

Thursday, 19th October 2023

VJS NEWS



Proud To Be Me, Proud To Belong

Mrs Sabina Wolczynski, Deputy Headteacher

Mr. Lee is away on our Year 6 PGL Residential to Marchant's Hill, so I am stepping in to write the front page of the newsletter today.

It has been a very busy week at VJS! On Tuesday, we had our International Morning which was a resounding success. Thank you so much to everyone involved, and in particular the parent volunteers who helped set up and helped on the tables, and the PTA who did an amazing job with the refreshments. Lots of photos will be shared with you in our Inclusion Update newsletter at the beginning of next half term, but I have added the ones that went out on social media to this newsletter.

Twenty five Year 6 pupils, along with Mr. Lee, Mrs. Barham and Mrs. Wright left yesterday morning for our annual residential trip. There will be a write-up and photographs in our next newsletter.

The Year 6 children who have remained at school have had two exciting activity days, with an "Animal Encounters" workshop yesterday, complete with snakes, owls, tarantulas and a desert fox! Today, they have had a sports tournament and were operating on a banana as part of a team-building exercise.

Have a wonderful half term break!

International Morning Tuesday, 17th October 2023



Girls' Football Festival

by Mr Hemmings - Teaching Assistant and Sports Coach

On Tuesday, 10th October, I took ten girls to the Girls' Football Festival at Springwest School. We competed against nine other schools, plying four different games: 3v3 matches, handball and volleys, capture the footballs and a 6 side a match.

The girls played extremely well in all the different games and really showed off their skills in the 3v3 and 6 a side matches - winning 4 games out of 5!

We had eight girls from Year 6: Aaliyah, Xhoana, Nicole, Habiba, Sophie, Lily, Ezgi and Anna who were great role models as well as great players.

We also brought Hannah from Year 5, as well two Year 4 girls - Alisha and Maraya - who all demonstrated great confidence and ability in a Year 5/6 Festival.





Victoria Junior School took part in Hounslow's Summer of Culture event, where they worked with artist Chris Squire from Impossible Arts to create vocal narratives of school children explaining what 'culture' means to them.

Our children's voices will be projected on three large translucent 'heads' - each about 2.5m tall - magically animated by projections to make them appear to move, blink and almost come alive.

If you are interested in attending this free event, then you will need to book tickets via <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/blenheim-lights-tickets-730307167397>

OUR PARK PRESENTS...

BLENNHEIM LIGHTS

FIREWORKS
FOOD
FUNFAIR
ENTERTAINMENT
STALLS

SATURDAY 28
OCTOBER

BLENNHEIM
PARK 2 - 9PM

📍 FELTHAM, TW14 9AA
HAWKES ROAD ENTRANCE

FIREWORKS START AT 8PM

London Borough of Hounslow | Lampton Services | **FUNFAIR**

Book your FREE tickets by visiting:
www.hounslow.gov.uk/hounslowevents
*Limited capacity, book to avoid disappointment



Upcoming Dates

INSET Day - Friday, 20th October 2023

School is closed to all pupils.

Children will return to school on Monday, 30th October 2023.

Coffee Morning - Tuesday, 31st October 2023

No coffee morning, due to the SEND Session being in the same week.

SEND Session - Friday, 3rd November 2023

Unlocking Language

This session is the postponed one that coincided with the International Event.

All are welcome.

Unlocking Language is the Victoria's speech and language therapy service that completes assessment and intervention of speech, language, communication, voice and swallowing disorders. The session will focus on what support looks like whilst they are in school, as well as strategies and tips to support at home.

Coffee Morning - Tuesday, 7th November 2023

Stronger Relationships Parenting Programme - by Stronger Families, Stronger Communities

This local group is joining Victoria to come and talk about how this free programme can be delivered.

Please see the attached poster below.



Permanent and Relief SMSAS

Please find the advertisement and application form in the “Vacancies” section of our website.

Parent Governor Vacancy

Please see the “Governors” section of our website. For more information, please see Mr. Lee.

Brite Box Parent Volunteer Vacancy

For more information, please see Mrs. Begum.

