



# Vernon Primary School

Newsletter - December 2021



## Welcome!

It has been feeling very festive in school over the past few weeks and the children have enjoyed taking part in their Christmas performances. We know it's not the same as coming into school to watch them, but we very much hope you have enjoyed watching the children's performances on screen.

Santa came early to Vernon with our delivery of 60 Chromebooks and a green screen earlier this term! It is very exciting to see our new technology being used around school. The teachers have been getting very creative with the use of our green screen and you can see what we have been getting up to by clicking the 'Vernon Green Screen' button on our school website homepage. You can also keep up with what the children are getting up to in class by logging on to your child's google classroom account. The teachers are sharing various content directly from each class so you can understand what the children have been busy learning all day!

On a personal note, I would like to thank you all from the whole Vernon team for your continued support during what has been a particularly challenging term due to Covid. I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mrs Carvell



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## Staff news

We are saying goodbye to the lovely Miss Mackenzie in year 1 and Mrs Allmand-Smith. We wish them every success for the future.

In the New Year we will be welcoming Mrs Moore, who will be supporting classes across the school.

## Fundraising



### Royal Manchester Children's Hospital Charity

We are continuing with our fundraising for the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital. This year our Christmas jumper day raised an amazing £309.54 for the charity. Thank you so much for your generosity!

The Year 6 children did a fabulous job selling poppies and other merchandise for the Royal British Legion and they raised £193.64.

## Reception

Reception children have raised £180 for a ward in Royal Manchester Children's Hospital. The children spent a busy afternoon decorating cakes with Christmas toppings and dinosaurs. They then loved proudly sharing their creations with parents and grandparents. It was a super team effort and the cakes looked incredible.



## Year 1

Year 1 have embraced their minibeast topic by holding a minibeast day, where the children came to school dressed up as a marvellous minibeast! A special visitor came to school with an array of creatures. The children had a fantastic time and were able to hold lots of bugs such as a tarantula, a stick insect, and cockroaches.



As part of the Minibeast topic they also created a piece of work inspired by artist Andy Goldsworthy.

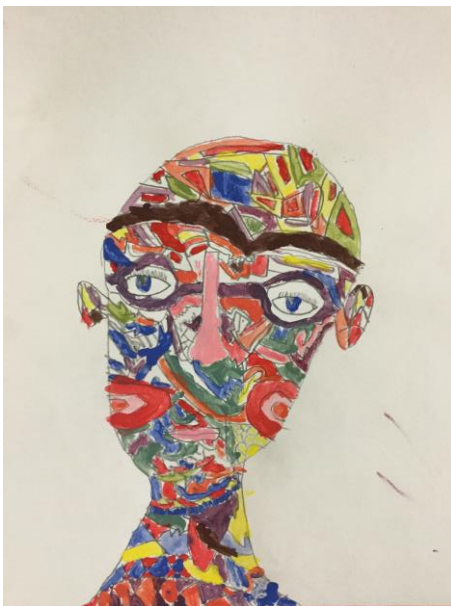


## Year 2

The Year 2 Superheroes have been very creative. On Superhero Day they used the green screen to create video animations of the superheroes flying through the sky.



In Art they been completing a self-portrait unit studying the work of Andy Warhol and Heather Galler. The children started looking at tone and pencil line, then mixing primary colours to create secondary colours, then using black and white to create tones and tints. The final portraits were fantastic!



## Year 3

What a swashbuckling half term year 3 have had! They have practiced their debating skills ending in a brilliant discussion as to whether or not Christopher Columbus was a hero or a villain (check out their google classroom pages for a sneak peek)!



They also had a fabulous time when an "Earth Explorer" visited school and took them on a tour of Europe, testing all the knowledge that they have developed during Geography lessons this term. It was lots of fun and they even learned to say hello in a number of different European languages! Pirate day was a brilliant success; the children looked like fantastic buccaneers and had a wonderful time creating swag bags, searching for treasure in a school treasure hunt and decorating sea biscuits!



## Year 4

Year 4 have had an exciting term exploring the Ancient Egyptians. For Egypt day they came dressed on theme and Miss Swan came dressed as a pyramid! They spent the day making Pharaoh style necklaces, turning their friends into mummies and enjoying an Egyptian feast.



## Year 5

Year 5 have spent this term in Ancient Greece! They loved getting dressed up and immersing themselves in the ancient Greek way of life.



The favourite part of the day was the Greek banquet where they tried lots of different foods that would have been eaten at the time.



They have decided that togas are probably not the most practical outfit for December in Poynton!

## Year 6

The year 6s went to the Imperial War Museum North and had a brilliant time making their own documentaries about WW2. They brought objects



and stories from the museum alive with their reporting and camera work. All the children made a fantastic effort with their costumes and their evacuee packed lunch. There were spam

sandwiches, boiled eggs, carrots and someone even had a couple of boiled potatoes!



