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INTRODUCING OUR CLUBS

Something for everyone!

Cookery Club

Lexi Arnold 1KK, Amna Lal 4KB and Oliwia Brzostawska 3TB have attended this exciting club and are sharing their experiences with us.

Q1. Do you enjoy attending Cookery Club?

A1. Yes, because I like cooking, eating what I've made and having fun – Lexi.

I enjoy it because I've made some delicious food – Amna.

Yes, because I can go home and help my mom with the cooking - Oliwia.

Q2. What dishes have you made?

A2. We've made smoothies, mini pizzas, fruit kebabs, cornflake cakes and much more!

Q3. Would you recommend this club to others?

A3. Yes, because it's lots of fun and you can get to learn about the way you cook different foods – Lexi.

Yes, because it gives you confidence to cook at

home afterwards and it shows that it's fun to cook – Amna.

Yes, because it will help you to learn more about cooking different food and although it is something to learn about, it is fun and useful – Oliwia.

Q4. What was your favourite part in Cookery Club?

A4. I've enjoyed working with others and trying new things to cook – Lexi.

My favourite part of the club was helping to cook the food, eating it afterwards and listening to the correct instructions – Amna and Oliwia.

Interview conducted by Joti Bajwa 5RG



Lexi Arnold



Amna Lal



Oliwia Brzostawska

Monday Night Dance Club

KS1 Dance Club is run by Miss Thompson - Sofia Riaz from 2JD is going to share her experiences from Dance Club with us.

Q1. How have you found things so far?

A1. I really enjoy it, as it's fun.

Q2. How are you finding the dance moves?

A2. Some of them are hard and tricky, but some of them are easier.

Q3. If you wanted to improve anything what would it be?

A3. I would have a disco ball in the room. This would make it more interesting and it would seem like we were at a disco.

Q4. Why did you want to be involved in the club?

A4. I wanted to be able to learn new dance moves.

Q5. What rating out of 10, would you give the club?

A5. I would definitely rate it 10 out of 10!

Q6. How are you going to use these dance moves out of school?

A6. I will be able to dance better when I go to parties, discos, special events and other occasions.

Q7. When did you become interested in dance?

A7. I have loved dancing for as long as I can remember.

Q8. What skills have you picked up from attending KS1 Dance Club?

A8. I have learned many new dance techniques.

Interview conducted by Joti Bajwa 5RG



Sofia Riaz

Knitting Club

Knitting Club is one of our new clubs, run by Mrs Ghasemi. Here we learn a little more about the club. Eshal Khan and Nika Svaine 3AP and Harkirat Singh 3JB tell us about the club.

Q1. Are you enjoying attending the knitting Club?

A1. Yes, we all enjoy this club because it is something we have not done before.

Q2. What made you decide to sign up to this club?

A2. We signed up because we wanted to try out a new club.

Q3. What item of knitting would you like to produce in the future?

A3. We would all like to try to produce a knitted hat.

Q4. What is the most fun you have had so far at Knitting Club?

A4. We have had lots of fun, but the most enjoyable part was learning the basics of knitting.

Interview conducted by Martha Adebayo 6PA



Riya Klair



Makari Bologun-Hussain

Thursday Baking Club



A few weeks later the children were interviewed again...

Q4. What have you baked in the club so far?

A4. We have baked rainbow cookies and we got to taste them. They were delicious – Makari.

Q5. Why do you enjoy baking?

A5. I like to bake because it is fun and we get to eat our creations when we are finished – Riya.

Interview conducted by Mary Adebayo 6MA



Baking Club by Mary 6MA



Eisha Khan



Nika Svaine



Harkirat Singh



Thursday After School Dance Club

Amy-Lea Robinson from 5SW and Harleen Kaur from 3AP have been sharing their experiences of KS2 Dance Club with us.



Amy-Lea Robinson

Harleen Kaur

Q1. Have you enjoyed being a part of the KS2 dance club?

