



Vigo Primary Newsletter

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Message From
Mrs Dance

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have enjoyed a great week.

I apologise for the IT difficulties we have faced this week. Unfortunately, there have been technical issues with our internet which has resulted in our new website and email system not working as it should. We have been assured by our internet and third-party IT provider that these technical issues are being resolved. I appreciate the frustration that this will have caused and thank you for your patience.

At the end of last week and this week we have welcomed fellow education professionals into school. It has been wonderful to hear from them how impressed they are with our children's exemplification of our MIRROR values both in their learning and around the school. They have complimented our learning environment stating that our visions and values shine through. Well done team Vigo!

As always, if you have any queries or concerns, please do contact us. By working together our children will thrive and succeed.

I hope that you all have a wonderful bank holiday weekend. Fingers crossed we get to see some sunshine!

Rachel Dance

Headteacher

Attendance
Important Information

**Whole School attendance
this year 94.88%**

Best attendance, and winners of 'Albert the Attendance Alpaca' this week:



Kenya Class with 98.18%
Iceland Class with 97.2%
Australia Class with 97%
Well Done!

Please think carefully before keeping your child away from school.

As parents and carers you have a responsibility to inform the school before 9.00am if your child will not be in school, this can be done via the email address attendance@vigo.hants.sch.uk or by calling the school and selecting option 1.

[More about attendance at Vigo >>](#)

Bank Holiday



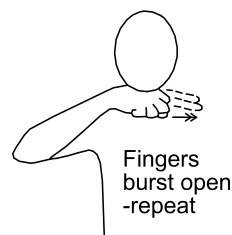
School will be closed on Bank Holiday Monday
We look forward to seeing you all
on Tuesday 7 May

*"The ideals which have lighted my way,
and time after time have given me new
courage to face life cheerfully, have been
kindness, beauty, and truth"*

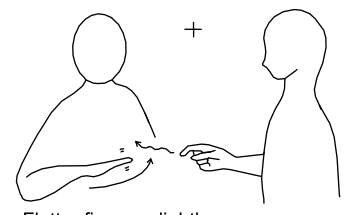
Albert Einstein

Sign of the Week

There are two signs for this week



Fingers
burst open
-repeat



Flutter fingers slightly

This is the sign for **frog** This is the sign for **tadpole**
ask your child to sign with you

Malala Yousafzai:
3446

Rosa Parks:
4120

Anne Frank:
3227

Nick Vujicic:
3488

Nationality Day

On the 20th May the Junior Governors will be hosting a Nationality Day to celebrate the wide range of cultures that our children come from, as it is the week for celebrating Cultural Diversity internationally.

As a school we will be celebrating with a range of activities including 'Snacks from around the World' which will be available to the children during their morning break. These will be provided free of charge by the school. All snacks will be clearly labelled with ingredients and will be nut free.

This is a normal school uniform day but if the children have anything they would like to bring in to show their class about their culture or heritage we would love to showcase it and teach the children more about the world.

If there are any parents who would like to share anything fun or interesting about their culture to the children this would be very welcome, please email adminoffice@vigo.hants.sch.uk.



Milkshake Time

Congratulations to the following children who were selected for Milkshake time:

Rex M	Ruby B	Vinny D	Lily R
Emmy C	Esmei S	Josie J	Lidia R
Yalin L	Zoe C	Samual W	Mason G
Lily C	Olly G	Elise A	Mia D
Alexandria R	Jacob W		

Donations from ACE

We are very lucky at Vigo to receive donations of food from Andover Community Engage (ACE) every Wednesday. These donations are then put outside the main office so that any family in need can help themselves.

Please can we remind all Parents and Carers that we are a large school, so please only take one or two items at a time to give more families a chance to benefit.

We are aware that many of our families are struggling and it can be difficult to ask for help. We do not want to start monitoring who has access to these donations, however we have received reports that a few families are taking large numbers of items at a time.

If you are struggling to cover your bills please let the school know, we may be able to help, for example by providing vouchers for a food bank.

