



Dear families,

Unbelievably it is the first of April and the end of the Spring term with only Summer to go before the end of the academic year! I am hoping that the weather will warm up over the next few weeks.

To my delight I was invited to a 'publishing party' in year three this morning. It was wonderful to see how excited the children were about the stories they have been writing. The vocabulary they have used and the story lines were really very impressive. The stimulus was a book called *Leon and the Place Between* written by Angela McAllister.

My next stop was year 5 to find them dressed up as Ancient Greeks. Their learning today will be focussed on Greek Myth poems which they are going to act out later. I then went to find year 4 making switches for an electric circuit in science. Year 2 have been making models of tudor houses. And there has been some baking in the pupils' kitchen. These are just a few examples of our creative curriculum being taught across the school.

Next term we are starting a series of class assemblies. These will be short assemblies that you are welcome to join where the children will show off some of their work and the things they have been learning at school. Year 5 are going first - please check the dates below and on the calendar on the website.

Thank you very much to the PTA for funding the new playground equipment which includes a football goal and basketball hoop. We are hoping to develop the 'muddy bank' at the side of the playground outside year 3 and 4 very soon. The quotes are in so hopefully the work can commence in the near future. Thank you to everyone who buys cakes, helps plan and run discos, comes to the fairs and all those hands behind the scenes planning these events to raise money for the children at The Vineyard.

Wishing you all a lovely Easter break.

All the best,
Frances Bracegirdle

Upcoming Events

Mon 4 Apr -
Fri 15 Apr

EASTER HOLIDAYS

Mon 18 Apr

Bank Holiday - School Closed

Tue 19 Apr

First Day of Summer Term

Fri 22 Apr

Earth Day Non-uniform Day

Mon 25 Apr

Beryl Class Assembly, 2:45pm

Tue 26 Apr

Moonstone Class Assembly, 2:45pm

Thu 28 Apr

Starlite Class Assembly, 2:45pm

Mon 2 May

May Day Bank Holiday - School Closed



At the end of April Bianca is going to have her first ever haircut. She is going to donate her hair to the Little Princess Trust which is a charity that makes wigs for children who have cancer. It costs £550 to make one wig and this is Bianca's target. If you would like to make a donation please click on the link [Just giving](#). I feel very proud to have such a thoughtful young lady at The Vineyard.

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Class News

Reception

Another super two weeks in Reception! Last week, the children learned about Spring and compared it with the other seasons. In the lovely sunshine, they explored the Learning Garden to hunt for signs of Spring and wrote super sentences about their favourite season. This week, their topic learning has focused on the Easter story. In maths, the children have been writing number sentences and learning number bonds to 10 (two numbers that total ten).

Year 1

Year 1 have had a fantastic two weeks. The children were so creative as they built their stable structures in DT. Following their plans and the techniques they had learnt, children made doors, windows, ramps and even legs to hold up their structures. Pupils used a variety of materials to build their models, thank you to parents and carers for all of the recycling you provided, it was put to great use! We concluded our learning about festivals in RE by exploring the similarities and differences between the Muslim festival of Eid al Fitr and the Christian festival of Easter. We learnt about the ways people celebrate, the lead up to the festivals, the food people eat as well as the decorations at home and in places of worship. In Maths we have enjoyed our learning focused on measurement. This week we explored volume and capacity, it was lots of fun using cups of water to compare which cups were 'full', 'nearly full', 'empty' and 'nearly empty', we made quite a splash! We look forward to lots more brilliant learning in the Summer Term!

Year 2

This week in Year 2 has been a busy one indeed! In History and DT this week, we have been continuing our learning on the Great Fire of London, focusing on Tudor Houses. We designed, created and built our Tudor houses, ready to display on Friday! We used a variety of materials and made sure we kept to the traditional Tudor house architecture. We cannot wait to show you our results! In science, we became scientists! We conducted our own experiments based on which material would be best to make a scuba suit for Traction Man! We started the week by making our very own Traction Man who we each used to test the materials. Then, we tested a variety of materials, in water, including foil, plastic, fabric and cotton wool. In order to record our results, we created tables in our books and measured a fair test. The results came out very interesting and it was a fantastic experiment to do! We had so much fun and it was great to become investigative scientists! Alongside all of this, we have also been working hard in English and maths! In maths, we have started our new topic of measurement – this week focusing on cm and m. We have measured and compared the lengths of different objects, including our friends and teachers! In English, we have been continuing with our cross curricular story 'Vlad and the Great Fire' by Kate Cunningham. We have been recapping our expanded noun phrases, trick of three and rhetorical questions to create our own adverts for sweet treats, which we designed for Thomas Farriner's bakery! We hope you all have a wonderful Easter break!

Year 3

In Year 3, we have been publishing our stories this week about our journeys "to the place in between" and we look forward to our publishing party on Friday morning. We will also be checking how well our plants have been doing without the things that they need to survive: water, air, light and nutrients - we may see some disappointed faces... In maths, we continued to practice how to measure and calculate perimeter using string, rulers and metre sticks. We are really challenging ourselves with converting measures between mm, cm and metres. Finally, pianos could be heard playing notes in our computing lesson as we programmed keyboards which made sound and changed colour when we pressed the correct letters. It has been a great term in Year 3 and we look forward to continuing the learning in the Summer term.

