



## SEPTEMBER Newsletter

18<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear parents/carers,

This week has flown by! As we settle into the new routines, it is just a pleasure to watch the children re-connect with friends and build new relationships with their adults. Here's what we have been up to this week:

The children have been looking at the role of the School Counsellor and have been preparing their speeches ready to be filmed next week. The videos will be played to the whole school and elections will follow. I am looking forward to meeting the next group of children who will work hard to make Virginia Primary an even better place for all!

### FSU News

The Nursery children have been staggering and some new friends have joined us this week! During circle time we have been reading lots of stories and exploring our story baskets. The children have enjoyed looking at books independently too. We have been exploring the different areas of the classroom, mark making shopping lists in the home corner and cooking lots of yummy food. Reception have had another fun-filled week of learning and exploring! We have used circle times to talk about our feelings, thinking about things that might make us happy, sad or angry. Soha said 'I'm happy when I'm with my mum'. We learnt about our rights to a home, to learn, to be safe, to a family and to healthy food and water. The children used giant junk material to play imaginative games and talk about their interests. Elkhan said 'I'm a dinosaur! There are different species of dinosaur!' The children have been curious about the different types of books in the book corner this week. Elijah and Isa looked through a Marvel annual, then Isa shared a story with Dawud T and Yusha.

### Sharing Good Learning

All of our assemblies are now on the website including good learning assembly. Click on the assemblies tab to access the fantastic learning the children are sharing.

- **Year 1:** Have been very busy this week! They have been practising counting, recognising and writing numbers to 20, they have worked on their class charter targets and identified different feelings from the story 'Wally the wave'.
- **Year 2:** Year 2 have been reading a book called 'Wild', the beautiful illustrations inspired the children to write fantastic descriptions using noun phrases and prepositions.
- **Year 3:** Year 3 have been answering the question what is inside the Earth? **Ariya, Maisha, Akram and Aayan** will be explained what the different layers inside the earth are called.
- **Year 4:** Year 4 have drawn their own portraits of the author Onjali Q Rauf, who fights for the equal rights of women and girls. They look amazing!
- **Year 5:** year 5 have been exploring the concept of friendship and have described the qualities of a good friend. I am looking forward to you sharing some more ideas about friendship!
- **Year 6:** Year 6 have started reading and watching Goodnight Mr Tom by Michelle Magorian. They have analysed the key characters so far; Maria and Leilia explained what they like about the book so far.

### Special mentions:

**Amelie** would like to mention **Ikramul** for helping her with her spellings. **Sara C** would like to mention **Sinead and Sameeha** for including her in their games in the playground. **Noureddine** would like to mention **Firdaus, Aaliyah and Hannah** for playing fun games in the playground.



## SEPTEMBER Newsletter

**Faizaan** would like to mention **Samirah** for being a good learning partner in maths. **Lydia** would like to special mention **Aryana, Yusuf and Younus** for really trying their best this week with their learning. Well done and keep up the good work! **Teo** would like to mention **Yasin** for being a good friend. **Zahra** would like to mention **Usama** for being supportive.

Drop off and pick up times have worked very smoothly this week; many of you have commented how much more orderly and safe it feels. Thank you to all the children and families that are keeping a safe distance and queuing at the correct times. As a reminder the timings are as follow:

Year Group	Start time	Finish time	Location
Y5 and Y6	8:45	3:15	Main gate
Y3 and Y4	8:55	3:20	Main gate
Y1 and Y2	9:05	3:30	Main gate
Nursery	9:00	3:20	Back gate
Reception	9:00	3:25	Back gate

Could I ask that parents/carers wait on the other side of the road until your child's year group allocated time, and then queue along the wall in a physically distant manner. Please remember to keep the front of the gates clear at all times.

### Dates for the rest of this Year

26 <sup>th</sup> October to 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2020	Half Term	School Closed
21 <sup>st</sup> December to 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2021	End of Term	School Closed
15 <sup>th</sup> February to 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2021	Half Term	School Closed
1 <sup>st</sup> April to 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	End of Term	School Closed
19 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	Inset Day	School Closed
3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2021	Bank Holiday	School Closed
6 <sup>th</sup> May 2021	GLA Elections	School Closed
31 <sup>st</sup> May to 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	Half term	School Closed
23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2021	Inset Day	School Closed

Best wishes,

Barbara Lo Giudice, acting head teacher