A1. I have enjoyed being in the club because I have learned lots of different dance moves - Amy-lea
I enjoy attending dance club because I get to try out different dances and I like the music that we dance to - Harleen

Q2. What do you think about the dance moves that you are asked to perform?

A2. I like the dance moves because they are fun to learn and not too difficult. I also get to learn new routines - Amy-lea
I enjoy practising new dance moves as some are easy and others are more difficult, this means we get a variety to work on - Harleen

Q3. If you wanted to improve on anything, what would it be?

A3. Maybe in the future, the group could have fewer numbers as sometimes we do not have enough space in the hall as we are almost bumping into each other - Amy-lea
I would like to see some of the dances have easier moves to the harder moves so that people who can perform the harder ones could dance to those, but others could dance to easier ones at the same time - Harleen

Q4. What made you decide to join Dance Club?

A4. I wanted to join because I really enjoy dancing - Amy-lea
I wanted to join so that I could learn more about dancing - Harleen

Q5. If you had to recommend the club to others what rating would you give it?

A5. 10 out of 10 - Amy-lea
I would give it 7 out of 10 - Harleen

Q6. How are you going to use the dance moves that you've been taught?

A6. I will show my family at home - Harleen
I would like to be able to teach others who would like to learn all about dance - Amy-lea

Q7. When do you think you started to become interested in dance?

A7. I was very young when I began to enjoy dancing - Amy-lea
I was about 5 years old - Harleen

Q8. What skills can you take away from attending the Dance Club?

A8. We will both be able to use various new and improved dance techniques - both.

Interview conducted by Khyanna Grey 5RG



Spice Ambassadors Club



Gursimran Gill

Aman Chohan

Gursimran Gill and Aman Chohan from 6PA are part of our school Spice Ambassadors. Here they answer some questions about their membership.

Q1. Why did you want to join the Spice Ambassadors Club?

A1. I wanted to join the Spice Ambassadors because I feel that the nature of the group matches with my culture and I also like using spices when I am cooking - Gursimran

Q2. As you've been attending the club for a while now, what is it that you enjoy about the club and why?

A2. I enjoy making our own spice mixes and then selling them at various places in and out of our community - Aman.

Q3. What exactly do you do when you're at the Spice Ambassador club?

A3. We get to make power points on spices and design our own advertising posters. We look at ingredients for new recipes and spice blends. We also practise how we are going to introduce our spices and how we will talk to people when we are selling them - Gursimran.

Q4. What do you think could be improved about the club?

A4. The club could be improved if we could get to cook spices with different equipment and more of a variety of dishes. Maybe even have a celebrity cook to come and work with us - Aman

Interviewed conducted by Halima Naseem 6PA

Teacher Interview: Mr. Hull



Mr. Hull

Mr Hull has taught in Year 2 since he joined us last September. He is also a member of the Senior Leadership Team and a Phase Leader for KS1. Mr Hull is ready to tell us a little more about himself and how well he has fitted in to life at VPA.



Q1. What made you want to become a teacher?

A1. I started teaching because I had my daughter and really enjoyed teaching her, so I thought it would be nice to teach more children.

Q2. When did you start teaching?

A2. 6 years ago

Q3. Did you have any other ambitions?

A3. Yes, I wanted to become a head teacher

Q4. What are your hobbies?

A4. I like to play the guitar and I enjoy taking part in various sports.

Q5. What is your first impression of VPA, since joining the school?

A5. I think the children are lovely. Their attitude to learning is great!

Q6. What has been your favourite memory at this

school so far?

A6. I enjoyed the World Cup match against the Year 6 children last year.

Q7. Would you recommend this school to other people?

A7. Yes, I would because everybody works really hard to get the best out of being here.

Q8. If you could go on one trip again, which one would it be and why?

A8. I would go on a residential trip to do many outdoor activities.

Q9. On a scale of 1-10 (10 being the highest) what would you rate this school and why?

