



Vernon Primary School

May 2024



Welcome

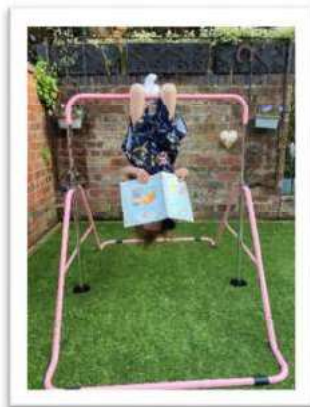
What an exciting half term! I would like to say once again a huge thank you for everyone who supported us during our Ofsted visit. I will share the report with you when I can. I am extremely proud of our children and team here at Vernon.

I would like to update you on the parent governor nominations we ran last half term. Kate Wood, mother of Sadie Wood in Year 2 applied for the post. We are delighted to welcome her onto our governing body.

To celebrate reading this half term we have welcomed Radhika Sanghani with her debut children's book 'The Girl Who Couldn't Lie' and held a very successful sponsored read – more on both of these to follow.

With the sun finally making an appearance we look to the final half term of the school year! The children and staff always enjoy sports week and Miss Wildig has an array of different sporting opportunities for the children to enjoy and finishing the week with our sports day.

I hope you all enjoy a well-earned break during the half term and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 10th June.



Reading!

Our Stop, Drop and Read sponsored reading event has been a HUGE success. The children worked incredibly hard to read throughout the week and collect sponsors. An enormous Thank you for all of your support and incredible generosity throughout the event. Over £4500 so far has been raised for new school books!



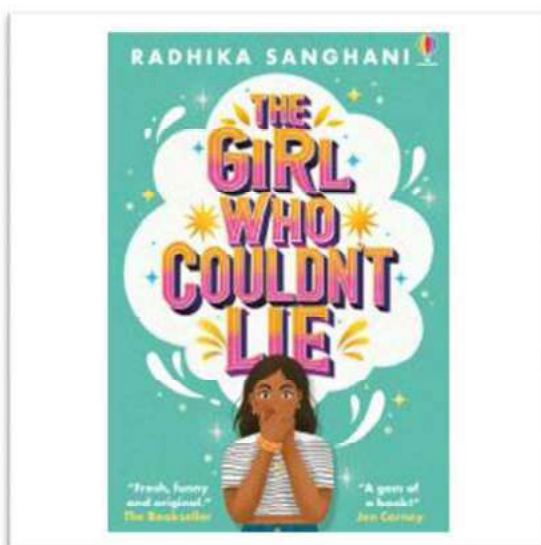
The winning classes for most children participating are.... Mrs Tootell's Year 2 class and Mrs Power's Year 3 class. The winning classes for most money raised are... Miss Worthington's Year 2 class and Miss Brooman's Year 3 class. The winning classes have chosen some beautiful new collections of stories for their classrooms.



The following individual winners will receive their own Usborne book voucher and certificate:

Most money raised – Finley Monaghan in Year 2 and Callum Piper-Rose in Year 3. Most committed – Sadie Wood in Year 2 and Phoebe Cole in Year 5. Most unusual reading photograph – Poppy Mowat in Year 3 for her underwater scuba-diving image!

On Thursday 9th May, children in Years 4, 5 and 6 were extremely lucky to meet children's author, Radhika Sanghani at Vernon. Radhika is publishing her new novel, 'The Girl Who Couldn't Lie' and came into school to discuss her writing with the children and sign copies of her book. The event was organised by independent bookshop, 'Simply Books' in Bramhall, now owned by one of our former Vernon teachers, Karen Johns. The event in school was a huge success and the children were thrilled to meet a real author!



Poynton Show

The annual Poynton Show will be taking place on Saturday 24th August 2024. This year the primary school art competition theme is 'Images of Lyme'. Entries can be in any medium (paint, crayon, felt tips, collage etc.) but they should be on A4 sized paper. Text is not necessary.

Please bring your entries to school by Wednesday 12th June for them to be collected. All entries receive a free child pass to the show and you could win a prize! Good luck!!!

Reception

Reception had their own visitors when Mrs Yarwood kindly came in to show the children the lambs which have recently been born on their family's farm.



The children stroked the lambs, learnt about their development during their first few weeks and asked their own thoughtful questions.

Thank you to Mrs Yarwood for providing the children with such a wonderful opportunity.

Year 1

This term, we have embraced our theme 'Oh we do like to be beside the seaside'. We enjoyed writing instructions to make a mustard sandwich after reading 'The Lighthouse Keepers Lunch' and we have re-told the story of 'The Storm Whale' and studied information texts using labels, captions and lists. We have also enjoyed learning about the life of Grace Darling and her heroic rescue.