Summer Term 1 2024	
15/04/2024	School Open for all Students
16/04/2024	Yr 4 Trip to the Living Rainforest
26/04/2024	FoVP Dress Down Day—Donations to ACE
20/05/2024	Nationality Day
20-24/05/2024	Walk to School Week
21/05/2024	Junior Governors Trip
24/05/2024	Inset Day 4
27 - 31/05/2024 Half Term to Summer Term 2	
03/06/2024	School Open for all Students
06/06/2024	Yr 1 Trip to Marwell Zoo
07/06/2024	Year 2 Trip to Sea City—Details to follow
28/06/2024	Country Dancing Festival, the team will travel to John Hanson School
29/06/2024	School Choir singing at Armed Forces Day—details to follow
01/07/2024	Inset Day 5
15/07/2024	Yr 6 Graduation at The Lights
17/07/2024	Yr 6 Production 13:45
18/07/2024	Yr 6 Production 17:00
19/07/2024	Yr 6 Trip to Paultons Park—Details to follow
22/07/2024	Yr 6 Leaver's Assembly
23/07/2024 End of Summer Term	
Inset Days 2024-2025	
2 September 2024	
3 September 2024	
6 January 2025	
24 February 2025	
2 June 2025	

Absence

Please can we remind you that it is your responsibility to report your child's absence from school. This should be done in a timely manner and on each day of their absence.

Safeguarding children is our number one priority and we will use all contacts given to locate your child if an absence is unreported. We are duty bound to report missing children to the police if necessary.

Supporting Winchester University Student Teachers

We would like to share the amazing news of our recent contributions towards the Ofsted inspection of our partnership training provider, The University of Winchester, who were recently awarded OUTSTANDING by Ofsted March 2024.

As a partnership school, Vigo Primary School, along with 9 other schools inspected, has contributed towards the "High-quality mentoring which is remarkably consistent across the partnership. Supported by a highly effective team of link tutors, mentors faithfully follow agreed approaches, but rightly feel trusted to flex and adapt when needed. This represents an extremely effective partnership between schools and provider".

Walk to School Week 20 – 24 May 2018

20-24 May is "Walk to School Week". This is a national event to encourage parents and children who would normally travel to school by car to make a special effort to walk (or to walk part of the way if it is not possible to walk all the way).

Further information from Hampshire County Council was emailed home on Tuesday 30 April.

100% Attendance

As part of Vigo's aim for amazing attendance, a weekly raffle will be drawn for children with 100% attendance. Each Friday, a child from each year with 100% attendance that week will win a special ticket to have a dip in The Meadow prize box.

Year R - Saksham G

Year 1 - Maddie L

Year 2 - Arthur G-H

Year 3 - Maci P

Year 4 - Jayden F

Year 5 - Sarita B

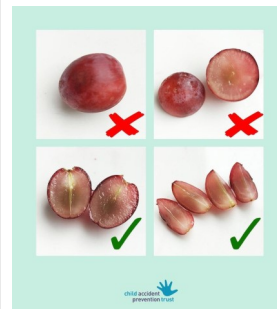
Year 6 - Mia D



Wildlife Trust Children's Poetry Event

Are you aged 7-11? Do you enjoy creative writing? Then it's time to get inspired by the wonderful world of chalk streams! Enter your poem, and you could be a winner in the Tales from the Riverbank Poetry Competition. You could win £75 of National Book Tokens, and have your poem published in a special booklet. All information about the tales from the river bank event, including details of the competition and how to enter, can be found here: <https://www.hiwwt.org.uk/events/2024-06-01-tales-riverbank-childrens-poetry-workshop>

Choking—Grapes



Each day around 40 under-5s are taken to hospital after choking on something or swallowing something dangerous.

Grapes are the third most common cause of death in food-related accidents. The size and shape of them can completely plug a child's airway. Always chop grapes in half lengthways and ideally into quarters.

