



# Vernon Primary School

Newsletter - October 2023



## Welcome

Welcome to the first newsletter of this school year. A warm welcome to all the new families who have joined Vernon this September.

I am incredibly impressed with how well the children have settled into their new classrooms and the school routines.

It was lovely to see you all at the September Social; we raised an amazing £3365.86 for school. Everyone who was involved worked incredibly hard to make the event a huge success and we were so lucky with the weather. We hope to run the event again next year so look out for more info in the summer term.

The children have become immersed into their class themes and I have enjoyed seeing Year 3 on their Pirate Day, Year 4 off on an Egyptian Adventure at the Macclesfield Silk Museum and our Year 2 Superheroes. We have many more exciting educational visits planned for next half term.

Year 6 took part in an exciting opportunity at the High School engaging in an interactive Boogie Bounce session. This is all part of the transition activities that take place between Vernon and Poynton High School to enable a smooth transition.

The PTA disco was a successful event and was enjoyed immensely by the children.

I hope you all have an enjoyable October half term, and return ready for the excitement of the next half term and the run up to Christmas.

Jo Carvell



## Safeguarding

Our new safeguarding and wellbeing committee have been voted in by their classes. They have been meeting with Miss Wood and Mrs Walmsley to discuss their role and upcoming opportunities. They are preparing activities for Anti Bullying Week 2023, during which we will have our local PCSO's in school to talk to the children.



Some of the Committee were also invited up to Poynton High school to meet with representatives from other local primary schools and representatives from the Local Council. Whilst there, they discussed topics such as safeguarding, emotional wellbeing provision and the local environment. Well done to the children who represented our school so well.

There will be some updates coming to our policy for online safety and there will be some useful information for parents regarding this topic, so please keep an eye on your school spider account for this information.

If you have any safeguarding concerns or worries about your child's mental health and emotional wellbeing, please speak with our pastoral team in school.



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*'Nobody else is quite like me'*

# Reception

Reception visited Poynton Library this week and had a wonderful time learning about where to find books, listening to a story about a 'naughty teacher'!!! and even stamping their own books out.



The children were incredibly sensible on the walk to and from the library. Library staff commented on their excellent behaviour and how much they enjoy seeing children so engaged in reading stories.

Mrs Brammar's class have also been to visit Pizza Express and made their own Pizzas! Mrs Wilson's class will be going in a few weeks.



# Year 1

Year One have had an exciting half term adjusting to their new environment in Key Stage One. We are really proud of how the children have settled into working independently. They are making incredible progress in

all areas of learning and in our Art lessons, we have been studying the artists Henri Matisse and Andy Goldsworthy.



The children enjoyed creating their own work, inspired by these artists. We are really excited about mini-beast day on the 15th November and we cannot wait to meet our special visitors.



## Year 2

The children have settled fantastically into year 2 and we are so proud of their enthusiasm and love for learning. We have had a varied and super first half term! The children have been developing their knowledge of story writing and have written their own 'Eliot Midnight Superhero' story, the children have retold the story through drama and then planned and wrote their retell.



We then explored non-fiction types of writing including instructions and explanations. The children all followed instructions to make their own Meteor Busting Rocket Launcher, they then wrote their own set of instructions and then wrote an explanation on how to use the superhero gadget!



We have been developing our knowledge of asking questions about the past, as a mysterious suitcase appeared with newspaper articles, photos, tickets, leaflet all linking to the Titanic, we had to delve deeper into the sources to find out more about this historical event.



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## Year 3

This half term we have loved learning all about pirates and we enjoyed our Pirate Day with Pirate Dantastic!

During the visit, the children discovered all about life as a pirate, the history of pirates, pirate weapons, food and drink and life aboard a pirate ship. The children made a fantastic effort and came to school looking fabulous, dressed as ghastly pirates.



In English we have written our very own pirate adventure stories and have been writing our own poems based on all of the

different forms. In Maths we have been focusing on place value, addition and subtraction and measurement.

In Science, our unit of work this half term has been 'Plants' and we planned and carried out a range of fantastic Science experiments.

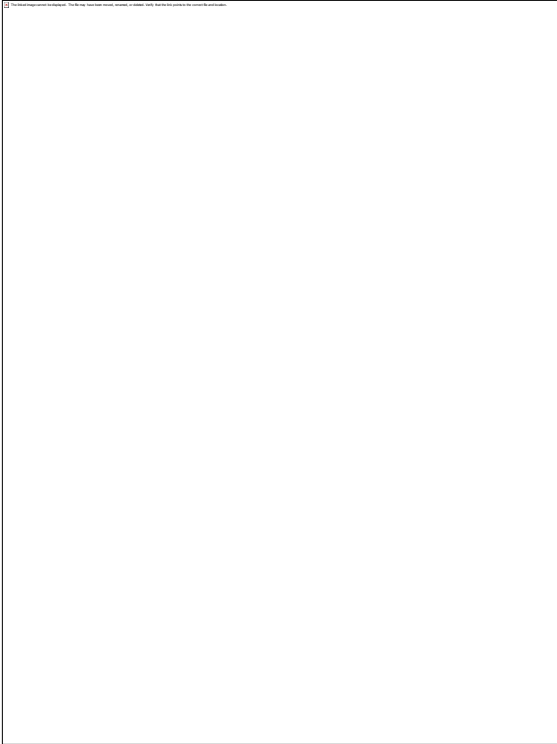
Well done Year 3 for all of your hard work this year half term! We are looking forward to the rest of the Autumn Term together.