This week, we visited the Blue Planet Aquarium and the children had a great time finding all the sea-creatures that we have learnt about. In Maths children have been making groups of items and finding a half and a quarter of a shape and a number. We have



studied textile artists then designed our fish weavings for our study book and we are excited to complete them and tie-dye our T-shirts after the holidays. The children have been programming bee-

bots, studying animals and humans where we have been identifying and classifying them into groups. We have enjoyed learning about the United Kingdom and the four countries which make up the U.K.

Year 2

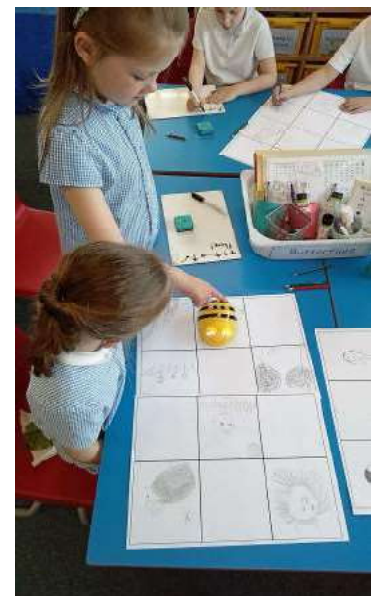
Year 2 have had a wonderful half term. They have enjoyed exploring and learning about the history of people and places in their own locality, linking to our History and our educational visit to Lyme Park. It was fascinating to observe the changes within living memory. The children explored the lives of the Legh family.



In English the children have enjoyed retelling the narrative 'Where the Wild things Are', writing their own setting descriptions and writing the story from another perspective. All children have worked extremely hard on their handwriting and presentation, as well as developing their use of interesting vocabulary.



In computing the children have been investigating coding using the Bee-Bots to create an algorithm for the robot to then perform, this linked in beautifully with our maths learning of position and direction. We have been working hard to remember left and right as well as clockwise and anticlockwise turns.



Year 3

This half term Year 3 visited Jodrell Bank on their school visit. We learnt all about the life of Bernard Lovell and how he invented the Lovell telescope. We experienced the amazing 'Dome Show' led by an expert astrologer and we also had time to

explore the different exhibitions and came away with an abundance of Space knowledge!



Ben from The Cheshire Cricket Board visited Year 3 and they enjoyed a fantastic cricket session in the sun. They focused on improving their catching skills, had a go at bowling and batting, and worked together as a team when playing matches.



Year 4

This half term year 4 jumped into our summer theme of "Savage Settlers" by inviting a Viking to school! The children had a brilliant day immersed in all things Norse! Our visitor spoke to the



children about daily Viking life before showing children artefacts that they were able to handle and inspect closely. Children then had the opportunity to use traditional techniques to create their own small clay cup and clay counter based game.

Year 5

On Tuesday 7th May, 18 Year Five pupils visited Wilmslow High School for a Frisbee festival. The morning started with lots of drills to develop and enhance their skills with a frisbee. In their teams, the children then had to play a range of matches following some simple rules of the game. The teamwork shown by all the children was incredible. They all encouraged each other and made sure that everyone was included within the games. The children had a wonderful morning and left with smiles all round. Thank you to the parents who transported them to and from the event.





Hannah is very passionate about Climate Change and wanted to share her knowledge with the children in Vernon Primary School. She wrote a letter and spoke to Mrs Carvell about leading an assembly for KS2. With help from her friends, Hannah shared the PowerPoint she had

created and answered many questions that the children asked. She was incredibly confident and knowledgeable throughout and her passion shone through. The children were enthused to make changes to help create a better world. Well done Hannah.

Year 6

Year 6 had a brilliant time at Barnaby Park celebrating post SATs. They all enjoyed an ice cream and a play after such a busy week! We are so proud of how the children approached the SATs and how enthusiastic and mature they were. They all knew that their best was good enough and we were so pleased with their positive attitudes all week. A busy half term ahead awaits our Year 6s with Menai, Enterprise Day, Production, Transition sessions, Leaver's Event and much more to pack in.



Sport



On Friday 17th May, a group of Year 5 and 6 girls attended the Manchester City Academy Football Festival. They worked as a team and it was wonderful to see all of their skills applied in the matches. After a penalty shoot out to determine who won the group stages, they progressed through to the next round. Everyone had so much fun playing on the grounds that the professionals use. Thank you so much to Sam from 8by8 who coached and supported the team and to all of the parents for transporting the children.

