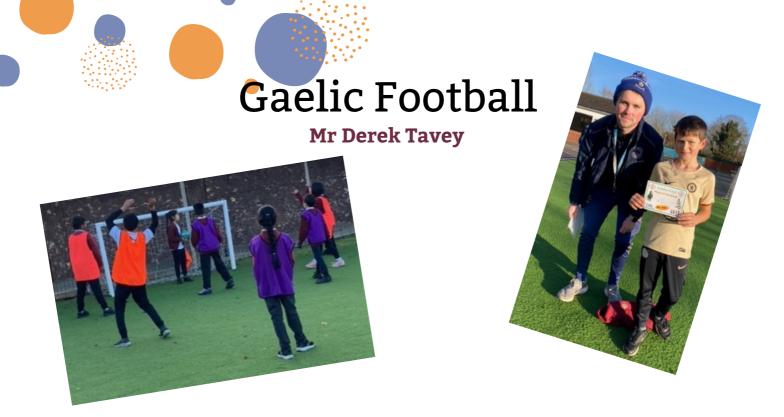


Mr David Lee

A quick note to let you know that the boy who got injured in the playground yesterday was sent home from hospital last night and was back at school this morning.

On another note, it is always sad when we say good bye to a member of staff, especially when they have become so much part of what we do and believe in at Victoria Junior School. I am sad to let you all know that Mrs. Lewis will be leaving Victoria in the New Year, on Friday, 12th January.

Mrs. Lewis has worked here since 2006, starting as a class teacher. She has had many roles within the school and always given her very best and always putting the children at the heart of what she does. Mrs. Lewis is taking a break from education for a while and I know you will join everyone at Victoria Junior School in wishing the very best for her and her family.



Following on from the success of last year, Coach Cormac has returned to deliver another 6 week training block of Gaelic Football (GAA) to us here in VJS. He has been absolutely blown away by the speed at which the children have grasped the necessary skills needed to play the sport and the passion and commitment they have shown during lessons.
Furthermore, the children have been totally enthused by the sessions and are very sad to know it's coming to an end.



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Cormac also stated that he strongly believes a number of children in our school have already shown enough promise to be future stars of the sport at a very high level.

For further information about the sport, and the locations of local clubs for children to join, please see Mr Tavey in Year 5.



Christmas Dates and Events Mrs Io Lewis

With only a few weeks to go, I thought it useful to let you know about our Christmas Events as we fast approach the end of term.

Present Sale 🛛 🍋



Thank you to everyone who donated books, toys and gifts for this fantastic event on Tuesday. You were so generous we filled the school hall! It was our first Present Sale and we are pleased to say we found good homes for all the toys and books. School events like these are only possible because of the generosity of our school community and the tireless hard work from our Parent Volunteers.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped to set up, sell and tidied up after. We raised a total of £207 for the PTA.

Christmas Jumper Day Yave the Children

Christmas Jumper Day took place on Thursday this week, and kids and adults got to put on a silly jumper to raise money for those children who are facing serious issues like war, hunger and poverty.

Together we have raised over £200 so far, and if you would still like to donate but have not had a chance to do so, Miss Shea will be collecting on the school gates on Monday, and again at the Year 3 Nativity performance.

Coming Up Year 3 Nativity Performance

Monday 11th, December - Performance to the other Year Groups

Tuesday 12th, December - Performance for Parents and Carers -2:00pm

Wednesday 13th, December - Performance for Parents and Carers - 6:00pm

Please note: Year 3 children need to be picked up on Wednesday and come back at 5:30pm. Approximate finish time is 7:00pm.

Coffee Morning - Tuesday, 12th December 2023

Everyone welcome! We will be sharing card games and games in general to play with the family over the holiday season. This will be a great opportunity to meet new parents and carers! From 9:00 to 10:00am.

Children's Christmas Disco - 5:00 to 6:30pm

Lower Phase - Tuesday, 12th December 2023

Upper Phase - Thursday, 14th December 2023

No school uniform!





Sing Club Performance to Parents and Carers -Wednesday, 13th December 2023

If your child is in Sing Club, then could you please come at 4:10 pm to collect them, and then be ready for a special performance!

Breakfast Club - One Day Next Week

Coming up on one morning next week in Breakfast Club, we will be serving waffles, fresh fruit and cream.

Children's Christmas Lunch - Wednesday, 20th December 2023

If your child already has school dinners, then you can just order your lunch as usual.

If your child normally has a packed lunch and you would like to for them to join in the festivities, you will need book online through ParentPay.

All bookings must be made by **Wednesday, 13th December** so that the ingredients can be ordered in time.

Last Day of School - Thursday, 21st December 2023 School closes at 2:00pm for children.