## Safeguarding

Our new safeguarding and wellbeing committee have been working hard in school, they are all very keen to be the voice of our school and make sure that children here at Vernon feel safe. The children have many great ideas and are looking forwards to getting started.



The Poynton Town Council Community Support Team came in on the 5th October 2021, to speak to our reception children about the topic of "Road Safety". The children enjoyed learning all about safety on the roads including using their own crossing!

"I saw those crossings with my mummy on the way to school"

"We learnt about how to stay safe on the roads".



Anti-Bullying week was celebrated 15th -19th November 2021.



We kicked off the week with “Odd socks Day” staff and children were asked to wear odd socks in support of accepting and celebrating differences. Alongside this all classes were involved in a range of Anti Bullying themed activities.

During the start of the week years 5 and 6 also had visits from Christians in Schools who led an anti-bullying presentation that the children enjoyed.



Unfortunately Due to COVID a planned talk on Anti Bulling delivered by the local police had to be cancelled however this will be rearranged in the New Year.

Our children’s Safeguarding and wellbeing committee had also been working hard on a presentation to share with the children however due to COVID related issues we were unable to mix the classes. This will be rearranged in the New Year as the children are really keen to share their message with the whole school

Our committee have many things planned for 2022 including some assemblies, pupil voice and information for parents. We will make sure we keep you informed via newsletters and our website page.

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## Woodland Warriors

The Woodland Warriors arranged for the school to receive a delivery of 60 tree saplings provided by The Woodland Trust. The site team will be planting these around the school site to help our natural environment.



## Reading Hub

The winners of the ‘book setting in a shoebox’ were Freddie Palmer in Year 2 for 'Fantastic Mr Fox' and Megan Owen in Year 6 for 'Matilda'. They were rewarded with a £10 book token as well as certificates, a special bookmark linked to their shoebox book and a treat. Special runners up prizes were awarded to Alice Westerby (Year 6), Max Leahy (Reception) and Harry Beresford (Year 5). Runners up received a certificate and a special treat. Well done everyone! The winners and many of our runners up boxes are on display in the glass cabinets in our Reading Hub for everyone to enjoy.



*‘Nobody else is quite like me’*

# Exciting News!

Ariana Dar in Year 6 has made her screen debut in the channel 4 soap Hollyoaks. We would like to congratulate her on such a fantastic achievement and hope she remembers us when she is famous!

Ariana said, "I love the experience and watching behind the scenes how it all comes together." Check her out on screen now!



If anyone has any other good news stories they would like to share with our school community please email [admin@vernonprimary.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@vernonprimary.cheshire.sch.uk) and we will share them in our next edition!

# Housekeeping

The School Spider app and the school website is your 'go to' for all the school information you need! Hopefully you all have the app downloaded to your phones and notifications turned on so you will alerted to any communication you receive from school.

If anyone is struggling with spider, please come and see a member of the office team who will be happy to help.

We have received a number of complaints from local residents about parking on Clumber Road and Brookside Avenue. Please consider our neighbours when you are parking your car at drop off and pick up.

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# Google Classroom

Year 6 have been further developing the use of Google Classroom this term, using it not only as a learning platform for homework and remote education when needed, but also as an ongoing newsfeed, giving a glimpse into the classroom throughout the week. This has been a huge success and has now been rolled out to all classes! Teachers are now uploading images, videos and comments. We hope that this will enable you all to have a better understanding of life in the classroom, what your child is learning and what their learning environment looks like.

# Website

Just a reminder that as well as a range of useful information about the school, our website [www.vernonprimaryschool.com](http://www.vernonprimaryschool.com) contains detailed information about our curriculum and the learning that takes place in each year group. Our curriculum overview page contains every year group's curriculum map which charts the units of work in every subject within each termly theme: Curriculum Overview Webpage. You can also find more specific information about each subject area on the dedicated subject pages under the Curriculum tab, as well as information on Spellings and Phonics. Each curriculum subject area webpage contains information on learning content for all year groups, as well as learning objectives, the vision of the subject and its policy. We hope that the school website acts as a comprehensive guide to our curriculum offer at Vernon. Teachers will also be sending home their Spring term learning overview in January. Our development of Google Classroom as a newsfeed will also enhance the information coming home more frequently.

# Diary Dates

Month Year	
Wed 5th Jan	Return to school
Thur 13th Jan	Y5 & Y6 Lowry Trip
Tue 8th Feb	Safer Internet Day
Fri 18th Feb	Last day of Term
Thu 3rd Mar	World Book Day
9th-10th Mar	Parents Evening