



30/11/18

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the festive season it's going to be a very busy time at Victoria Infant and Nursery School please read carefully as there are a lot of activities taking place.



Christmas Show

Our annual Christmas performance will take place on Wednesday 5th December at the Carnegie theatre.

There will be two performances at 1.15pm & 3pm. Our nursery children will only perform in the 1.15pm performance and will need collecting from the theatre at 2.30pm. Tickets on sale from the school office £4.50 each.



Christmas Parties

All the children will be going to planet play for their Christmas Party the dates for each year group:
Thursday 6th December Reception C1 & C2
Friday 7th December 2 & 3 year old Nursery.
Tuesday 18th December year 1 & 2 C3, C4, C5 & C6.
Children can come to school dressed in party clothes.



Photos with Santa

Monday 3rd December all the children will be having their photo taken with Santa. These will be available to purchase for £2.50.

Scholastic Book Fair

The book fair will be set up from Monday the 3rd to Thursday the 6th December in the school hall 9am and 3pm.

Junior School Open Afternoon's

If your child is in year 2 can you please ensure you have applied for a year 3 place for Sept 2019 the deadline for applications is 15th January 2019.

Victoria Junior School will be having their final open afternoon on Monday 3rd December.

Parents can pop in at any time in the afternoon on these dates.

Mayor Christmas Card Competition

All our pupils entered the Mayor of Allerdale Christmas card competition on Thursday the 29th November the Deputy Mayor Mr Schofield visited the school and presented the following children with a selection box for being runners up in the competition:

Anna Timmins	Isla Bell
Chloe Broadbent	Payton Blakesley
Lucas Zhang	Ava Gill
Heidi Boyd	

Well done there were over 1300 entries and Victoria School Infant & Nursery submitted the most entries.

We are very proud of all the children for their designs.

Nursery

2 Year Olds

This week the children have been on their Christmas trip to the Lake District Wildlife Park to take part in a 'live nativity'. This

entailed the children dressing up alongside cows and donkeys, we also had the chance to cuddle a guinea pig and stroke the snake 'George'. The children enjoyed a Christmas buffet for lunch and took part in a treasure hunt around the animal park looking at all the different animals. The children have been busy making their Christmas cards using hand prints and enjoyed the sensory experience of the paint on their hands.

3 Year Olds

This week the children have been busy exploring media and materials to make a stocking to hang on the fireplace. We have continued to focus on the First Christmas and the significance of the story. Christmas is in full flow in the nursey and the children have enjoyed collaborating to decorate the Christmas tree and their carpet areas with their key workers. The children have been persevering to sing the songs for the Carnegie performance. They are very excited to be on the stage and to wear their costumes.

Reception

This week in reception we have started all of the Christmas fun! We took on the role of people who worked in a sorting office sorting out letters for Santa. We began to make our Christmas cards and put together a Christmas bauble. We have been practising hard in dance lessons for our Carnegie performance and singing our nativity songs. We love our writing area where we can work as Santa's little helpers writing out lists and sorting them into post boxes.

Year 1

This week year one have enjoyed putting up their Christmas decorations. Altogether we have decorated the Christmas tree. We have looked at how we celebrate Christmas and have linked this to our writing. We have been like Marvin the Making Links Monkey. We have created a short Newspaper article about Christmas. We have also been like Colin the Collaborating

Crocodile and shared our ideas of how to celebrate Christmas.

Year 2

As young mathematicians we have moved onto our new topic of length and measure. Through this area of maths the children will get a better understanding of how to measure length. They will begin by understanding what a metre is and what centimetres are and then progress to using them in real-life contexts.

In literacy we have been looking deeper into the many different facts about the North Pole and Cumbria. The children have completed two different information booklets about both places. They have looked at the different areas of: houses, animals, things to do and the weather. We have continued to practice our songs and dances for our Christmas Carnegie performance. We have learnt all of our songs and are confident in singing them loud and clear. We can't wait for you all to see it! You're in for a treat.

We have all enjoyed getting fully engaged in all of the Christmas crafts we have going on.

Sporting fact

All About: Getting Clever with Catching Skills

Catching is the most familiar object control skill. While it isn't as vital for survival as, say, jumping or running, humans seem drawn to it. Even when alone, it's common to fidget by tossing objects from hand to hand.

Outside of sports, catching is mostly casual. It's a dynamic way to take hold of objects that might otherwise be passed at a slower speed. So, if it's not essential, why is it important and how does it affect our brain?

Catching uses hand-eye coordination, an ability with strong links to learning capacity. To catch a ball, a child must move their arms and legs, judge distance and speed, stop cleanly and brace for impact. It feels instinctive, but only because the brain moves very quickly.