Sing Club

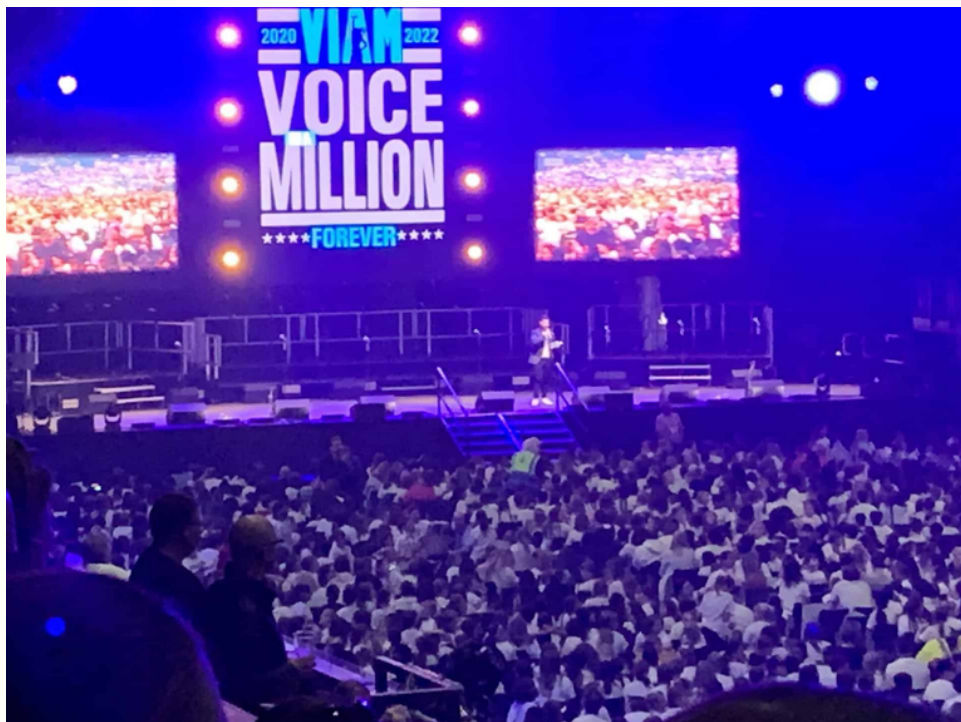
Miss Haye, Victoria Junior School's music teacher, will be running Sing Club in the hall on Wednesdays from 3:20 to 4:20. The main purpose is to sing and have fun singing, as well as rehearse and perform at some of our special events, celebrations and community events.

Our first community performance will be at Wembley Stadium! We have joined up with Voice in a Million to come together united in song and perform in front of our families and friends on the 30th of March. This link is from a previous year's rehearsal and performance to show you what to expect <https://youtu.be/TpTpV-K6KmA>.

Any pupil is welcome to join, and so if you are interested in joining Sing Club then please sign up through Parent Pay. Each session costs £4, however we ask that once you sign up, then you must commit to the performance. The total number of weeks is 18. This cost of the club will provide transport to and from the Wembley performance.

The first session is on the 1st November, which is the first week after the Autumn half-term.

Looking forward to seeing you.



SFSC: Stronger Relationships Parenting Programme



Join SFSC,
A supportive
and inclusive
FREE parenting
programme.

Gain empowering skills for
co-parenting, whether living together
or apart.

Equip yourself with tools to tackle
parenting challenges, from school
success to online safety.

3 hours/week for 13 weeks, with free
childcare and refreshments.

The course will help you to:

- Build positive family relationships
- Manage anger and stress
- Implement Effective Discipline Strategies
- Communicate clearly with your co-parent
- Understand Your Child's Development
- Co-parent your children effectively
- Connect with Others and Share Ideas

Discover if it's
right for you!
Attend an
introductory
session, bring a
friend or
co-parent

Location: Hanworth Methodist Church,
Churchfields Avenue, Hanworth, TW13 5NT

Date: 4/11/2023 **Time:** 2pm

Contact : 07926 696502



MAYOR OF LONDON

MAYOR OF LONDON'S CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION 2023



Credit: Last year's winning design by Sanai, age 11 from Our Lady and St Philip Neri RC School.

This year, we're inviting pupils to design a card on the theme, 'Together at Christmas'. **We want your pupils to show scenes that highlight the sense of belonging, support, and shared joy that define a welcoming community.**

The competition is open to 4 to 14 year olds, and the winner's artwork will feature on the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan's Christmas card for 2023. This will be sent to dignitaries across the world, including our sovereign, **His Majesty King Charles III!**

The winner will have their Christmas card personally signed by the Mayor, receive a certificate, copies of the card to send to their friends and family and a £100 gift voucher from our competition partner [Cass Art](#), the UK's leading art supplies retailer. There will also be two highly commended entries that will each receive a certificate and a £30 Cass Art gift voucher.

If you would like to enter, original artwork designs should be on A4 white paper. Designs must be in colour – coloured pencils, paint, crayons, and felt tips could all be used. However, no additional material like tinsel, glitter or sequins glued onto the entry.

Please hand to Miss Trew by Thursday, 2nd November 2023, so that she can send them off on time.

Good luck!