Free School Meals

We would request that all parents who might be entitled to free school meals complete the simple on line form at <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/hants> to confirm eligibility. If you are eligible this provides additional funds to help support your child at school and we will also provide you with a free school jumper, each year. We understand that all of Year R, 1 and 2 are currently provided with Universal Free School Meals through the government scheme but this is a completely different scheme. We are more than happy to help you with this procedure which normally takes about 5 minutes, please contact the school office. Thank you.

Wet Weather

Please can you ensure that children have a coat suitable for the weather conditions each day, especially on Forest School days.

We will always try and get the children outside at breaks and lunchtimes, even if it is cold or wet.

Owlets

Penguin	Niyah H	for showing such enthusiasm for writing this term. It's wonderful to see her using her Phonics and writing words more independently.
	Nadia K	for being so sensible whilst on our recent visit to the local garden centre.
Seal	Raisa S	for her fantastic work in all areas of year R this week. especially in her Phonics. She has been working extremely hard in using her sounds to write tricky words and holding sentences in her head. Well done! You should be proud Raisa!
	Daisy C	for her outstanding writing! She worked independently and wrote the story of Jack and the Beanstalk, using her Phonics. Well done Daisy.
Whale	Georgiana M	for working so hard in her Phonics and writing. She also created a beautiful picture of a beanstalk as part of drawing club. Well done Georgiana!
	Stanley B	for working so hard in Phonics and showing great progress in his handwriting! Well done Stanley!
Iceland	Chester D	for his independent Maths work and trying really hard to earn Dojo points.
Norway	Caleb S	for working independently answering questions in English related to the Enormous turnip. Super work Caleb!
	Ava B	for her lovely handwriting in English telling the story of the Enormous Turnip.
Portugal	Madelyn B	for consistently being a responsible, helpful, kind and sensible member of Portugal Class
	Sophia C	for super independent Maths work this week, well done!
Brazil	Kaiyah P	for working really hard on her reading and practicing her spellings at home.
	Dorothy K	for being resilient and trying her best with her writing.
Chile	Ava H	for her fantastic reading progress. Well done, Ava!
Peru	Raven D	for always trying her hardest in all her learning.
	Freya M	for trying so hard in Maths, learning about fractions.
Australia	Logan M	for your fantastic writing in English. Your descriptive language has wowed us!
	Maci P	for exceptional work in all subjects, you continue to amaze. Well done!
New Zealand	Leo H	for his AMAZING achievement of reaching free reader! We are all so proud of you!
	Scarlett C	for showing so much motivation towards EVERYTHING she does in school, she's a role model to her peers!
Georgia	Cameron P	for showing resilience and motivation by challenging himself relentlessly in Maths
	Jayne M	for representing the school with pride and maturity at the racket skills tournament
Japan	Oliver B	for showing great resilience recently and dealing with a lot of change positively.
	Isabella K	for being a respectful member of Japan class and supporting others when they need help.
Nepal	Wiktorija M	for continually showing her MIRROR values in class and being a pleasure to teach
	Jimmy J	for persevering to show resilience in challenging situations.
Costa Rica	Michael B	for being a positive role model in the school.
	Serafym D	for за прояв гарної трудової етики в математиці
USA	Daisy B	for independently writing an informative double-page spread all about the heart.
	Zachary B	for showing independence and open-mindedness in your great solo performance in Music
Ghana	Jack G	for always giving his full effort in all lessons, he shows great motivation and independence. Keep up the excellent attitude Jack!
	Cassie F	for holding high expectations for herself and modelling the MIRROR values in all that she does. A model pupil in class- well done Cassie!
Kenya	Pavel D	for a fantastic piece of descriptive writing in English
	Jessica P	for a fantastic piece of descriptive writing in English
Madagascar	Hannah B	for working hard and showing a positive attitude in all aspects of her learning.
	Max Y	for working hard at everything he does and being an excellent role model to his peers.
South Africa	Rosa W	for always being a caring and considerate member of the class. Thank you, Rosa!
	Isabella H	for being motivated to improve in Maths and always putting in extra effort. Well done!