



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Friday 27th October 2023-Edition number 4.

Dear All,

This morning I had the honor of presenting certificates at our Praise Assemblies. It is always a time to reflect on how much everyone has achieved across a half term, and WOW-what a lot to celebrate! Since September the children have embraced becoming improved readers, many are now regularly taking books home, completing their reading logs and are using a wider vocabulary across their writing.

TT Rockstars is still very much alive and competitions between classes and individuals are keeping everyone enthralled. I have read many excellent pieces of writing. given out house points, stickers and pens. The children definitely deserve a week's holiday!

A special well done to all the model makers in Year 4 who have stunned us all with their homework ideas for the layers of the ocean. It was great to be able to show all the models to each other yesterday. Well Done Year 4!

It was great to see so many parents and family members attend the Year 1 and 2 Reading Workshops this week. If you do have any questions regarding reading, then please contact Mr. Cooke (Year 1 and 2 Phase Leader) or Mrs Reece (AHT) they will be happy to help you support your child at home.

Down the path there have been spotted many spooky costumes and characters today as our younger children celebrate the end of their first half term and their theme of Autumn.

Have a lovely week and we shall see everyone bright and early on Monday 6th November.

Happy Holidays.

Mrs Rindl.



Term Dates

Friday 27 th October	Last Day of Term
Monday 30th Oct - Friday 3rd Nov	HALF TERM
Monday 6 th November	School opens
Friday 1 st December	Inset Day - Stour Vale Joint Primary Day
Friday 22 nd December	Last day of Term
Monday 8 th January	Inset Day
Tuesday 9 th January	Start of School Term

ATTENDANCE

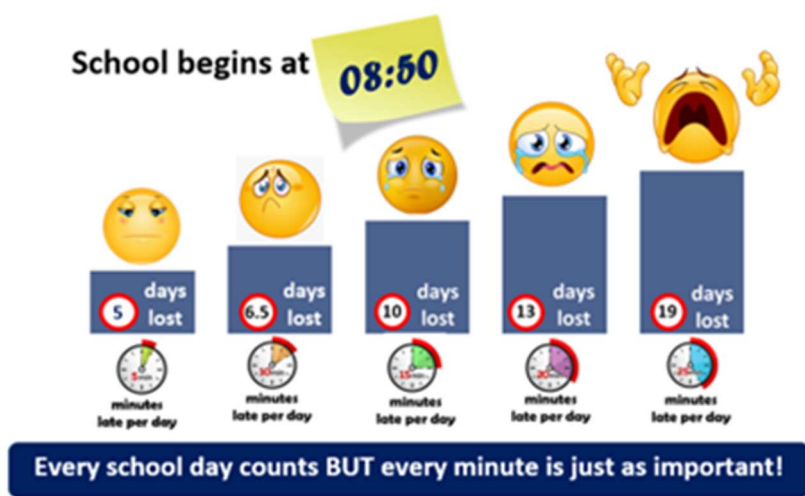
Thank you for everyone who does all they can to get their children to school every day and be in on time – it really does impact upon learning.

Our weekly class awards, for the best class attendance in the school, have so far been awarded to:

Achieving the Award Once	Achieving the Award Twice
3H – 99.2% 6H – 98.28%	2A – 98.1% & 100% 2M – 100% both times!

Following the half term break, we will be celebrating the attendance of each class on our school website with our 'Scores on the Doors' information.

Unfortunately, since returning the school day to the original pre-Covid start time of 8.50am, we have had an increase in our number of late arrivals. Please can we all strive to get the children into school by this time, as learning has already started, so when late comers enter the classroom, they are already having to 'catch up' with the rest of the class.



Thank you everyone for your ongoing support with your child's attendance.

WE HAVE A DEDICATED EMAIL ADDRESS FOR ABSENCE INFORMATION
absences@queen-vic.dudley.sch.uk

ATTEND TODAY. ACHIEVE TOMORROW.

Toothbrush Scheme

We are taking part in Dudley's Community Toothbrush Scheme. We are partnering with Dudley Council's Public Health Team to provide free toothbrush packs to children and adults residents in need from 16 October 2023, in a bid to improve the oral health of families.

