

### Welcome

Welcome everyone to our final newsletter of the school year. This half term Y6 have spent more time at the high school preparing for their exciting new beginnings in September. They have also completed their enterprise challenge and between all the groups have successfully raised nearly £1000 for their chosen charities. Well done!

Three year groups have been on their residential visits; Y3 attended their first residential on the school field, Y5 went to the Anderton Centre in Chorley and Y6 went to The Menai Centre in Anglesey with Poynton High. A great time was had by all!

This time of year is always bitter sweet, saying goodbye to families that have been with us for a long time. The Y6 leavers play was fantastic and always very emotional! It is also lovely to welcome new families into reception for September, some of whom are joining our Vernon family for the first time.

We are saying goodbye to Miss Bryan, Miss Quan, Mrs Turner and Mr Weedall, we wish them well with their future endeavours. Miss Swan is going on maternity leave and we wish her well for her new arrival and Miss Theo will return in September as Mrs Andreou following her wedding in August.

I would like to wish you all a lovely restful summer break, I hope you enjoy spending time with your families and we look forward to welcoming you all back on Tuesday 3rd September.

### Fundraising

The fundraising team; Mrs Currall, Miss Swan and Miss Theo would like to thank everyone for their support over the last 12 months, as we have transitioned to a new team. Thanks again to the outgoing PTA who set a fantastic plan of events which we have been able to continue as well as adding a few ideas ourselves. The final total for the school year is an amazing **£15,000!** 

As you will have seen in the media budgets for schools are tighter than ever so our fundraising is vitally important. The following is a list of some of the things that your money has bought for school.

Year 6 leaver books, Inflatables for sports week, Ice Pops for sports day, Santa treats, Magic shows at Christmas

Dyslexia friendly reading books, guided reading books, curriculum resources (geography, maths, science)

#### Musical instruments, Sing Up, Spotify, TTRockstars, Spelling Frame, Learning By Questions

The September Social is booked for **Friday 20th September 2024**, so please put this date in your diary and tickets will be available to purchase nearer the time. As last year our delicious bbq food will be supplied by Tittertons Butchers, we will have a bar, plenty of bouncy castles and sporting activities with 8BY8 to keep the children entertained.

Other activities to look forward to will be a 'spook fest' disco for the children and lots of Christmas events for adults too.

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## Reception

Reception had a wonderful visit to Gruff Outdoors at the end of June. The sun was shining and it was a beautiful day.





Everyone enjoyed the coach ride, we then met the goats and alpaca. We fed the chickens and collected the eggs.

Then we played in the meadows and listened to 'The Billy Goats Gruff' story. In the afternoon, after a picnic and celebrating a birthday we did some art and crafts.



Everyone had a great day and were all suitably tired by the end... adults included!

## Year 1

Year One have had an exciting summer term. In Art they explored the technique of tie dying. They created their own tie dye t-shirt which they wore on our Beach Day. They also explored the importance of eating healthy in DT by planning and making their own healthy smoothie and wrap which they enjoyed tasting! Here is a photograph of all the children in their tie dye t-shirts, don't they look amazing!





## Year 2

This term we have been fortunate to visit the theatre! We enjoyed a trip to the Waterside theatre in Sale to see a production of our focus text for our Africa theme 'The Lion Inside'. We all loved this book so much when using it as a stimulus for our writing and it was brilliant to see the story acted out on stage.



We have also been very creative this term throughout our DT and Art units. In Art the children have worked hard to design and make Wild Thing sculptures they then created a whole class animation using the green screen and the Wild Things.



In DT the children have enjoyed making their own moving pictures, using a range of moving mechanisms, such as sliders, levers and pivots. The children in Year 2 have had a wonderful year with so many fantastic memories and we are so proud of their learning and achievements.



## Year 3

This half term we have continued enjoying our theme 'To Infinity and Beyond'. In Art and Design, we have created our very own salt dough planets inspired by 'Inge King and James Kitchen' and have included a range of different textures. In English we have written poems based on 'I Took the Moon for a Walk' by Carolyn Curtis and have loved focusing on the rhyming scheme.

Year 3 attended their very first 'School Residential' and thoroughly enjoyed this! We participated in a range of activities; some of these were making survival bracelets, playing a game of 'kin ball', making pendants and using pump drills! We also worked fantastically as a team, developing our teamwork skills.





Well done Year 3 for all of your hard work this year and have a fantastic Summer!

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## Year 4

The Vikings have invaded Vernon's garden! Year 4 have had a brilliant half term. During DT lessons children focused on the design and construction of Viking longships. They looked at historical and contemporary boat designs to help us to generate ideas for our own boats. Once the boats were constructed, they then tested the buoyancy of their creations!





## Year 5

Year 5 had a fantastic time on their recent residential visit to the Anderton Centre. It was a fun-filled visit as the children took to new heights tree climbing and abseiling back down. They also tackled the cold as they swam in the reservoir after learning how to canoe. In the rafted canoes, the children had to work as a team to steer the boats across the water and complete different challenges.



What a treat we had last week when Mr Wright from Poynton High School came and delivered a German taster session to the Year 5 children. The children learnt the names of all the school subjects and got to play lots of games to practise them. By the end of the session, the children could name all of the subjects in German and could talk about their likes and dislikes.

It was fantastic opportunity for the children to get a taste for Language lessons at High School.



Thank you to Mr Wright, we are excited to organise more events in the near future.

