

Year Five and Six Governors Report

Summer 2018

Year Six

Year Six have, once again, had an amazing term. Their hard work and dedication shown throughout Year Six is sure to bring excellent results in their SATs tests (hopefully!)

Attendance in Year Six has been a priority for both classes. 6J have won, once again, the Thomas Championship. 6D have also won the 'Most Improved' attendance. This clearly reflects the importance the children have put on regular attendance and the importance of always being in school.

The rest of the term is jam packed for Year Six. They have had an amazing art day with Ian Fennelly. The work produced was, in some cases, as skilled and controlled as that produced by adults in his classes. This work will be displayed in school to further evidence the fully rounded curriculum our children get throughout their time in Mersey Park.



This year, five groups of children are visiting Oaklands Residential Centre. In total 51 children have signed up for the visit and are sure to have a fantastic time. Thankfully the weather forecast has changed and the rain has moved on!

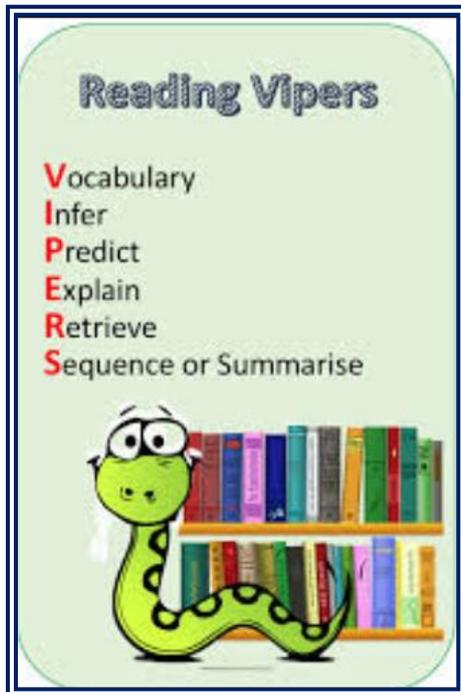
The staff are, once again, turning their attention to preparing the children for their transition to secondary school. The children have participated in a road safety workshop, educating the children on how to get to secondary school safely by themselves. They have also participated in a transition workshop, led by Kayte Walsh. Upon their return from Oaklands, they will be spending a day at a Year Six Safety Workshop. Personal safety and anti-social behaviours will all be a focus for the day.

Finally, they have their end of school production to perfect. At this point, mum's the word!



Year Five

Year Five have studied a new history topic this term, 'Crime and Punishment across the Ages'. Learning all about the cruel and brutal ways people were punished in the past certainly raised interest and prompted many discussions with the children.



The children have begun to use 'VIPERS' in the guided reading sessions in preparation for Year Six. The staff have observed a Year Six VIPERS session and then the Year Six team taught a lesson in Year Five. This is already having a position impact on the ability of the children to analysis texts.

Some children also had the opportunity to learn how to ride their bike safely on the roads through the 'Bikeability' scheme. The uptake was less than normal but those who were able to participate enjoyed themselves and gained a lot from the sessions.



Year Five have also performed a very entertaining adaptation of 'The Boy in the Dress'. The message within the story was very powerful and understood by all the children. Their commitment and determination to produce a professional and slick performance was very impressive.



As the children in Year Six are being prepared for their next stage of education outside of Mersey Park, the Year Five children are being prepared for the step up into Year Six. The current Year Six teaching staff are spending some time in the mornings working alongside Year Five pupils. In the afternoon, some children are working with Mrs Hopwood, ensuring they are ready to tackle the Year Six curriculum head on in September.