



Vernon Primary School

Newsletter - July 2023



Welcome

Welcome to the last newsletter of this school year! As always it has been a busy half term full of exciting learning experiences and events. It was lovely to welcome you into school for our open evening looking back on what the children have achieved this year.

We are pleased to report another fantastic set of Year six SATs results this term. This is testament to the hard work of every child involved who were extremely well taught and supported by their amazing teachers

This term is also bitter sweet as we prepare to say goodbye to our Y6 children who will be beginning their High School journey in September. Their leaver's show was outstanding and a particular highlight was Bradley dressing up in a blond wig to portray me!

We all had a lovely time at the leaver's party, the sun shone all evening for us to enjoy the bouncy castles, games and a visit from the ice cream man!

We are also saying goodbye to some of our members of staff as you will have seen from my letter. We wish them all well in their future endeavours and a happy retirement for some.

I think it's safe to say we have all earned a well-deserved rest for a few weeks. I hope you can enjoy some lovely family time together and we look forward to welcoming you all back in September, especially our new families that will be joining us.

Jo Carvell

Safeguarding

As the academic year draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our children's safeguarding and wellbeing committee for all of their hard work. As a team they have completed many tasks with enthusiasm, cascading important safeguarding information to their peers. They have been a credit to the school and their families. In September a new team will be selected to take on this role for the next academic year.

In September, we will be engaging in a whole school positive mental health programme called "My Happy Mind". This is a programme associated with the NHS that is currently being used by many schools across the country, including several in the local area. The aim of the programme is to promote positive mental health in the classroom. Sessions will be delivered in class by the teacher across the school. Children will have individual journals to record their work. Once this is implemented we will provide an update. There is also a parent's app that all parents/carers will be able to download for information to support your children's positive mental health.

We just wanted to say a huge thanks to all of our families for supporting us with our school attendance. We appreciate parents/carers making appointments outside of the school day where possible and encouraging the children back to school when they are feeling better after illness. Our whole school attendance for this year is 96% so thank you and please keep this up in September.

Karen Wood

Reception

Reception had a wonderful day at Gruff Outdoors near Jodrell Bank. The sun was shining and we only had a sprinkle of rain whilst we were sat under some beautiful trees having our lunch.

We fed the chickens, collected their eggs, stroked the goats and



explored the farm. We made some incredible craft using the natural materials from the farm. It was a wonderful day for everyone and such a fantastic experience. Thank you to the adults that joined us and the well behaved children.



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Year 1

The Children have been enjoying their current theme and this week the children took part in a beach day! They all looked fabulous in their tie dye t shirts they made in school a few weeks ago.



Local artist Ali Hargreaves came in to school recently to talk to the children about her work. They were all inspired to make their own creations.



We also made fruit salad which the children prepped and ate in the afternoon.



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Year 2

Year 2 have had a truly WILD term. They have continued to focus on the text of 'Where the Wild Things Are' as a stimulus for some amazing creative writing. In Art, the children have designed and modelled their own Wild Thing sculpture and as a class animated it in the style of Nick Parks work. Take a look on our twitter feed to see the Wild Rumpus animation in full!



We also had a fantastic visit to Lyme Park, where the children explored the house and gardens. We learnt all about the Legh family and their importance and association with Lyme Hall.



Year 3

This half term we have loved learning all about space and we visited Jodrell Bank Observatory for our school visit!



This term we completed our first ever residential! We enjoyed camping and being involved with the different activities planned by the 'Outdoors People'.



In English we wrote detailed non-fiction biographies based on the astronaut Neil Armstrong. In Maths we have been focusing on fractions and geometry in particular becoming familiar with angles and lines.

In our PE lessons we have been practicing 'Yoga' and mindfulness. During these sessions we have enjoyed relaxing and reflecting. In Science, our unit of work this half term has been 'Forces and Magnets' and we planned and carried out a fantastic Science experiment.

Well done Year 3 for all of your hard work this year! Have a great summer and wishing you all the best for Year 4.

Year 4

As part of the Viking topic our DT project was to design, build and test boats. Each vessel had to float and carry ten Viking mini figures. There were some clever adaptations, from waterproofing to buoyancy aids and resulted in some amazing designs. This was a great way to end our theme of Savage Settlers.



Year 5

On Monday 26th June, eight Year Five pupils attended a Maths Competition held at Stockport Grammar School. They completed various maths challenges, working as a team, including a relay race. The children did a wonderful job of representing the school with excellent behaviour and demonstrating superb maths skills. Thank you to the parents who drove them to the event and supported by being a team leader.



Year 5 enjoyed visiting Poynton High School where they used Micro:bits. After learning about 'selection' and identifying how 'conditions' are used to control the flow of actions in a program, they created a game of rock paper scissors. They enjoyed challenging their partner and leaving technology to show the response. As a challenge, they added an extra layer to the game and had lizard and human who could poison and smash! Thank you to PHS for allowing us to use their computing suite and resources.