A9. 9.5 because there is always room for improvement!

Interview conducted by Martha Adebayo 6PA

Castle Attack NICER Challenge

Year 5 Visit Kenilworth Castle

Year 5 visited Kenilworth Castle as part of their Castle Attack NICER Challenge. Victoria Onoguerekhian and Laibah Ahmed from 5SW and Ayman Mwinyi and Makarim Abduh from 5RG have shared some information about their visit.

Q1. What was your favourite thing about the trip?

A1. Victoria – My favourite part of the trip was seeing examples of all of the medieval armour, because it was real life armour.

Laibah – I liked going to Kenilworth Castle because it was all about our topic which gave me a lot of information to add to my work. I liked it because it was very interesting to see all the artefacts.

Q2. Was there anything that you wanted to do while you were at Kenilworth Castle but weren't able to do?

A2. Ayman – I didn't get to see Queen Elizabeth's paintings or her room. I had previously wanted to learn about her and the era she lived in.

Victoria – There wasn't really anything I didn't get to do, however I was really disappointed that there wasn't a lot of historical items in the gift shop - it was mostly slime and modern day items on sale which were really expensive.

Q3. How did your trip link to your challenge pack?

A3. Laibah – Our trip linked to the Castle Attack challenge pack, that's why we were learning about castles and there were lots of interesting facts to help us research our theme.

Makarim – It was linked to our challenge pack and it helped us to learn many things to help us research information and many interesting facts.

Q4. If you could go to Kenilworth Castle again what would you do differently and why?

A4. Victoria - I would have liked to see the Elizabethan room as I really wanted to see this in particular! Ayman - If I could go there again, I would want to see and experience the dungeons as I didn't get to see them.

Q5. Was there anything that could have been improved during your trip?

A5. Laibah – For a future visit, I would want the trip to be longer so that I could get to see more rooms and other places that I didn't get to see this time. Ayman – I wish we could have gained more information about Kenilworth Castle in general, Queen Elizabeth and King Henry 8th.

Q6. Tell us something you experienced during your trip.

A6. Laibah – I liked seeing the many different artefacts from different eras. Victoria - I really liked the gift shop, as I got to see recreations of weapons and armour which was very interesting.

Q7. What information did you learn while you were at the castle?

A7. Ayman – we learned that Queen Elizabeth lived in the castle and we also got to look at some of the Queen's rooms. Makarim – We learned that King Henry 8th wanted to destroy the castle, as he hated England!

Q8. How did you use your experience at Kenilworth castle to help you in your work?

A8. Victoria - it helped us to complete our recount with lots of extra detail by us visiting the castle personally.

Interview conducted by Mary Adebayo 6MA



WORLD BOOK DAY

At the start of the day, we began with an assembly led by Mr Reed. Here, we started reading the book which we had been reading all week, which we were extremely close to finishing – this book was entitled: "Baby Aliens Got My Teacher!" by Pamela Butchart - it was surprisingly good – as we neared the end of the book it was time to return to our teacher.

Our first activity was to create our own comic strip from our favourite book. Mine was Alex Rider Scorpio (the 5th one in the series). We took 30 minutes to do that and then afterwards, it was time for break. It was great to see such an array of unique and colourful costumes, which children had worn to depict their favourite book character – it was very enlightening. I had arrived as Sophie from the book BFG (written by Roald Dahl, a very famous author and illustrated by Quentin Blake).

After break time, to the surprise of many, we were given the opportunity to read to 'little bundles of joy,' also known as reception children. I found they had almost no interest in the books, which I was reading to them! Soon

after these 'little people' joined our class, it was time for them to leave.

After that, we were able to do some more reading of our own. As the day drew to a close, we began to read more of our class text. All of a sudden, a special guest arrived in our classroom - it was Miss Lelli, one of our teachers from reception. Surprisingly, she read the rest of the book and we all had to agree that the end was really cool! Unfortunately, bedtime had arrived and we all went home, leaving behind an amazing day!

