

Villiers Primary School



Nursery & Reception

Weekly Newsletter

Nursery

We have had a fantastic week this week! It was 'Real Life Maths and Sports week' and we did lots of special activities!

Every morning and afternoon we started our session with a 'Wake and Shake', to get us all off to a fit start! That was lots of fun! We had a Mini pentathlon on Monday, which involved 5 activities— running, throwing balls at a target, hitting balls at cones and 'swimming' on a baseboard. On Thursday we did a whole school dance., which was also lots of fun! We learnt about real life maths by cooking on Friday—a pitta bread pizza—and talking about how many tomatoes, sausage, cheese we will need and how we will share our pizza fairly.

Next week we will be seeing how much your child has learnt over the year, hearing your child read and talking about what makes us the same and different to others.

Remember on Wednesday morning it is Nursery and Receptions' Sport's Day. AM and PM children are to come to school at 8:45am IN THEIR PE KITS! If it is a hot day please put sun cream on your child and send them in sun hats. We will provide mats for them to sit on while waiting for their races, but you may send in blankets and cushions for them to sit on if they wish. We will provide them with drinks, so there is no need to send those in. Also there will be NO PM Nursery that day.

Keep signing your child's diary when they have been heard read to move up the Reading Tree! Your child needs to be heard 3 times each week to move up to the treehouse. When your child has reached the treehouse 8 times, they can choose a free book! Keep going!

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Reception

What an exhausting week Reception have had this week! It has been Sports/Real life Maths week and we have been busy every day. Even our butterflies have been busy and have now all emerged from their chrysalis!

On Monday we had our Mini-pentathlon where we completed activities including running, throwing, hurdles and even using a baseboard to 'swim' across the floor! We all had lots of fun and would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Norton and the Sports Team for organising it. Tuesday was also a jam packed day with us learning Ordinal numbers and having a go at saying who came 1st, 2nd, 3rd etc... in different races.

On Thursday the whole school took part in a dance on the field! It was fantastic and we all had a giggle at the teachers dancing. Friday was also very exciting as we made our healthy stir-fry's to make sure we had lots of energy after our busy week of exercise.

On top of all this excitement every morning we started our day with a 'Wake and Shake' dance to get our brains and bodies ready to work. Staff in Reception would like to say a big well done to all children in Reception who have been exercising this week—we love to hear about all the swimming, karate, football, dancing and trampolining you have been doing.

Next week we have our Sport's day on WEDNESDAY and will be competing in different races. We can't wait to see all our families cheering us on! On Monday we will get to watch Years 1 and 2 take part in their Sport's day. Can we ask parents to make sure they apply sun cream and send in sun hats on both these days if it is a hot day. Drinks will be provided for children after races and whilst spectating.

We will also be learning about symmetry, keeping safe in the sun and planning stories which we will write the week after.

Wishing you all a nice relaxing weekend! See you on Monday!

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Year 2

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Year 1

Year 1 have been sporting-mathematicians this week. All of the activities have either had a PE or Maths focus. Each day started with a wake-up, shake-up style dance. The children were dancing aerobically to 'I like to move it, move it' from the film Madagascar. They learned a variety of stretches and active movements to help warm up their bodies for the day. Please ask your child about these wake-up moves and ask for a demonstration that you can take part in!

In class, Year 1 started off the week finding out which class was the fittest. They planned this investigation and then took part in a variety of physical activities to help make a conclusion. Ask your child which class in Year 1 was the fittest...

On Tuesday the children took part in circuit training with Year 2. The activities included running, jumping, throwing, hopping and skipping. The effort level was amazing and there were lots of hot and sweaty children! There was even a visit from the Sports Plus mascot.

The children also mastered their mathematics skills through sports-based maths problems. On Friday the children practised their mental maths skills by answering sports inspired questions.

On Thursday the children had a very fun day. They were designing and making healthy pizzas and pizza boxes. During the making, the children were encouraged to use mathematical language. Sorry the pizzas did not make it home, the children enjoyed eating them during an afternoon picnic.

Year 2

Year 2 have been using every spare minute to rehearse for the end of the year play. As mentioned last week, the whole play has been rehearsed now and teachers are working in small groups to perfect certain scenes. The dances now look superb and you will be very impressed on the night. Music was played onto the KS1 playground this week and automatically the children began to dance using the moves they have learned for the play. It was very impressive that these dance moves are ingrained! Some children have had costume reminder letters. If you have received a letter please send your child's costume in as soon as possible. The dress rehearsal will be here before we know it.