Year 6

Year 6 have had a fantastic end to their time at Vernon and their performance of 'I'm an 11-Yr-Old Get Me Out Of Here' was a great success. The children had the audience in hysterics and deserve all the plaudits. They have been a brilliant cohort and we wish them all the best at Poynton High School.



Sports

We are thrilled to announce that Vernon Primary has been awarded the Gold School Games Mark. Well Done to Miss Wildig for organising all our teams and submitting our application.



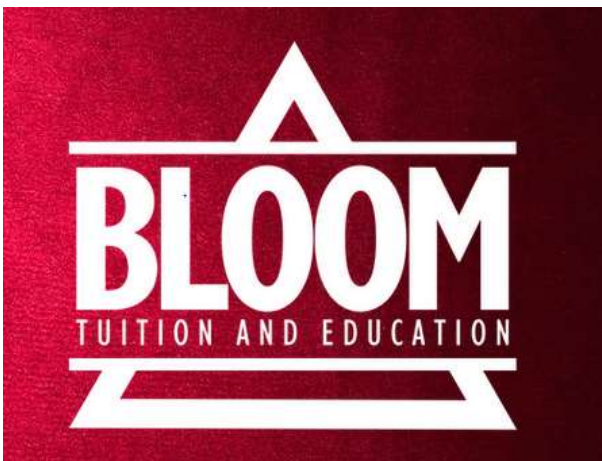
Bloom Drama

Bloom have been running sessions after school on a Friday for children who have an interest in singing and drama.

The group have been preparing for a performance of Matilda at The Fuse theatre in Partington on Saturday 22nd July.

Mrs Kiely and Mrs McNeil were in the audience along with lots of Vernon families. They were blown away by the show and how the children were extremely committed to their roles, learning lines, rehearsing and performing.

Bloom will be back in September... sign up info will be coming out then.



Our girls football team have finished the year victorious, as winners of their age group in Cheshire! The final match was a tense affair but the girls showed true team spirit and tenacity to come from a losing position to winning 3-2. Well done to St. Peters who were the winners of the small schools league and worthy opponents on the day. We would like to say a huge thank you to 8By8 who have coached our teams this year and will continue in the next school year.



Well Done!

Poynton Show Primary School Art competition

A big well done to everyone who took part in the art competition for Poynton Show depicting 'Poynton in summertime.' This competition had entries from all Poynton primary schools and Vernon had some brilliant results! Brook Earles came 1st in the Year 3 category, Scarlett Vesty came 1st in the Year 5 category and Sophie Brammar won best in show for her stunning piece of art. Well done to everyone and we can't wait to see the winning art work on display at Poynton Show in August.



Year 5 Charity Stalls

Two groups of Year 5 children organised and ran 2 incredible stalls which saw them raise over £500.

The first stall ran by Jaime and Isla, raised over £200 and it was a big hit with the children and staff due to their huge range of beautifully crafted earrings and bracelets. The girls decided they would like to donate their money to school funds and are currently planning how to spend their money on creative resources for the school.

The second stall run by Holly, Daisy, Jess, Isla B and Lily, featured a range of delicious cakes, lucky dip games and unique handmade pieces. The girls worked really hard as a team to not only raise over £300, but in do so they also raised awareness of Parkinsons, the charity to whom they donated their funds.

These girls have all done themselves and Vernon incredibly proud. Well done!



Diary Dates

Month Year	
Mon 4 Sept	INSET Day
Tue 5 Sept	Back to school
Fri 15 Sept	PTA AGM (9am)
Fri 22 Sept	Individual School Photos
Thu 19 Oct	PTA School Disco
Fri 20 Oct	Last day

Housekeeping

The School Office is extending its opening hours from September to 08:30-16:30. The phones will be open between these hours however if you are struggling to speak to us in person please leave a message or send an email to admin@vernonprimary.cheshire.sch.uk

Please continue to report absences in the usual way. If you are informing us of a period of absence, not medical related, please ensure you email; absence@vernonprimary.cheshire.sch.uk

We kindly request that, where possible any appointments for the children are made outside of the school day. We understand this is not always possible. However, we request that your appointment letter or confirmation is emailed to school so that it can be recorded correctly in the register.

The school uniform policy can be found on the website. For health and safety reasons please remove any jewellery before coming to school; a watch and small stud earrings are permitted but earrings must be removed for PE.

Makeup and hair dye is not permitted and any long hair must be tied up.

We continue to receive complaints about parking outside of school at drop off and pickup. These are regularly reported to the PCSOs and CCSOs. Please do not park on double yellow lines or block our neighbour's driveways.

