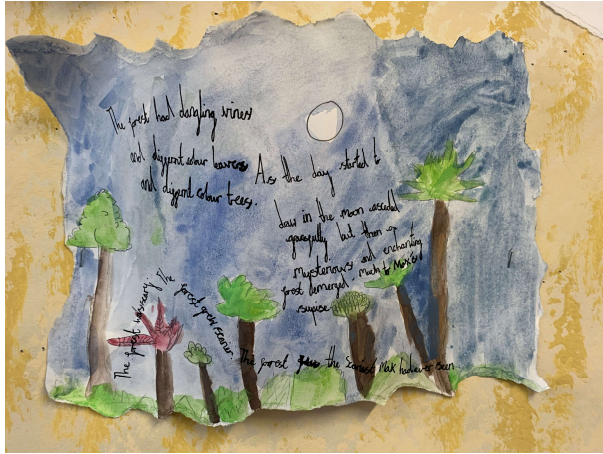
Our favourite part was going through the shark tunnel, we just hope we don't see them on our holidays!



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Year 2

Year 2 have been working amazingly hard over this term. Mrs Tootell and Miss Worthington are so impressed with the children's attitude, focus and determination when they have been completing their special challenges sent to them from Max and the Wild Things.



As well as that the writing which Year 2 have been producing recently is outstanding! They have written 'Where the Wild Things Are' narratives, coronation recounts and sent postcards to Max. In Science, we have been exploring micro-habitats. The children enjoyed investigating the micro-habitats around school and creating tally charts to show the different mini beasts which they found in different habitats. Once we had collected the data, the children presented their data as a pictogram.



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Year 3

In Year 3 this half term we have well and truly blasted off into 'Infinity and Beyond'! In English, we have written exciting and suspenseful space stories! In maths, we have been telling the time on both analogue and digital clocks and getting familiar with reading the 24-hour clock.



In our history lessons we have been delving deeper into the 'History of Space Timeline' and have looked at significant dates plotting these on a timeline. In Art and Design, we have created an

original piece of artwork, linked to the solar system, using the artists Inge King and James Kitchen as inspiration!



****Hot off the press!**** Y3 had a fabulous morning with Jacqueline Wilson. Even Mrs McNeil and Miss Swan were a bit star struck!!!

Year 4

Year 4 have had an exciting half term whilst learning about the Vikings. One highlight was our Viking visitor who taught us all about what life was like in the Viking times. We got to make our own clay games and even learned how to fight like a Viking.

Another highlight was our trip to the Whitworth Art Gallery where we worked with an artist and explored textiles.



Year 5

On Thursday 11th May, Year 5 were visited by David Rutley. During his time with the class, he engaged the children by holding a pretend House of Commons election. Two of the students delivered a speech, as if in Parliament, to express their views surrounding homework in schools. Both children's arguments were interesting and well delivered. This helped the classes to understand democracy and the importance of them being able to express their views.

The Year 5 students all asked some very insightful questions. David was particularly impressed with Martha's question. 'Are you happy with the way things are going in Parliament at the moment?'



Year 6

Year 6 enjoyed a morning at Crucial Crew hosted by the Child Safety Media. They attended five different workshops hosted by the British Transport Police, the Cheshire Constabulary, the School Nurses and SP Energy and the Change Grow Live Group. The activities were brilliant and the issues that were dealt with were very appropriate for our Year 6 children. They found the 'beer goggles' fascinating!



Sports

The Vernon football teams continue with their strong season. The girls especially by winning all of their matches so far this year! The A and B teams have performed well across the season with very close matches and our teams showing excellent sportsmanship when the result does not quite go in our favour. Thank you to all the parents for their support on the sidelines and the excellent coaching by the team at 8By8 Football.

Last week we were invited to take part in a rounders competition for Y5 and Y6 at Wilmslow High. Miss Sefton and Mrs Currall were delighted to escort our brilliant team to a third place victory and a bronze medal!



Well Done!

Huge congratulations to Y2 footballer Ella Watson who, along with her team SK Football won the Manchester Youth Super League. What a fantastic footballing achievement and such a huge trophy!!!



Diary Dates

Month Year	
Mon 12 June	Back to School
12-14 June	Y6KW Menai
14-16 June	Y6AG Menai
Wed 14 June	Y3 trip to Jodrell Bank
Mon 19 June	Y2 trip to Lyme Park
Mon 19 June	8By8 Football Competition
Wed 21 June	Rec trip to Gruff Outdoors
Thur 22 June	8By8 Football Competition
26-30 June	Sports Week!
Mon 26 June	Y5 team maths competition
Thur 29 June	PTA Disco
Fri 30 June	Sports Day KS2 AM KS1 PM
3-4 July	Y3 Camping residential
Mon 10 July	Open evening
Thur 13 July	Y6 Leavers Production
Fri 14 July	Reports
Fri 21 July	Y6 Leavers Party
Thur 27 July	Last day of term!