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Google Visit The Victory

Monday afternoon an eager buzz of excitement echoed through the classrooms and corridors of the Victory Primary School. The pupils were going on a school trip but this was no ordinary school trip with minibuses, high –vis jackets and packed lunches. The school had organised a trip without the need to leave the classroom. This was an adventure with a twist. Google paid a visit and were armed with headsets that would transport pupils from the school hall to locations across the globe. As well as visiting famous places like the Taj Mahal and the Roman Colosseum, pupils also had the chance to experience the vastness of space and the planets, the depths of great oceans and even inside the human body. “The best bit was seeing the sharks up close,” exclaimed Charlie O excitably.

Miss Harrison agreed that the visit provided pupils with a once in a lifetime chance to experience the world in 3D. Each class had a quick introduction from Google representative Glen before teachers took control of the trip. Clutching iPads, they were able to guide pupils through a series of scenes pointing out key points of interest. Each pupil had a app enabled devise secured within a cardboard frame. In each scene they were able to freely explore the area whilst still under the guidance of the teacher. “I think the expedition was great! I felt like I was floating” said Cody from Year 4. After covering a topic linked to their classroom work, each class had the opportunity to try the other experiences available on the devices. “My favourite part was when we went inside the mouth” declared Sophie when asked about the trip.

Miss Harrison





Old Mobile Phones for our own Google Expedition

If you have any old Android or iOS (Apple) phones please can you donate them to our school. Our hope is to get enough phones to enable us to have our own set of Google Expedition VR headsets in school, ideally we would need at least 30. If you get a new phone for Christmas please think about donating your old phone to us then. It does not matter how old they are as long as they are a smartphone running either Android or iOS (including the charger please and please take out the SIM card)

Mr Lacey

End of Day Collection – General

At the request of a parent we have had a look at our arrangements for the end of the school day.

Children in year 5 and 6 can walk home alone with the agreement of their parents / carers. Parents will need to inform the class teacher if their child is permitted to walk home after school.

Children in years 4 and below can be collected by a sibling aged 14 or above with their parent's permission. The older sibling's name will need to be on the collection list. We do not permit children to go home with anyone who is not on the collection list.

In the event of an emergency, parents can agree for their year 4 or below child to be collected by someone who is not on the collection list as long as that person is of secondary school age. They would have to agree that we cannot be responsible for the care of their children when they leave the school.

End of School Collection – Clubs

In general, children will be collected from after school clubs from the main reception area (there may be circumstances where we have a different arrangement but you will be informed as and when).

The problem with this is that often the reception area gets very full at the end of clubs and this is a problem for two reasons.

1. It is difficult to keep an eye on the children to keep them safe.
2. Office staff cannot make their phonecalls because of the noise and confidentiality can be compromised.

For these reasons we would ask parents to wait outside until the children come out. In the event of bad weather we will of course let you in!

Healthy Eating

We have been given the opportunity to run a free Healthy Eating Course at the school. This would be after school one day a week for approximately 8 weeks. Your whole family could attend and the course is advertised as being a fun way to learn new skills to do with being healthy with lots of games and workshops along the way. The programme will look something like this:

- Week 1 - Group introduction and explanation of the Eatwell guide
- Week 2 - Portion sizes (children and adults)
- Week 3 - Guidelines around fat, sugar and salt and the effects on the brain
- Week 4 - Understanding food labels
- Week 5 - Understanding smart goals and exploring physical activity guidelines and how to introduce them into daily life
- Week 6 - Debunk food Myths and eating on a budget
- Week 7 - Choosing healthier food choices when eating out and packed lunches
- Week 8 - Healthy cooking demonstration

If you think this is something you and your family would like to participate in and you are able to commit to completing the full 8 weeks' please contact Maria Ganderton on 07984474498. Places are limited.

Diary Dates

Thursday 15th December – last day of term

Wednesday 4th January – children return to school after the Christmas holiday

Reading at Home – October Update

Reading is now becoming part of many of our children's daily routine. This is helping them in all areas of their learning and turning them into independent, confident readers. If you are reading regularly with your child – WELL DONE!!

Please remember to keep filling in diaries and think about the good start you are giving your child.

Can your child's class get to the top of our Reading League?

Rank	Class	Percentage of children Reading regularly
1 st	Rainbow Fish 1/2	91%
2 nd	Rainbow Fish 2/3	86%
3 rd	Starfish	84%
4 th	Crab	74%
5 th	Puffins	67%
5 th	Jellyfish	67%
7 th	Sea Lion	63%
8 th	Seahorses	61%
8 th	Stingray	61%
10 th	Dolphin	53%
10 th	Shark	53%
12 th	Turtles	47%
13 th	Catfish	44%
13 th	Swordfish	44%
15 th	Penguins	37%
16 th	Octopus	20%



Mrs Lyndon

Sport Update

Football

There will be training on Monday 14th November for boys and girls in years 5 and 6. This will be from 3:30pm to 4:15pm.

GOALS

Our next match will take place on Tuesday 15th November at GOALS. Just a reminder please return your football kit by Monday.

Netball

Our next match takes place on Wednesday 16th November at Mayfield School. If your child has been selected to represent the school a letter will be given to them.

Dance Off

Thank you to all the children who attended the first Dance Off rehearsal. Our next practice will take place on Thursday 17th November from 3:30pm to 4:30pm.

Premier Sport After School Clubs

Multisports – Monday 14th November 3:30pm to 4:30pm

Fencing – Wednesday 16th November 3:30pm to 4:30pm

Cold Weather

Please can you provide your child with a named tracksuit for their PE and University sessions. Just a reminder your child has PE / University on the following days:

Monday – Year 3, Puffins and year 5

Tuesday – Years 2, 3 and 4

Wednesday – Years 1, 2 and Rainbow Fish 1

Thursday – EYFS, Penguins and years 5 and 6

Friday – Years 4, 6 and Rainbow Fish 2



American Election

This week years 4 to 6 had an assembly about the election in the US. They voted 10-1 for Hillary Clinton. Here are the views of two of the voters now the results are in.

Why Hillary Clinton Should Have Won The US Election

The reason why I wanted Hillary Clinton to be the USA's president was because she would let women have more rights. Second of all because she would let gay people marry as they shouldn't be having to stop their love just because someone says they can't. Everyone knows that Hillary Clinton has done some things she should not of done but she realises what she had done and has said sorry. Anyway, I believe that Hillary was the right choice because she could be Americas first female president and would take more responsibility for her actions. That is why I think Hillary Clinton should have been president.

By Nicole Kelsall – Year 5

Why Donald Trump was the right choice

In my opinion I think Donald J Trump rightly won the election to become President of the United States of America because he seems like a really nice guy. He will change the world by sorting out the wrongs in Europe and making the right choices for everyone. As a business man he is used to talking and arranging meetings with powerful people, and in doing so can make a difference to the entire world. That is why I felt he was the correct choice.

By Terrell Deboeck – Year 6



Work Books – Current Years 2 to 6

At the end of every year we keep the children’s work books for a while in case we have an inspection early in the Autumn term. They are evidence of the children’s progress. We do not need the books from the last school year (2015-2016) any longer.

Should you wish to have these work books from last year please complete the attached form and return it to the office by the end of next week. Should your child be in year 1 at the moment we will automatically send home their foundation stage learning journals and so there is no need to complete the slip.

Active Learning



Year 6 pupils learn about the circulatory system.



Request for work books

Name of Child: _____

Current Class: _____