



# Vernon Primary School

Newsletter - Oct 2022



## Welcome!

Here is our first newsletter of this school year. We hope you enjoy this overview of all the wonderful activities that have been taking place throughout the school.

For any Radio 2 listeners, we were very excited to hear our 'shout out' from Vernon Kay this week. Please follow us on [Twitter](#) for all our exciting news across the school as it happens!

We round off this half term with our PTA disco. The children looked fabulous in their finest dancing outfits and all had a brilliant time. Thank you to the PTA and all the volunteers who run this event for the children to enjoy.

Have a lovely half term break and we look forward to welcoming you back on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022**.

## Safeguarding

It has been a busy half term since returning to school in September. Our newly-elected safeguarding and wellbeing committee have met and discussed some ideas for plans over the next academic year. This starts with us marking Anti-Bullying Week on 14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> of November. During this week, we will take part in 'Odd Socks Day', recognising that we are all unique and

different in line with our school motto, 'Nobody else is quite like me'. The safeguarding committee are planning on delivering an interactive assembly to the whole school focusing on Anti-Bullying, looking at this year's theme "Reach Out".

The delivery of the NSPCC program 'PANTS are Private' is currently being delivered from Reception through to Year 4 by Miss Wood and Mrs Walmsley.



The Poynton Town Council Community Support Team came in recently to talk to Reception about their role and also about road safety. We are looking forward to welcoming the local PCSOs to school after half term.

Finally, after half term we are welcoming the Safeguarding Children in Educational Settings Team to complete an audit of safeguarding practices/procedures within school. We look forward to sharing an update with you in our next newsletter.

# Reception

Reception have started the year off brilliantly and we are incredibly proud of them. We are all loving our Wednesday Welly Walk in our outdoor area which is especially for our younger pupils in school. Mrs Kiely has been joining us and she thoroughly enjoys seeing Reception in such a wonderful environment; I believe that bringing her wellies to school will be a regular thing for Mrs Kiely!

The children play on the swings, the tents, cook 'masterpieces' in the mud kitchen, design dens and make minibeast houses. We have loved watching the leaves change colour this Autumn.

We have got immersed in learning our phonemes and are starting to blend words together and the pace of this is incredible to see. Thank you parents for attending our 'Reading & Phonics' meeting; we really value your support. Have a wonderful break

and we look forward to seeing you in November.



# Year 1

The children have settled into Year One amazingly, have been accessing the full curriculum and have been introduced to lots of new subjects.

This half term, children have been exploring the school grounds in Geography and have created their own maps.



They have also been on mini-beast hunts and written about their findings.



We have all enjoyed learning about the work of Andy Goldsworthy and have replicated his work using natural materials. Jane Preece, a local author, came in to read her stories and show her artwork to the children, which inspired them to become creative writers and illustrators. We are looking forward to our interactive mini-beast day on 19th November.

## Year 2

On Tuesday 18th October, Year 2 were lucky enough to have a visit from a Macclesfield based cartoonist Marc Jackson from 'Marc Makes Comics.' Marc led a comic workshop for both classes; the children were extremely enthusiastic and demonstrated a love for Art. They were captivated by Marc's skills; we all had a creative and fun day drawing!



The Year Two Superheroes have settled into their new Superhero Headquarters amazingly well. On Wednesday, the classrooms were invaded by Superheroes for our Year 2 Superhero Day. We followed a trail of vegetables that had been taped to the walls, stuck to the windows and were generally very unhappy! The trail of frozen peas



led up to a mysterious parcel...We read the surprise book 'Supertato' and used this as a stimulus to create our own 'Supertatos'; we made gadgets and used the green screen to create superhero animations.

## Year 3

This half term, we have been having so much fun with our pirate theme! We have been on Maths number treasure hunts, involving addition and subtraction word problems.

In PE this half term, the children have been developing their Gymnastics skills. The children have been creating their own sequences of movements and performing these to each other.

In Science, we have been learning all about Electricity. We have been creating circuits with buzzers, bulbs and much more. We thought about insulators and conductors and how these affect a circuit.

In English we have



been  
Immersing ourselves in our pirate adventure stories, taking inspiration from the book, 'The Pirate Cruncher' by Jonny Duddle.

## Year 4



In Year 4, we have created all of the objects we need to guide us into the afterlife as part of our 'Tomb Raiders' theme. We created canopic jars using clay sculpture and 3D paper crafts. We formed clay 'Shabti', mini slaves to serve us in the afterlife. We made treasures to bring with us to the

tomb and created our own papyrus 'Book of the Dead' which will protect us on our journey!

## Year 5

Year 5 have started their whole class ukulele lessons on Monday afternoons during which they are learning the names of the strings, using frets to change the pitch and beginning to play chords to progress further. The children are working hard to keep in time with one another to perform as a whole class ensemble. We are looking forward to seeing the progress they make after half term.



## Year 6

Year 6 have thoroughly enjoyed their Art and Design work this half term, producing a watercolour of a spitfire, supporting the Battle of Britain theme.

They developed their sketching skills and created a watercolour palette based on military camouflage. To enhance the image further, the children used running stitch, highlighting the main features of the aircraft.



Year 6 spitfire artwork

## Sports

Year 5/6 girls attended a Macclesfield Football event in October. During the group stages, the girls won both matches, with the highlight being a 4-0 win over Wincle. As they progressed into the semi-finals, they continued to defend a clean sheet and won against a very challenging team. The final was tense, with both sides battling in defence and attack. Our girls triumphed, winning the match 1-0. They worked exceptionally well as a team and were a credit to the school. Well done! girls



On

Wednesday 19th October, a group of year 5 and 6 boys went to Macclesfield Football Club to play in a tournament against other local school. It was their first time playing together and with the help from Alex from 8by8 football coaching, they came second in their group. Thank you to all of our supporters who transported the children and cheered from the sidelines.



## Exciting News!

Lila in Year 4 has been accepted to Manchester United's training academy and has started her training in September. We wish her all the very best of luck in her new team.



Local author and illustrator, Jane Preece, visited Vernon Primary School on Thursday 29th September 2022 and amazed the children with her incredibly creative stories! She shared her wonderful books with the children and showed them a range of her beautiful original artwork, explaining to them how the writing process develops. The children loved learning about how she created her most famous character 'Oliver Plum' and were keen to explore her props and story-telling devices! Jane then held a hugely successful book stall at the end of the school day, with parents and children from across the school coming to meet the wonderful author and purchase her books.



## Housekeeping

Hopefully we have all now got our body clocks adjusted to the new school day! Please ensure you are prompt at drop off and pick up. The children need to be on the playground at 08:40 for 8.45 registration and collected at 15:15.

Thank you for all your uniform donations; the PTA will be running a sale next half term as well as selling items on their facebook site "pre-loved Vernon primary uniform (pta)"

If you are in need of uniform, please come and speak to the office staff in complete confidence and we will help.

We are continuing to review our visits and activities. After half term we will be sharing the full list of activities and costs for each year group.

## Diary Dates

Month	Year
1 Nov	Back to School
4 Nov	Fluenz Spray
16 Nov	Y3 Pirate Day
17 Nov	Y1 Minibeast Day
21 Nov	Y4 Egypt Trip
1 Dec	Y2 Christmas Performance
2 Dec	Y1 Christmas Performance
6 Dec	Rec Christmas Performance Y6 IWM North Trip
8 Dec	Y3 Christmas Performance
9 Dec	Y4 Christmas Performance
13 Dec	Christmas Fair
14 Dec	Y5 & Y6 Theatre Trip
16 Dec	Last day of Term
4 Jan	Back to School