



Newsletter

24th September 2021

Dear parents/carers,

What a wonderful week of learning we have had here at Virginia! The children have really settled in their routines and are making the most of their learning. We have elected the new School Councillors for the year and I am so excited to see what wonderful changes they will inspire us to make. A big well done to all of the children who put themselves forward and prepared their fantastic speeches!

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

Year 4 have been on their first visit of the year at the Museum of London and have learned about Roman London.

EYFS News

We've had another great week in reception. We read the story 'The Colour Monster' by Anna Llenas, which helped us to explore our feelings. Outside, some of us made a marvellous magical bus out of the climbing equipment, and pretended to go up to the moon! We were just like the bear in 'Whatever Next', (another story we have enjoyed this week!)

Please remember to check the reception blog, and your emails, for weekend challenges and news updates.

Sharing Good Learning

The following children shared their learning this week:

- **Year 1:** have been learning about their senses. **Alima, and Noelle** shared their fantastic work.
- **Year 3 : Danyal, An Qian and Hollie** shared their amazing research of Paralympic athletes.
- **Year 5: Brodi, Khadijah, Faizan and Nusaybah** described year 5's amazing adventures in Swanage. They talked about walking along the amazing coastline, swimming in the sea and rock climbing!

Special Mentions:

Salma mentioned **Maya** for using a growth mindset in maths, **Alice** mentioned **Year 4** for their wonderful behavior on the trip. **Ruth** mentioned **Year 5** for their team work in Swanage and **Hasina** mentioned **Year 1** for great lining up skills. **Emily** mentioned **Oliwia and Zahra** for being great learning partners. **Cody** mentioned **Zainab and Yasin** for encouraging him when he needed it. **Fatou** mentioned **Oliwia** for being a great learning partner and **Barbara** for helping everyone. **Oliwia** mentioned **Salma** for lending her a great book and being a wonderful teacher. **Fatiha** mentioned **EJ** for helping her with the quiz, and **Dawud** mentioned **Adam M and Ayub** for being really good friends.

Class Open Mornings

We would like to invite all parents to come and find out about their children's year group and visit the classroom. The meetings will be at the following times:

What Year Group?	When	What time?	Where?
Year 1	Wednesday 29th September	8:55-9:30	Year 1 class
Year 5	Wednesday 29th September	8:45-9:30	Year 5 class
Year 3	Thursday 30th September	8:50-9:30	Year 3 class
Year 4	Thursday 30th September	8:50-9:30	Year 4 class
Year 2	Friday 1st October	8:55-9:30	Year 2 class
Year 6	Friday 1st October	8:45-9:30	Year 6 class

Parents/carers will follow their children up in the line to the class.

Parents and carers of Reception and Nursery, we will organise the open mornings later on as soon as all children have settled.



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After School club for our working families

As most of you know, we offer after school provision 3:30 to 5:30 every day for working parents. If you are interested in using this service the sessions are £10 per day, please contact the office.

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.

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

Thank you to all parents and carers for helping the children get to school on time and maximize their learning. In the mornings, can we ask years 1-3-5 to line up on the left hand side if facing the main gate and years 2-4-6 on the right hand side. **Could Reception and Nursery wait on the other side of the road.** This is so we continue to ensure there is a calm start to the day and we avoid congestion in front of the gates.

In the afternoons, to avoid crowding the playground, could we ask that parents and carers make their way in just before their children's year group is due to finish school? Many thanks for your support.

Forthcoming events

18th October 2021

19th October 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

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