



Newsletter

15th October 2021

Dear parents/carers,

The children have enjoyed another great week here at Virginia. Music lessons are in full swing, with the EYFS and KS1 focusing on singing and musicianship, years 3 and 4 learning violins and cellos and years 5 and 6 have started respectively, drumming and keyboards. Year 3 enjoyed their trip to Waterstones book shop in Islington where they were able to choose a book each to take home. I hope you approve of their fantastic choice of books! Here's what else we have been up to this week:

EYFS News

We have had a great week in reception. We particularly enjoyed our music session with Mercedes. The children explored pitch and tempo by singing and moving with the piano music. They showed excellent listening skills and learnt a new call response game. Outside we have been throwing and catching with bean bags, balls and Quoits, working on our coordination and communication. We have been using our phonics skills in 'Shared Reading' where one of the characters had a magic mat! We thought all about where we would go if we had a magic mat and created artwork to show our ideas.

Sharing Good Learning

The following children shared their learning this week:

- **Year 2: Rayyan, Fatima, Reyna and Ibrahim** talked about their visit to the Horniman museum. They had an amazing time looking at all the different instruments and they also had a look at the animals. Did you know that Rayyan's favourite artefact was a caiman?
- **Year 4:** year 4 designed spectacular Roman artefacts for their homework! **Furkhan, Mikayeel, Amelia, Maisha, Aaya and Eren** explained how they constructed their pieces and what challenges they faced.
- **Year 6:** As part of their World War II topic, Year 6 have looked at the impact of propaganda. **Fatou, Mariah, Zakiya, Sabine, Zainab, Asma and Johnny** shared their amazing posters to encourage the population to follow government guidelines.

Special Mentions:

Alice mentioned **John** for settling in his new class so well, **Aoife** mentioned **Hollie** for always being engaged in her learning, **Alima** mentioned **Alamin** for cheering her up when she was sad, **Mia** mentioned **Aryana** for playing with her. **Yosef** mentioned **Zahraa and Kayden** for being great friends, **Khadijah**, mentioned **Sam, Sabine, Zainab and Amal** for showing her how to be a role model and making her a better learner.

After School Clubs

We are excited to let you know that we will be able to offer a range of after school clubs after half term (week 2). We will send a letter home next week with options which will need to be returned by Monday the 1st of November. We offer the clubs free of charge.

Parents Evening

We hope to be able to welcome you to attend our parents evening in person this year. In order to do so we will need to make sure certain safety protocols are followed to ensure we minimize the risk of spreading the virus. You will receive a letter explaining our safety measures and your appointment times. The parents evening will take place, for years 1-6, on November the 16th and November the 18th. The EYFS will host whole class parent sessions first then a parents evening later on in the term.

Absence and sickness procedures

As part of our safeguarding procedures, we need to ensure all children who attend school are accounted for. Should your child be unwell, could we ask you to ring the school between 7:45 and 8:45 to let us know.

Late to school

Please ensure your child comes to school on time. We have had too many late children this week and this means they miss out on crucial learning. Please check your child's drop off and pick up times below:



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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

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.

Celebrating your Child's Birthday

Can I please remind everyone when sending in chocolates with your child it must be **Cadburys Heroes**. This is because we have children in school with nut allergies. You can also send in Starburst sweets as an alternative.

Emailing newsletters

Some parents have fed back that they were unable to open the newsletters emailed to them. Apologies for the inconvenience. Moving forward we will not email the newsletter but we will publish it on our website by 5pm every Friday.

Forthcoming events

18th October 2021

19th October 2021

16th-18th November 2021

7th March – 9th March 2022

15th March 2022

18th March 2022

21st March – 1st April 2022

16th May 2022

23rd May -27th May 2022

20th June -1st July 2022

Flu nasal spray for Reception to year 6

School photographs, please make sure your child is wearing their uniform

Parents Evening Years 1 to 6

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

25th October to 31st October 2021

1st November 2021

20th December 2021

21st December 2021

22nd December 2021

4th January 2022

14th February to 20th February 2022

21st February 2022

4th April to 18th April 2022

3rd May 2022

30th May to 5th June 2022

6th June 2022

21st July 2022

Half Term – School closed

School Open – Children return

School Closed – Inset day

School Closed – Occasional day

End of Term – School closed

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Best wishes,

Barbara Lo Giudice, head teacher

Summer Holiday 2021

The last day children attend school is Thursday 22nd July 2021