

# NEWSLETTER

## April 2023

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### World Autism Acceptance Week

Vicarage Primary School proudly celebrated Autism Acceptance Week from March 27th to April 2nd 2023. The week was dedicated to raising awareness and promoting acceptance of autism which affects millions of individuals worldwide.

Our school community participated in a range of activities throughout the week, including assemblies, classroom activities, intervention groups and a parent workshop. Staff received training on how to support the mental health and well-being of pupils with autism. On the final day of the week, we held a non-uniform day whereby staff and children wore bright colours to show their support for those on the autism spectrum. We were thrilled to have taken part in this event and to continue fostering an inclusive environment at our school.



Attention Autism Group



Staff in their  
bright colours

Parent  
Workshop



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### School Council Visit to The Houses of Parliament

Student councillors had an exciting opportunity to visit the Houses of Parliament on March 27th. During the visit, they received a guided tour of Westminster Hall, the House of Commons chamber and the House of Lords chamber. The experience was exhilarating for the children as they learned about the history of the Houses of Parliament. The visit gave the student councillors an understanding of the workings of the UK Parliament.





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The visit also included a Laws and Debating workshop which explained how a law is made. The pupils were able to experience first-hand what a debate in the House of Lords might feel like by engaging in a debate with one another on a chosen topic. The workshop encouraged different points of view, enabling the children to present their arguments and counter arguments using logic and evidence.



The children were inspired by the experience which enhanced their debating skills, gave them an appreciation for the democratic process of law-making, and they left feeling motivated to participate in civic engagement in the future!



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### Trinity Laban Conservatoire singers



On Thursday, 30th March, a group of twenty of pupils, were invited to participate in a vocal workshop at Nelson Primary School, led by students from Trinity Laban Conservatoire, a world-renowned specialist music provider. The workshop gave our pupils an opportunity to learn new exercises and songs while singing in harmony with Nelson pupils. Our pupils' exemplary behaviour and attitude were a true representation of Vicarage Primary School and we are so proud to have them represent the school during this wonderful experience.

### Easter Lunch

Children at Vicarage Primary School enjoyed a delightful Easter lunch featuring traditional dishes including Easter-themed desserts. The joyful atmosphere was enhanced by the festive decorations, making the occasion a memorable one for everyone involved.



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### Year 3 and 4 Parent Assembly

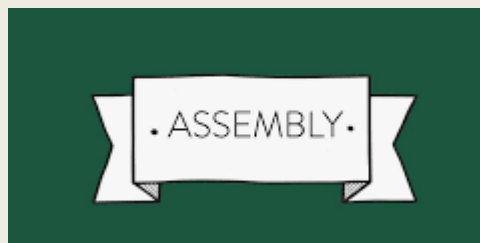
Our Year 3 and 4 pupils' wowed parents with a fantastic assembly that showcased what they have learned in history lessons.

Year 3 whizzed back in time to talk about the Stone Age. They had learnt how Stone Age people used tools made from stone and as they travelled through the Paleolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic era, how people went from hunters and gathers to becoming farmers.

Meanwhile, Year 4 pupils spoke about the fascinating Anglo-Saxon period. They shared a story of how the Anglo-Saxons settled in Britain and established their Kingdoms. Pupils explored the hierarchy and examined artefacts from this period. At the end of the presentation, they even challenged our eager parents to a quiz!



We are incredibly proud of our pupils' hard work and dedication in learning about these significant periods in history. Their enthusiasm and knowledge are truly inspiring!





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### Dates for your diary

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May** - May Bank Holiday - School closed

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May** - NEU strike - School closed for all pupils except those in Year 6

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May** - King Charles III's Coronation lunch / non-uniform day (wear red, white and blue)

**Week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> May** - After School clubs to start

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May** - King Charles III's Coronation / Bank Holiday - School closed

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May** - Year 6 SATS

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May** - Year 5 Parent assembly

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May** - Last day of Term 5

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June** - Half Term break

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June** - Staff INSET day - School closed for pupils

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June** - All pupils return to school

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