Powerful Learner of the week

<u>Class 1</u>	<u>Class 2</u>	<u>Class 3</u>	<u>Class 4</u>	<u>Class 5</u>	<u>Class 6</u>
Kyle Kelly	Chanel Weir	Isla Bell	Archie Cowling	Holly Greig	Lilly Batsford

Outstanding Writer of the week

<u>Class 1</u>	<u>Class 2</u>	<u>Class 3</u>	<u>Class 4</u>	<u>Class 5</u>	<u>Class 6</u>
Ella Toal	Mia Cuthbertson	Tilly-Mae Quayle	Leon Sloggett	Ryan Marshall	Bella Grears

Mathlete of the Week

<u>Class 1</u>	<u>Class 2</u>	<u>Class 3</u>	<u>Class 4</u>	<u>Class 5</u>	<u>Class 6</u>
Lucas Hine	Amelia Logan	Jaylen Graham	Rocco Mitchinson	Ayeesha Bewley	Kacie Winker

Nursery Learner of the week

<u>Piglet AM</u>	<u>Piglet PM</u>	<u>Eeyore</u>	<u>Tigger AM</u>	<u>Tigger PM</u>	<u>Winnie</u>
Harvey Fothergill	Daisy-Mae McGawley-Lewis	Ariana Benshams	Ava Broadbent	Charlie Wood	Jessica Robinson

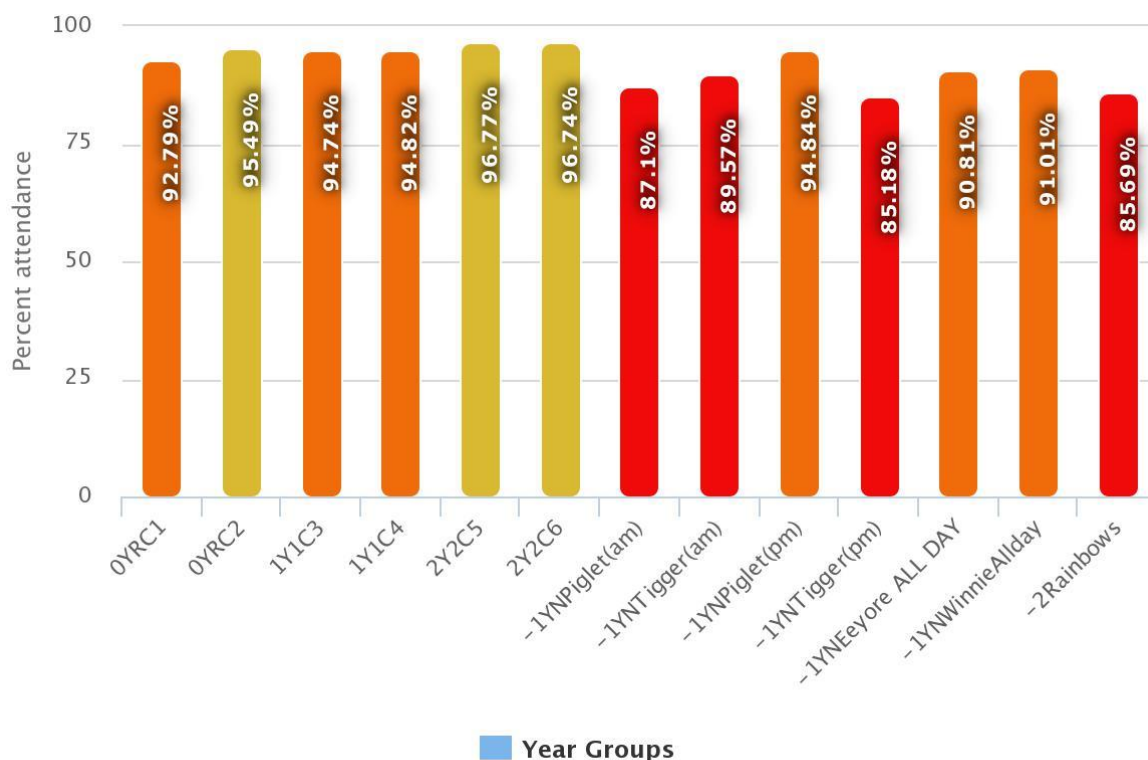
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Lexi Young	Max Hodgson	Jacob March	Erin Wilson	Sophie Gill	Bella Marshall