Families in Year 1 and 2 will receive **FREE** toothbrush packs*, including a toothbrush, fluoride toothbrush and oral health information leaflet, for themselves and their family. Tooth decay is the most common oral disease affecting children and young people in England, yet it is largely preventable.

Brushing your teeth twice a day with fluoride toothpaste is so important to protect both children and adult's teeth. In difficult financial times, taking care of your teeth may slip down the list of priorities when compared with food and warmth through this scheme we can provide toothbrush packs locally and support families in taking care of their teeth from as soon as a child has their first tooth.

We are hoping for deliveries to be made into school the week commencing Monday 6th November, these will then be distributed to the children in Year 1 and 2.



School Payments

Polite reminder-please remember that all money for school dinner, tuck, extended school club and Nursery 30 Hour fees need to be paid in advance. Please refer to our school charging policy which can be found on our website. If you have any queries, please contact the school office.

Tag Rugby Competition

On Wednesday 18th October a squad of Y5 and Y6 Boys and Girls competed in a Tag Rugby Competition for schools in the Dudley area. The weather was kind, and all the children were true Queen Vic pioneers, playing to the best of their ability. One child was heard to say, " It had been the best day ever!" Well done and thank you to all the children who took part and represented the school so enthusiastically.

Also, a big thank you to Mr McLagan and Mr Braiden for giving up their time to get the squad ready and for Mr McLagan and Miss Higginson for taking the children to Stourbridge Rugby Club.



The National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) report that Email and social media account hacking is the most commonly reported cyber-dependent crime in the UK. Always use strong passwords, different password where possible and enable 2-step verification (2SV) or Multi Factor Authentication (MFA) to protect your accounts?

<https://ncsc.gov.uk/cyberaware/home>

'Read with Me' Volunteer

Firstly, a heart-felt thanks goes out to those Parents and Carers who became 'Read with Me' volunteers last year. After such a success, we would love to again welcome 'Read with Me' volunteers to our KS1 classrooms. However, this year we would also be keen to put regular volunteers in our KS2 classrooms to help develop reading fluency and a love of reading across school.

We know that the more our children enjoy sharing books with adults, the more fluent their reading will become and the more their love of reading will grow.

If you can make a regular commitment of as little as one hour a week, please email info@queen-vic.dudley.sch.uk or call the office on 01384 812545.

All volunteers will need to agree to a DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check and share two referees. There will also be an Induction Programme put in place so you can learn how best to support our children.



Reading
SHOULD NOT BE
Presented
TO
Children AS A
CHORE OR DUTY.
IT SHOULD BE
Offered
AS A
Precious
Gift.

- KATE DICAMILLO





Are you a kinship carer?

A kinship carer is someone who is raising a relative's or friend's child.

We are starting a group for kinship carers to come together.

Come and join us

Last Tuesday of every month
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Term Time Only
18+

Eat Central
Merry Hill
Pecimore Rd.
Brierley Hill
DY5 1QX

Meet in the section next to Burger King

A chance to meet, listen, share and support one another.

All kinship carers and special guardians are welcome.



Interested to find out more?

Scan with your phone camera for more info



compass.kinship.org.uk
kinship.org.uk

Please contact Dee for more information
denise.beckett@kinship.org.uk



Please put Lilly-May in the notes

SCAN ME FOR TICKETS



Rainbow Pantomimes present

Tickets from **£9**

Rapunzel

DORMSTON MILL THEATRE
25 JAN - 28 JAN 2024

Box Office: 01902 475033 | www.seaty.co.uk/rapunzel
Mill Bank, Sedgley DY3 1SN | Thurs-Sun Evenings | Sat-Sun MAT

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Weetabix
Wild Cats
GIRLS' FOOTBALL

The perfect way for girls aged 5-11 to get involved with football

Play Football!

TIME AND DATE
9-11PM EVERY MONDAY

LOCATION
GRACE ACADEMY SCHOOL, DARLSTON

WHO WE ARE
COSELEY FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT

NEXT STEPS
head to www.EnglandFootball.com/WeetabixWildcats to book your first session, or contact us to find out more 07454555081

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