

Friday, 3rd March 2023

VJS NEWS

Proud To Be Me, Proud To Belong



Mr David Lee, Headteacher

Today has been a special day here at Victoria Junior School.

Seeing all the children sharing books and reading to a buddy from a different class is always such an important occasion and this time the enjoyment it has brought has felt very special.

Seeing all the children come in clothes that represent their favourite colour felt wonderful too. School age children do not often get the opportunity to show their individuality through clothing and it has been lovely to hear so many able to talk about their clothes and what they represent.

Seeing so many children buy books from the Book Fair and be so enthusiastic about the selections they have made (last day today)!

And finally seeing all the cakes that have been brought in to VJS to sell and support our PTA has felt very special too. Thank you to you all; for your contributions, your baking and for buying the cakes.

Have a lovely weekend!

Dates for the diary

6th March - Ash Class trip to the Mosque

7th and 9th March - Parents/Carers' Consultation Evenings

17th March - Year 5 trip to Springwest Academy

PROBLEM-SOLVING STARS

Remember to see
your class teacher
for a merit!

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Year 3

Elm: David and Shirneeth

Oak: Zoja and Pranav

Ash: Mikheil and
Zainab

Year 4

Beech: Sami and Naisha

Rowan: Hollie and
Shaurya

Ebony:

Year 5

Magnolia: Kenzie and
Tanvik

Holly: Lily and Anish

Willow: Ben and
Harshvir

Year 6

Cherry: Ishaq and Filip

Chestnut:

Laurel: Sophie and Rita



World Book Day 2023

To celebrate World Book Day this year, we looked at the "My Strong Mind" series of books by Niels van Hove, focusing on the children's mental well-being and developing self-confidence.

It was lovely to see so many children wearing the colours that make them feel happy today and talking about why they had chosen that particular colour. Pink, green and blue seemed to be the stand-out colours among our staff and children. Throughout the day, children took part in activities relating to celebrating books and one of the "My Strong Mind" series. We started the day with an assembly, during which we shared the first book in the series.

Every class took part in an activity relating to their year group's book, focusing on themes, including: feeling proud of our accomplishments, the importance of positive thinking and working towards goals - all of which relate to our school values.

During the afternoon, our Upper Phase Reading Champions went to classes across the school to share their thoughts on the books they have read this term, as well as announce the winners for each year group for entries handed in of World Book Day tasks. Each child was awarded a £5 book voucher to spend at the Book Fair.

Year 3 - Henry Watts

Year 4 - Luke Baker

Year 5 - Advaith Labishetty

Year 6 - Sriya Biswas

Overall Winner - Shwetha Sivakumar

Finally, the whole school took part in a Reading Buddy Swap. Classes from Lower and Upper Phase swapped children to give them an opportunity to share what they are currently reading and have conversations about their reading. It was fantastic to see how enthusiastic the children were about sharing their books with new faces and their excitement as they travelled around the school was contagious!

Happy World Book Day!
Mrs Barham and Mrs Seevakreedam