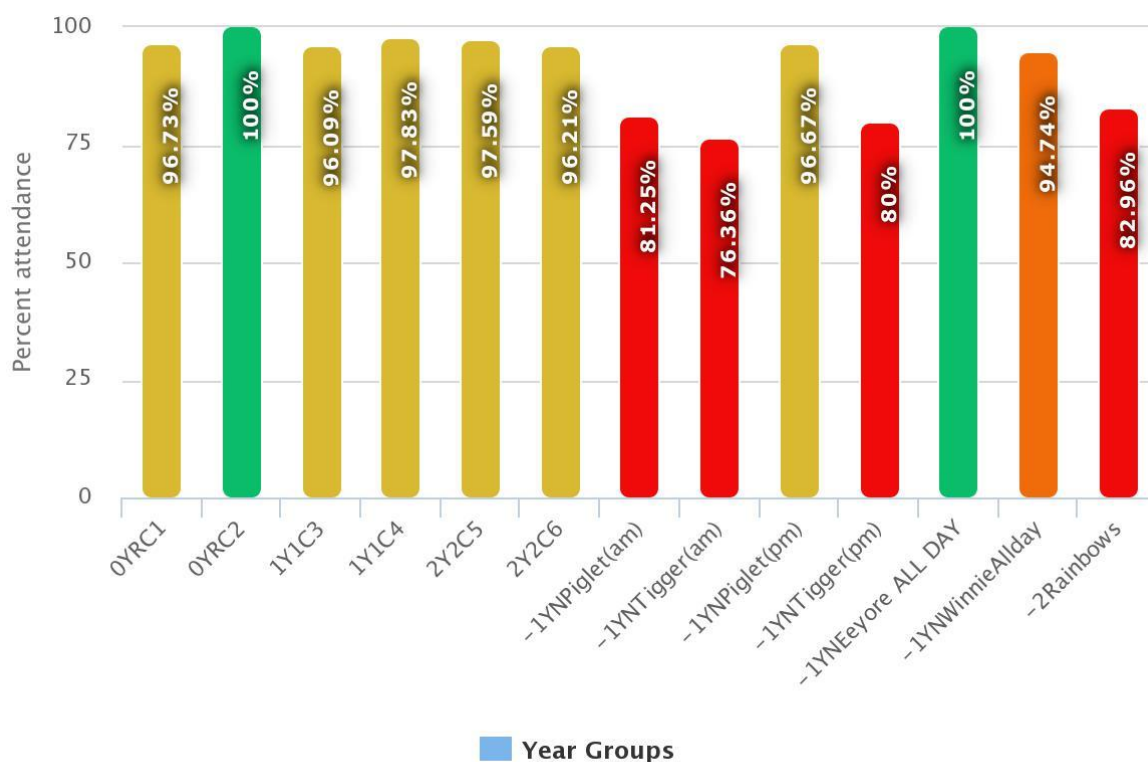


Attendance Matters

Whole School Attendance 3rd September - 23rd November 2018



Whole school attendance for last week 19th - 23rd November 2018



Well done to Class 5 who were last week's top attenders. Remember that attendance is vital to your child's progress let's see if your child's class can be the top attenders next week.

Diary Dates

Monday 3 rd December	Open afternoon for year 2 parents at Junior School	Parents can drop into Junior school in the afternoon anytime
Monday 3 rd December	Scholastic book fair in school until 6 th December 9am & 3pm	
Monday 3 rd December	Children will have photo taken with Santa £2.50 if parents would like to buy	
Wednesday 5 th December	Carnegie Christmas performance 1.15pm & 3pm	Nursery children perform in 1.15pm show only need collecting at 2pm from the theatre
Thursday 6 th December	Reception Christmas party at Planet Play	
Friday 7 th December	2's & 3's Nursery Christmas party at Planet Play	
Monday 10 th December	EYFS Nativity 10am & 2pm	Nursery and Reception
Tuesday 11 th December	Year 1 & 2 Sands Centre to watch Wizard of Oz	
Wednesday 12 th December	Victoria junior school Carnegie performance	
Wednesday 12 th December	Christmas Dinner day for all pupils.	Children can wear Christmas Jumpers.
Thursday 13 th December	Nursery Nativity 2 year old nursery.	
Friday 14 th December	National Christmas jumper day.	
Friday 14 th December	Santa Express at Ravenglass for Nursery children	
Monday 17 th December	Santa Express at Ravenglass for Reception children	
Tuesday 18 th December	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Party at Planet Play	
Wednesday 19 th December	Carol service St Michaels church Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Service starts at 1.15pm Victoria juniors starts at 2.30pm	
Thursday 20 th December	Children can wear Christmas jumpers with their uniform	
Thursday 20 th December	School closes at 12.45 there will be no afterschool care or holiday club Christmas holidays are 20 th December until 7 th January	

Monday 7 th January	Return to school 8.50am start Breakfast club 7.50am	
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Please note for the most up to date list of activities and events please visit the school website, www.victoriaschool.org.uk or contact admin@victoria-inf-workington.cumbria.sch.uk