

**VICTORIA PRIMARY SCHOOL  
NEWSLETTER – 25<sup>th</sup> March 2010**

Dear Parents,

Charity Fund raising

As always parents of our school generously support the children's fund raising efforts for others less fortunate than themselves. Many thanks for:

- £1006 raised by the Infant and Nursery classes as part of the Mini Pots of Care Project. The money goes to Marie Curie Care.
- £700 raised for our partner school Ty-Academy Lesotho by the School Council's disco and raffle and the Year 5 Fair Trade Coffee Morning.

Thank you to all children who participated in the above events.

- This coming Friday children will have a non-uniform day and any donations received will go to Ty-Hafan.

Town Mayor's Christmas Painting Competition

Congratulations to our pupils who swept the board in the Town Mayor's Christmas Painting Competition.

Individual Winners

Under 5's Alice B

Under 8's Owen W

Under 11's Carlo M

Victoria was the overall winner of both the Infant and Junior sections.

Thanks to Mrs David who organised the entries from school.

Llangrannog Residential Weekend

Pupils returned exhausted from their fun packed activity weekend at Llangrannog. They all enjoyed themselves and were very well behaved. Llangrannog staff praised the children's efforts and excellent behaviour. My thanks to the staff who gave up their weekend to give the children such a wonderful opportunity. Miss Najjar, Mr Price, Mr James, Mrs Kerr and Mrs Halliwell all enjoyed the weekend too but looked a little tired by the end of the day on Monday.

Yr 5 have another exciting shelter building day at Margam Park on this coming Friday. This incorporates their design technology skills and helps them to reflect on the significance of shelters during World War 2. This trip is a very good example of the school's cross curricular approach to learning and encourages pupils to work collaboratively.

INSET Days

The remaining INSET days for this term will be the last two days of term 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> July and General Election day – date to be confirmed.

Breakfast Club

May I remind parents that children should not be dropped off or sent into school unaccompanied before 8.45 a.m. The school is not responsible for them until this time.

Please take advantage of our free breakfast club funded by the Welsh Assembly. Pupils can be taken to the canteen between 8.10 – 8.35 a.m. they will be given a healthy breakfast and supervised until 8.45 when Infants are taken to classes and Junior pupils go the the yard to play. Call at the office to complete one simple form and your child can attend as and when needed.

Dinner money

Vale Catering Services have informed us that school dinner charges will rise by 10p per day from the 12<sup>th</sup> April. Therefore in the new term dinners will be £1.80 per day, £9.00 per week. Please send dinner money in advance on Monday mornings. Please put in an envelope clearly labelled with your child's name and class. If you wish to pay in advance for a number of weeks or the term please see Mrs Moreton in the school office.

Message from our Crossing Lady

Mrs Reagan is concerned about the number of parents who start across the zebra crossing but then deviate off to the left or right therefore walking on the road. This puts everyone in danger and teaches the children bad habits. It also makes control of the crossing more difficult. Please ensure you cross from pavement to pavement using the designated area.

### Parking

The crossing is often obscured because of parents parking on the zig-zag lines and yellow lines near the school. We are all being encouraged to be more active so please park well away from the school and walk to and from the car or to and from the house.

### Vouchers

We are collecting Tesco vouchers and Sainsbury vouchers. Collection boxes are in the corridor outside the school offices.

### PTA

The PTA continue to work very hard to raise much needed funds for additional school resources for off site activities for the children.

The Mother's Day Secret Room was a great success raising £556.

My sincere thanks to all the parent volunteers who wrapped the presents so beautifully and thanks to parents and staff for their generous contributions.

School ends on Friday for the Easter holidays, I hope you all enjoy the time with the children.

School restarts on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April and let's hope that next term will have a few less disruptions from extreme weather.

Please note that the Summer holidays will be seven weeks this year.

End of Term for Pupils – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July.

Pupils return on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September.

Owing to this longer break we hope that parents will refrain from taking pupils out during term time.

All holiday dates are organised by the Vale of Glamorgan LEA.

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