Safeguarding & Wellbeing

We have recently been delighted to welcome some exciting visitors in to school. Our Foundation Stage children thoroughly enjoyed meeting visitors from the RNLI (Royal National Lifeboat Institution) whilst learning about the extremely important area of water safety. The children were excited and keen to hear some key information and interesting stories.

Our Year Six children were lucky enough to attend a local workshop led by the 'Crucial Crew' (a multi-agency event) focusing on staying safe in the community. The session was both highly informative and engaging. All pupils spoke positively about the experience. Sophie and Jess, year six pupils both agreed that 'it made safety fun'.

Some classes have also taken part in the NSPCC 'Speak Out Stay Safe' campaign. This was an engaging online session about staying safe, with a particular focus on what to do if children feel worried. The feedback from the children has been very positive.

We have continued to hold assemblies this term, with a focus on safeguarding, where key messages have been delivered to all children. Our safeguarding committee of pupils have also been keen to take part in the assemblies, planning and delivering important safeguarding messages to all.

Eco Council



The Eco-councilors met recently with Sharon Duke from Poynton Town Council to talk about being Poynton Pollinators. The children discussed what they could do to help the local environment, such as growing flowers, keeping areas of grass long and leaving dishes of stones and water out for the bees to drink from. After half term we will be creating our own Buginham Palace for the side of the Civic hall.

Well Done!

We love to share exciting news stories about what our children and families have been getting up to outside of school. If you would like to share a story please email the office and we would be happy to include them in the next edition.

Ella in Y3 was awarded a special award at Manchester United last week and was named the 'Man Utd U8 Coaches Player'. She will also be given another year in the ETC starting in September.



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Isla in Y4 took part in a gymnastics competition run by North West Gymnastics. She did an amazing job and came third overall in Cheshire and Merseyside. She had the highest score on the vault across the North West making her the novice 10 vault champion for her age. Well done!



On Saturday 18th May, Elise in Y5 attended a Stemettes hackathon in Birmingham. Stemettes inspire and support girls, young women and non-binary young people in STEM/STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths). Her task was to create an app that would help a city be more eco-friendly and present her app to a panel of 6 judges, who all work in science, technology, engineering or maths. She created an app using Appshd that would help people grow their own food, reducing the amount of plastic we buy food in. She had to create a logo and a name....GrowBot! At the end of the day, after the presentations, there was an award ceremony. There were only 3 winners, one for each room which had been based on ability. Amazingly, Elise was picked as a winner! She says that if you are interested in science, technology, engineering or maths, why not check out the Stemettes website. You can visit the website using this link: <https://stemettes.org>

Isabelle, Jess and Jonah held a jewelry stall outside their house and raised money for school funds.



We are very grateful for your efforts and want to thank you for your support.

Freya in Y6 has been selected to represent the Cheshire Youth Cricket County Girls Under 11s for the 2024 County season. What a fantastic achievement, good luck!



James in Y6 has taken on a sporting challenge to raise money for Manchester Foundation Trust charity. James is doing 100 wall ball passes every day. Wall Ball is a lacrosse practice activity where the player throws a ball against a wall or rebounder and catches it again. It's not the most exciting thing to do (a bit like practicing scales on a piano), so James will have to show a lot of discipline and dedication to make sure he's out in all-weather to complete it each day. Well done James for raising money for such a fantastic charity.



Lily in Y3 was invited to perform a dance at the opening of the Leek (Staffordshire) Polish Connection Exhibition, part of a programme of events to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Battle of Monte Cassino (featuring Lily's great grandfather), and to tell the story of Leek's Polish community.



Lily performed a dance in traditional Polish costume. She had a great time finding out about the history including her great grandparents who came to the UK at the end of World War 2.

School Office

You can contact the school office on email to admin@vernnonprimary.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@vernnonprimary.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.

Uniform

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 and no necklaces or bracelets should be worn in school.

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

If you need assistance with uniform please speak to the office and we will help.

Diary Dates

Term Year	
Mon 10 June	Back to school
10-12 June	Y6 KW Menai
12-14 June	Y6 CK Menai
Thu 20 June	KS2 Euro watch party
Fri 21 June	Rec Gruff Outdoors
24-28 June	Sports Week
Thu 27 June	School Disco
Fri 28 June	Sports Day
Fri 28 June	Singing, Sound and Yoga Evening
3-4 July	Y5 Anderton Centre
Mon 8 July	Y2 The Lion Inside
Thu 11 July	Y6 Leavers Production
Mon 15 July	Open Evening
18-19 Jul	Y3 Camping
Thur 25 Jul	Y6 leavers party
Fri 26 Jul	Last Day!
Tue 3 Sept	Start of new school year