

Friday, 5th July 2024

# VJS NEWS



*Proud To Be Me, Proud To Belong*

**Mrs. Barham, Upper Phase Leader**

## Upcoming Dates

Tuesday, 9th July - KS2 SATs results

Tuesday, 9th July - Year 5 VR Space Experience

Wednesday, 10th July - Year 3 Science Museum Trip

Wednesday, 10th - Friday, 12th July - French Café (after school)

w.c. Monday, 15th July - Year 6 Production performances

*Reminder!*

A little reminder that we are a nut-free and fish-free school due to pupils in our school having severe allergies to these foods. Please ensure that packed lunches and break time snacks do not include products that contain these ingredients (this includes chocolate spreads, cereal bars and food cooked in fish oil).

## It's Pasta Time!



11th July - Beech Class  
18th July - Ebony Class  
24th July - Rowan Class



Current Year 5 pupils will receive their Pasta Kits at the start of the new academic year!



# Springwest Visits

## Sports Days - Mr Tavey, PE Lead

Springwest Academy was once again the venue for our annual Sports Days which were held on Monday and Tuesday of this week. On Monday it was the turn of our Upper Phase pupils to display their ability, resilience, teamwork and skill as they took on a number of sporting challenges. In front of a large gathering of parents, carers and staff, the children thoroughly entertained and thrilled those watching.

On a noticeably cooler Tuesday morning, it was our Lower Phase pupils who were the stars of the show. Again, all the attributes required to make a successful competitor were on display as our younger children enthralled and excited a large audience of parents, carers and staff. Over the course of both days, the sense of community and family values at Victoria Junior School was very apparent.

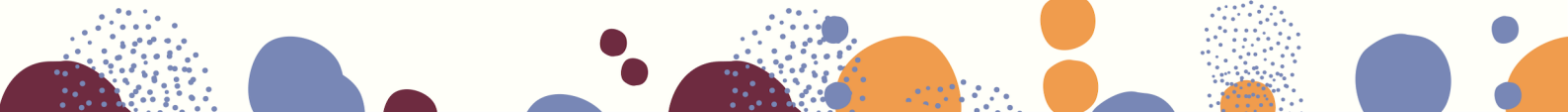
A huge thank you must go to the staff and students at Springwest Academy for the use of their facilities and their help in running each event, to the staff here at VJS for organising and assisting in the running of both days, and finally, to parents and carers of the children, who not only volunteered to help accompany our groups, but who also provided fantastic vocal support and encouragement throughout the event.

## Year 5 Taster Day - Mrs Barham

Year 5 were given the opportunity to visit Springwest Academy on Wednesday for the morning this week to give them a little insight into what secondary school is like. The children had an assembly with the Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher, before spending some time on the large astroturf playing some team games. They showed fantastic teamwork and sportsmanship throughout and thoroughly enjoyed themselves! Year 5 then took part in some team building activities where their Design Technology skills were put to the test. The children were really enthusiastic and showed fantastic collaboration skills.

Before returning to Victoria Junior School, the children ate lunch in the school canteen.

The staff at Springwest were extremely complimentary of our pupils' behaviour and attitude while they were at the school, saying how kind and polite they all were. They were fantastic representatives of our school. Well done Year 5!





## Year 5

It was been an eventful week in Year 5. We started of with our Sports Day on Monday at Springwest Academy which the children, parents and staff really enjoyed. On Wednesday, we visited Springwest Academy again for a secondary school taster day. The children experienced a PE lesson which they really enjoyed. They worked well in their teams and participated in a range of activities. They were amazed by the amount of space they had and are looking forward to the years ahead. They then experienced a character building lesson in which they worked on the skill of collaboration. They worked in teams to build a replica of the Leaning Tower of Pisa. The task involved ensuring their towers or buildings had a strong base and height. The children were up for the challenge and we had a range of different models. In Mathematics, we have been learning about time, durations and timetables. The children have done well with this and we have highlighted the importance of these skills as they will come in use now and in the future. In Writing, we have carried on with our Mars Transmission unit and in History we have learnt about Ancient Greek art and culture. In Science, the children have used thermally conductive mats to identify items which were thermally conductive. Next week, we have a space workshop which will consolidate our learning on Earth & Space from the Autumn term.

## Year 6

Once again, Year 6 have had a very busy week. Not only have we made exceptional progress during our rehearsals for our long-awaited production, but we have also been continuing to cover all of our projects in class. The pupils continued working on their artistic skills - using mixed media to collage a beetle. The time, care and perseverance they have shown towards their work has been a joy to watch. Some of the wonderful pieces of work can be seen below -



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# Year 6 French Café

After the great success of the French Café last year, Year 6 pupils have been busy preparing to hold another French Café next week.

Wednesday, 10th July, Thursday, 11th July and Friday 12th July, @ 3.15pm

Drinks - 50p     Snacks - £1

All profits made will go towards improving languages resources across the school.

Last year, with the money raised, paid for 40 bilingual dictionaries!

Bon Appétit!

Mme Chaabane