On Tuesday the children took part in circuit training as a phase. The Year 2 children were split into groups and took part in a number of activities. They were jumping from spot to spot, running over hurdles, climbing up and down a bench and throwing balls into boxes whilst blind folded. The circuit training activities were designed to be fun ideas that the children can do at home. Please ask your child to show you some of these next time they are in the garden or at the park.

Also this week the end of stage teacher assessed levels were finalised. Your child's results will appear on their school report. We can tell you that as a school the data is looking very promising! This is due to outstanding teaching and learning in Year 2. A big congratulations in needed to all the children and teachers.

Last week some children in Year 2 retook the phonic screening check. The marks scheme will be realised on Monday so we will be writing to you to let you know how your child got on.

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Year 3 &
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Year 3

What a week! We have been so busy with all of our Maths and Sports activities.

On Monday we had a fabulous time making Cocktails. We carefully measured out various juices and lemonade to make our Cocktails. They were delicious and some had very exotic names.

On Tuesday we had a very interesting lesson investigating bridges. We all made our own bridges out of paper straws and masking tape. We then tested our bridges using different weights to test which could carry the most weight. Some of them were incredibly strong.

On Thursday we had great fun in our Inter-house Netball Tournament. Our netball skills have really improved!

Thank you to all of those that have sent in Sponsor money, can any remaining money and forms be sent into school next week.

Next week will be taking part in Sports Day. Year 3 and 4 Sports day will be on Tuesday morning and we will be spectators for Year 5 and 6 Sports Day on Thursday morning. Please remember to have P.E. kit in school along with sun hat, and sun cream should the weather be hot!

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Year 4

We have had a fantastic this week taking part in our Real Life Maths and Sports Week. We have been playing netball, dancing, completing exercise activities as well as completing a range of maths activities. Our cooking session was very successful and after a couple of attempts we were able to make a pancake, hooray! We all enjoyed measuring and weighing the ingredients and we hope you have had fun making them at home.

On Tuesday, we had an amazing day at Dudley Zoo. We saw lots of animals in their environment and enjoyed eating our lunch within the castle grounds. Some of us were lucky enough to see some of the animals being fed by the zoo keeper's. An enjoyable day for the children and the staff.

Thank you to all that have already sent in a sponsorship form and their sponsor money. If you have any outstanding forms or money please send it into school as soon as possible.

Next week we are looking forward to our annual Sports Day. Year 3 and 4's event will take place on Tuesday morning. Please remember to have full P.E. kits in school as well as sun hats and blankets. We are looking forward to the Parent's Race so don't forget your trainers.

Swimming will also be back to normal next Wednesday.

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Year 5

The children have had a fantastic week. They got completely involved in all the aspects of the week, starting off with Wake and Shake every morning. The children have designed and produced their own cocktails, thinking about amounts and using ratio. They have produced adverts to promote their drink, remembering all the persuasive writing techniques. The children have investigated the functions of the human heart and talked about the importance of keeping it healthy. They have also had first-hand experience of testing the effects of exercise on our pulse rate.

Next week the children are looking forward to their Sports Day on Thursday 2nd July, all parents are welcome to attend and get involved. Please ensure that your child has their full P.E. kit for this week. Some children will be asked to act as Young Leaders supporting some of our younger children. In English the children will be writing recounts, persuasive writing based around Sports Day and Sports Week. During Maths the children will be investigating worded problems involving all 4 operations.

The children had a meeting this week with Mr. Cocker about becoming the badge holders and have been told about their need to write a letter of application stating the roles they wish to apply for and what would make them a good candidate. Letters are due in on Monday 6th July.

The children had a fantastic day on Friday with TimeZone, who came in to give the children first hand experiences of being archaeologists

Year 6

We have had a great week celebrating sport and healthy lifestyles.

Wake and Shake each morning has been really popular, and the whole year group has enjoyed taking part in our sporty activities and exercises.

To join our healthy topic with some practical Maths, we have mixed our own juice cocktails using ratio and proportion, learning how to use these ratios to produce different amounts of drink.

We have also conducted scientific experiments about the effects of forward momentum on jumps and the effects of exercise on brain activity and memory.

We are looking forward to Sports Day on Thursday 2nd July - please make sure you have your P.E. kit with you. Parental support is greatly encouraged!

Rehearsals for *Oliver* continue. If you are able to contribute any costumes for the production, they will be received very gratefully.

A very important reminder:

Children that are attending the Moseley Park Induction on **Tuesday 30th June** must return to school as soon as they finish and stay for the production rehearsal after school (which they normally do every Tuesday).

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