

THE VAYNOR VOICE



OUR FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's hard to believe that next week we will be welcoming the start of December and beginning to look forward to the many fun things that will be happening in school as we run up to Christmas!

Over the last fortnight, there's been lots of exciting learning taking place across the school. Year 3 experienced life as a Roman soldier in a history workshop. They got to wear the armour, experience marching with shields, using catapults, as well as discovering many artefacts from the time. They finished off the day with pearl barley stew and hardtack (a Roman bread) made on a real fire.

Earlier in the week, the whole school got on the hunt for a missing penguin, after the children in Y1 wrote detailed missing posters about their lost pet. I am happy to report the penguin was found safe and sound and returned to Y1!

There was some unusual activity in our Reception classrooms as dark caves appeared overnight. The children found clues and heard strange growling during their lessons. I wonder if they might be 'going on a bear hunt' very soon!

2HP entertained us all this morning with their class assembly. It was lovely to see the children showcase their learning from the term and to demonstrate such confidence in their performance. Well done 2HP!

I am pleased to announce that we now have 'digital leaders' in Y4 following the children's applications for the roles earlier in the term. They are: Gabia, Arthur, Oliver, Amelie, Lexi and Otis. They will be assisting Miss Thomas with all things Computing, as well as promoting online safety across the school.

Helen Colcombe, Headteacher



Year 3 experience life as a Roman soldier



Can you hear growling? Reception explore their new caves!



Inspired to be the best that I can be!



VAYNOR VALUES	LEARNING SUPERPOWERS	
RESPECT		
HONESTY	Challenge Taker	Motivation
KINDNESS	Resilience	Independence
FORGIVENESS	Confidence	Creative
HAPPINESS	Empathy	Inquisitive

VAYNOR ARTWORK

I am pleased to tell you about 2 art projects that some of our children have been participating in. In year 1, children have created 3 beautiful kingfishers as part of a community project. These kingfishers will be on display in the Kingfisher Shopping Centre in town very soon, so please pop along to see them.

Children in year 4 have created a colourful Christmas tree as a project with Botany Bay nursery in Astwood Bank. Their tree will be part of a display at the nursery along with



The Kingfishers artwork created by Year 1 children for display in the town centre.

Key Dates

- 6th December - 9.30 RCH Nativity**
- 7th December - 9.30 RAA Nativity**
- 8th December - 9.30 RDJ Nativity**
- 9th December - 9.00-12.00 PTA Santa's Workshop**
- 13th December - Christmas Dinner YR, Y3 & Y4**
- 14th December - Christmas Dinner Y1 & Y2**
- 18th December - Christmas Panto for all children**
- 20th December - Christmas Parties for all children**
- 22nd December - Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day**
- 22nd December - School closes for Christmas**
- 8th January - Training Day for staff**
- 9th January—School opens to all children**



Application for Reception places for September 2024

If your child was born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020 you need to apply for a school place by 15th January 2024. This needs to be completed using the online system:

www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions

If you do not have internet access, please call 01905 822700 for assistance.

The closing date for both first and middle school places is 15th January 2024



Packed Lunch Reminder



Children who bring packed lunches need to be provided with cutlery from home please. We also ask that chocolate bars and sugary drinks are not brought in as we promote a healthy diet and that products containing nuts are not brought in as we