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## Year 4

Year 4 enjoyed a fantastic visit to the Macclesfield Silk Museum. The Egyptian exhibit transported the children back 3000 years to the time of the Pharaoh's! The children were able to complete Egyptian Gods themed artwork, handle exciting artefact and even came to face with a real mummy.



The experience gave the children an invaluable hands-on opportunity and further fueled their excited about their autumn theme.



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## Year 5

In Science, Year 5 have been learning about 'Living Things and their Habitats.' After dissecting a flower and labelling its parts we took clippings from a spider plant and watched it grow new roots in water. We then planted them in soil.



We have also learnt about the life cycle of a mammal, bird and amphibian. We completed our unit by learning about Jane Goodall and her work with chimpanzees and became naturalists, observing the nature around us.

## Year 6

Year 6 took part in Boogie Bounce with the School Sports Partnership at Poynton High School. It was brilliant and every child (and adult!) took part.



Mrs Watson was successful with her funding application and we were awarded a class set of Microbits. Year 6 are very excited to receive these from @microbit\_edu and can't wait to use them in our Programming Units of work.



As we come to the end of our history unit, the children have been considering which of the key moments in WW2 were pivotal to our success. We enjoyed debating this, comparing the Battle Atlantic, The Battle of Britain, Dunkirk and the appointment of Winston Churchill. Go to our Twitter page to see which event was voted as the turning point for Britain in WW2.

## Christmas Shoe Boxes

This year as a school we have chosen to support One Project Ukraine's Christmas Shoebox Appeal. If you would like to take part please give your donations to your class teacher or the school office by Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

Please see the below for more info and ideas of what to put in your Shoebox.

Thanks for your support.



### One Project Ukraine

Christmas  
Ukrainian Shoebox



**What to do... Appeal 2023**

- Tick Boy or Girl and age category on this leaflet
- Fill a shoebox with Christmas gifts
- Wrap the shoebox in Christmas wrapping, with the lid wrapped separately.
- Remove all packaging from the gifts
- Attach this leaflet on top of the box
- We'll be accepting the boxes at The Hive on **14th, 20th, 21st, 27th, 28th of October and 3rd and 4th of November.**
- Alternatively, please message me if the dates above are not convenient.

**Gift suggestions**

- Cuddly toys
- Small toys/cars
- Socks/Gloves
- Sweets/Chocolates
- Skipping rope
- Hair Accessories
- Craft Items
- Slippers
- Lego
- Small Games
- Toiletries/make-up
- School stationery
- Puzzles
- Card games

JustGiving Page



**If you would like to help with transport costs, please tape £1 to the box or see our QR code to the JustGiving page**

Jeanette Mobile: 0777 597 1921  
The Hive. Unit 15, Turnock Street. Macclesfield. SK11 7AP  
Email: [oneprojectukraine@gmail.com](mailto:oneprojectukraine@gmail.com)

**Closing date 5.11.23**

**Boy**

**Girl**

**Age 2 - 4**

**Age 5-9**

**Age 10-14**

## Diary Dates

Month Year	
Mon 30 Oct	INSET Day
Tue 31 Oct	Back to school
	Y4 Egyptologist Day
Thur 2 Oct	Rec DW Pizza Express Visit
Tue 7 Nov	Road Safety Talk CCSOs
Wed 8 Nov	STEM Day
Mon 13 Nov	Odd Socks Day (Anti Bullying Week)
Wed 15 Nov	Y1 Minibeast Day
Thur 16 Nov	Y5 Liverpool World Museum
Thur 23 Nov	PTA AGM
Fri 24 Nov	Non Uniform Day (PTA Chocolate Donation for Christmas Fair)
Thur 30 Nov	PTA Wreath Making Evening
Thur 7 Nov	Fluenz Y6 Imperial War Museum Y2 Christmas performance
Tue 12 Dec	Rec Christmas performance
Wed 13 Dec	PTA Christmas Fair (In school)
Thur 14 Dec	Y1 Christmas performance Y5&6 Lowry - Life of Pi
Mon 18 Dec	Y3 Christmas performance
Tue 19 Dec	Y4 Christmas performance
Thur 21 Dec	Last Day
Mon 8 Jan	Back to school

## Housekeeping

You can contact the school office on email to [admin@vernonprimary.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@vernonprimary.cheshire.sch.uk)

Call us on 01625 872556 or visit us in person we are open from 08:30-16:30 every day.

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](mailto: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.