#### Year 6



Year 6 put on a fantastic production this year 'The School-O-Vision Song Contest'. The talent on display was incredible, they have worked very hard to produce such a professional performance. They have had such a brilliant year and we have so proud of all of their achievements.



Enterprise Day raised almost £1000 for a variety of both local and national charities. The children impressed us with their entrepreneurial skills, commitment and flexibility in the inclement weather. A lot of hard work went in to ensure the day was a success. Thanks to the 'Dragons' too, who supported us in the initial planning and presentation stages.

### Sport

During our amazing Sports week at Vernon, the Year Five children took part in a sports event alongside other Poynton schools at Poynton High School.

The children competed for the school in a range of running and throwing events working together to gain points for the team. It was a delight to see lots of children challenging themselves by running

longer distances and trying new skills especially on one of the hottest days this year.

The event was also a great opportunity for the children to meet some of the High School teachers and familiarise themselves with the school setting.

Well done to all of the children who took part.



The girls football team have triumphed this year, winning the Large School League. They have grown and developed throughout the season and represented Vernon Primary School wonderfully. We would like to say a huge thank you to Sam at 8BY8 who has coached them this year and will continue in the next school year.



The boys won their own trophy in the 8BY8 summer league. They were unbeaten throughout the competition after playing lots of local schools.

Thank you to Nathan from 8BY8 who has coached them this year and to 8BY8 for organising the competition.



We are very excited about our new sports partnership for next year with 8BY8 Sport. Miss Wildig will be working with coaches Nat, Warren and Katie to ensure we continue to deliver an outstanding and engaging PE curriculum across the school.



We were lucky enough to have a visit from the League Two trophy this half term, which Stockport County were the proud winners of. The trophy toured round the school and each class was able to get a picture, with some superfans managing to get individual pictures! Maybe it will be the League One trophy next year!



## School Council

What a year school council have had! The pupils have worked tirelessly to organise charity events throughout the school year for all pupils, including their incredibly successful foodbank drive. The recent Friendship Friday event raised over £70 for the charity chosen by the council as their focus charity this school year, The Garden House Marple. School council should be very proud of their efforts and for representing their peers so diligently.

## Eco Council

The Eco Councillors have been very busy this year, helping to recycle, save energy and look after our environment. They recently completed their 'Bugingham Palace' project and Amelie and George from Year 2 ensured it made its way safely to the Civic Hall in Poynton. Keep your eyes peeled for it!



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# VGT!

Vernon's Got Talent was a fabulous showcase of our children's amazing talents! The finalists who took part in our whole school show were all amazing, but our esteemed judges finally decided on Hannah, Hettie and Leila as our winners! Well done to everyone who took part you were all incredible.



## Art Competition





Last month, the Twinning Association invited children from Poynton, Haybes and Erd to take part in an art competition on the theme; 'Where I Live'.

This involved the children capturing their own home, town or country, or an aspect of the world we live in, using a range of eye-catching media. The association were delighted with the children's entries. Well done to Mabel who won first place in the under 7s category.





**Exciting News!** 



Oliver (Y6) and Florence (Y4) were part of the welcoming group to an event with Tim Roca and Keir Starmer in Bollington on Thursday 27th June. How exciting that two pupils have met our new Prime Minister and local mp!

Mrs Hough is in contact with Mr Roca and we are planning a visit for him in the next academic year.

## School Lottery!

Did you know Vernon Primary has its own school lottery? It is a great way for you to support our school and be in with the chance to win the weekly cash prize, regular special draws and even maybe the £25k jackpot!

It's simple - choose 6 numbers between 0 and 9 and if they match the weekly lottery draw, you win great prizes. Tickets cost just £1 per week and for every ticket sold, a donation is made to Vernon Primary School. Every Saturday at 8pm the numbers are drawn and posted online. Winners are notified by email and winnings paid into the account of your choice.

It's not too late be in with the chance to win this amazing Ninja bundle to get your summer off to a fantastic! Fire up the outdoor pizza oven and Ninja Woodfire electric BBQ and impress your guests with artisanal pizza and woodsmoked barbecue, or cool off with fruit smoothies and freshly-made ice cream! And if any more of our contrary British weather makes an appearance, there's a top-ofthe-range Ninja Foodi dual-zone airfryer too, to entertain your guests indoors!

But hurry, to be in with a chance to win this fantastic summer bundle, you need to enter by Saturday 27th July.

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Win a Summer BBQ Party Ninja Bundle!

Make your summer sizzle with this jaw- dropping Ninja bundle, perfect for those Summer BBQs and garden parties! The Outdoor Pizza Oven and Woodfire Electric BBQ will amaze your guests; cool off with fresh homemade ice-cream and milkshakes courtesy of the CREAMi - and if the ohso- contrary British weather makes an appearance, bring the party indoors with the Foodi Dual Zone Air Fryer. There's even a blender for your smoothies too! Enter by Saturday 27th July for your chance to win this huge prize - and as always, there's a £1,000 cash alternative



## School Office

You can contact the school office on email to 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

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.

We request that skins/base layers are not worn under the uniform.

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 any 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 2nd Sept     | Inset Day                |
| Tues 3rd Sept    | First day back           |
| Friday 20th Sept | School Photos            |
|                  | September Social 4pm-7pm |
| Tue 1st Oct      | Y4 Silk Museum           |
| Wed 9th Oct      | Flu Spray                |
| Thur 24th Oct    | Spook fest disco         |
| Fri 25th Oct     | Break up                 |
| Mon 4th Nov      | Back to school           |