



## Newsletter

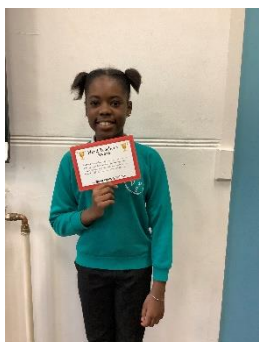
7<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear parents/carers,

Happy New Year! We are so happy to have welcomed back all the children after the Christmas break, especially as we had to close the school earlier due to staff shortages and miss so many exciting events!

We are in the process of putting the children's Christmas Carols and their Poetry Slam performances on the website, I know it is not the same as having seen them in person but at least we can share those lovely moments with you.

This week we also had a surprise achievement assembly! We celebrated the amazing effort and incredible achievements from last term. We are so proud of the way the children at Virginia have engaged in every aspect of learning and school life and we wanted to make sure we had an opportunity to celebrate it.



I am also really happy to say that we have finally appointed a new School Support Leader; Laurel Douglas will be working with us every Wednesday and Thursday and from after half term she will be full time. There is a lot of work that Laurel will need to process over the next few weeks, thank you to all of you for being patient and understanding!

Come and say hello to Laurel in the office when you can. She is looking forward to getting to know all of our lovely families.



Here's what else we have been up to this week:

### EYFS News

Reception have had a brilliant first week back. The children were absolutely fantastic in their first PE session. They listened carefully, followed instructions and developed some really creative dinosaur dance moves! We've enjoyed starting our new topic 'When I Grow Up'. The children have been sharing their interests and passions, and their knowledge about some exciting and unusual job roles!



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### Sharing Good Learning

As I mentioned, we had a surprise achievement assembly; the following children were chosen for the head teacher's award for last term for excellent effort and progress:

**Nursery : Aisha and Adam**

**Reception: Nkalari and Halil**

**Y1 : An Nuo and Bartosz**

**Y2: Amaya and Zayan**

**Y3: Hollie and Asif**

**Y4; Tayybah and Mohamed O**

**Y5: Sarah B and Adam**

**Y6: Fatou and Tahid**

The following children received the Rights Respecting Achievement award for truly embodying our school values and being role models of Rights respecting behavior:

**Nursery: Hameeda**

**Reception: Elizah**

**Y1: Fateha**

**Y2: Younus**

**Y3: Zain**

**Y4: Furkan**

**Y5: Firdaus**

**Y6: Cailey**

We also awarded certificates to all those children who had 100% attendance, which in these times is an amazing achievement! We hope to give lots more out next term.

### Year 4 School Journey

There will be a meeting regarding our School Journey to Sayers Croft in March for Year 4 parents. The meeting will be in the bottom hall **on Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> of January at 9:00. Please wear a mask and if you can, take a lateral flow test in the morning before the meeting.** (You can get lateral flow tests from the local pharmacy).

**A reminder of school timings, please make sure your child comes to school every day and on time.**

### School timings

The timings will be as follows:

Start of the day

8:45 Years 5 and 6

8:50 Years 3 and 4

8:55 Years 1 and 2

9:00 Reception and Nursery

### End of the day

3:15 Years 5 and 6

3:20 Years 3 and 4



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3:25 Years 1 and 2

3:30 Reception and Nursery

If you are dropping off your child by car, thank you for switching your engine off. Idling causes pollution which is extremely damaging to children's lungs.

### Forthcoming events

10<sup>th</sup> January at 9:05 2022

7<sup>th</sup> March – 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022

15<sup>th</sup> March 2022

18<sup>th</sup> March 2022

21<sup>st</sup> March – 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022

16<sup>th</sup> May 2022

23<sup>rd</sup> May -27<sup>th</sup> May 2022

20<sup>th</sup> June -1<sup>st</sup> July 2022

Year 4 parents meeting re: Sayers Croft

Year 4 school journey to Sayers Croft

Year 6 parents meeting re: Wales in May

Red Nose Day – information to follow

Year 5 Intensive swimming for 2 weeks

Year 6 final parents meeting re: Wales

Year 6 school journey to Wales

Year 6 Intensive swimming for 2 weeks

### Date for the rest of the year

14<sup>th</sup> February to 20<sup>th</sup> February 2022

21<sup>st</sup> February 2022

4<sup>th</sup> April to 18<sup>th</sup> April 2022

3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022

30<sup>th</sup> May to 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022

6<sup>th</sup> June 2022

21<sup>st</sup> July 2022

Half Term – School closed

School Open – Children return

End of Term – School closed

School Closed – Occasional day

Half Term – School closed

School Open – Children return

School Closed – Inset day

Best wishes,

Barbara Lo Giudice, head teacher