Year 4

Year 4 have had an adventurous week! We have been creating our own written narratives for the beautiful picture book 'Here I am' and have enjoyed the boy's journey of seeing the wonder of the world around him. We have finished our topic on fractions and are now looking forward to dealing with decimals. Our discussions over the weeks focusing on balanced diets, inspired by Nadya Hussain, culminated in our own bake offs in which we designed and made delicious pastries using healthy ingredients. The highlight of the week was probably the trip to Marble Hill Adventure playground as part of our orienteering and adventure PE sessions. A lovely walk along the riverside to the park, where the teachers were impressed by our team work, responsible behaviour and ability to take on challenges. Well done Year 4.

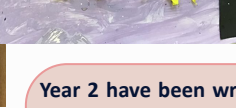
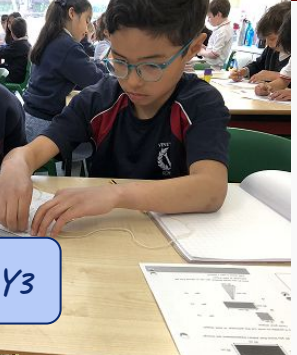
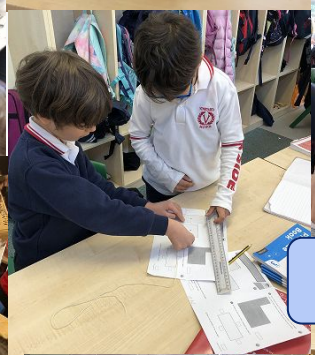
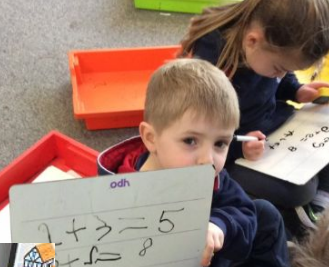
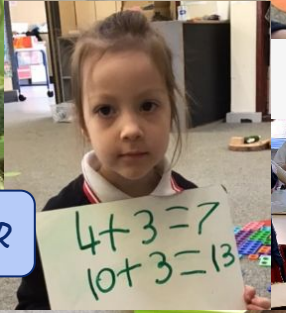
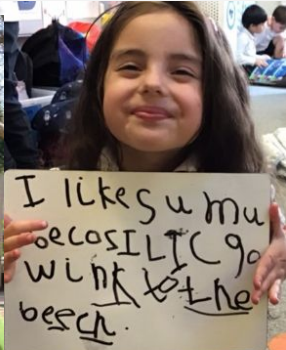
Year 5

Year 5 has been basking in the sun both literally and metaphorically. Doing cricket in PE was an eye-opener for many children who found a new found love of the sport. Additionally, in Design & Technology we have successfully accomplished an understanding of bridge construction and we are excited to build our prototypes. Along with this, we have been learning about the audacious Alcatraz prison escape of 1962 in English; there has been a real sense of excitement about this topic.

Year 6

This week, Year 6 have been developing their creative writing skills by producing powerful setting and character descriptions, ready for a narrative piece after the Easter Break. In maths, we started our unit of work on statistics by interpreting line graphs and pie charts. We completed our history work on women's suffrage by looking at its legacy and considered how things have changed for women now and were impressed with the children's analytical skills during this session! Finally, the half term's work on mixed media collage has culminated in the children producing their final piece, inspired by the work of Eloise Renouf and John Piper.

Photos



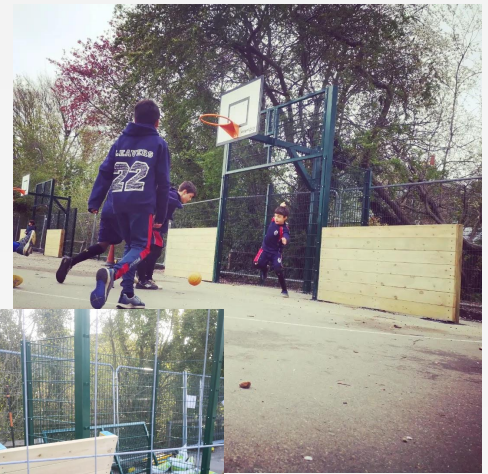
Year 2 have been writing and reading their own fantastic poems. Here is one by Mary Gallagher.

Four Seasons

In Winter, my bare twigs like fingers
Reach towards grey sky, grasping for light.
In Spring my, my branches like arms
Cradle nests of young birds like a loving parent,
In Summer, my leaves like sparkling emeralds Hang in heavy bunches shading picnickers below.
In Autumn, my trunk as strong as a steel
Stands firm as the wind rips of my golden leaves.



Congratulations to the Y6 Football team for making the Plate final. The squad have also progressed to the next stage of Richmond league



From construction to completion. Children are enjoying the new combo goal and hoop equipment funded by the Vineyard PTA



A group of year 4 boys experienced their first Football Tournament

On Monday Y6 played Golf in t-shirts and shorts, by Thursday Y5 were playing golf in the snow!