By Mary Adebayo 6MA



Victoria Onoguerekhian



Laibah Ahmed



Ayman Mwinyi



Makarim Abduh



YEAR 1 - POLICE VISIT

Rio Clarke

Dana'E Thomas

Saleeha Parveen

Representatives from the Police Service came in to school to talk to our Year 1 children. Rio Clarke from 1KK, Dana'E Thomas from 1KB and Saleeha Parveen from 1CN have told us a little more about the visit.

During our visit by the Police, they told us lots of useful information including which animals they use to help them catch criminals. They work with different species of dogs and horses. They also told us that they walk around the local streets to protect innocent people and they drive Police cars, motorcycles and vans.

They wore special uniforms, these help people to know who the Police are and you can spot them easily. Their jackets were very heavy and their helmets were hard! We met the Police as it was part of our Challenge Pack Outcome. It was exciting to see them in our school!

Interview Conducted by Khyanna Grey 5RG

YEAR 1 COMIC CON – NICER CHALLENGE

For the hook for Year 1's NICER Challenge - Comic Con – The members of the year group were surprised when they were visited by various villains and superheroes. Mya Gordon 1CU, Rio Clark 1KK and Aijia Shi 1CN will tell us some more about their experiences.

Mya Gordon

Rio Clark

Aijia Shi

Q1. Did you like the villain who gate crashed your Comic Con celebration?

A1. Mya Gordon – 1KB - The villain was Zorro. I don't like his personality as he was evil and started fights with the hero.
Rio Clark - 1KK - I did not like the villain because he did bad things and is very evil.

Q2. Did you like the hero?

A2. Mya Gordon – 1KB - I like Black Panther because he always tries to save the day and save everyone.
Rio Clark – 1KK - I like Black Panther because he always uses his powers for good.
Aijia Shi – 1CN - Black Panther is very nice and always saves the day from the villain, that's why I like him.

Q3. Overall, who do you like the best out of the villains or the heroes?

A3. Aijia Shi – 1CN - I like the hero more than the villain. The villain always causes problems for the hero and the hero usually fixes them.
Mya Gordon – 1KB - I like the heroes because they always help everyone unlike Zorro.

Q4. What was your favourite moment of that day?

A4. Rio Clark – 1KK - My favourite part from Comic Con was getting to make our own hero and I was able

to sell the comics which the other classes made.
Aijia Shi – 1CN - I was able to create my own comic about Black Panther and Zorro.

Q5. If you could relive that day, what would you do differently? Give reasons for your answer.

A5. Mya Gordon – 1KB - I would want to make my own superhero because I didn't get to do that and it looked very interesting.

Q6. If you could swap the villain for someone else who would it be?

A6. Rio Clark – 1KK - I would want to change Zorro for Venom from Spiderman because I like him better
Mya Gordon – 1KB - I wouldn't want to change the villain because he is not as bad as some of the other villains.

Q7. If you could swap the hero for someone else who would it be?

A7. Aijia Shi – 1CN - I would like to change the hero into Superwoman because she is kind and always saves the day.
Mya Gordon – 1KB - I would like to change the hero into Spiderwoman because she is very heroic.

Interview conducted by Mary Adebayo 6MA



YEAR 6 LEAVERS

It is that time of year when we say a fond farewell to all the Year 6 pupils. Our Year 6 VP Ziners have some special memories to share with us...

Martha 6PA - My best moment is when I attended the Year 6 Cinema and Bowling trip after SATs, this is because I had not been to the cinema before and the film was amazing!
My worst moment is when we had a 2-day deadline to get some of our articles in for VP Zine. Although we had been given a few weeks to do the work, some of us left things until the very last minute – it was pressurised but exciting also.
My funniest moment is when I was auditioning for the Year 6 leavers' production and I went up for a part as a joke and I actually got the part!



Halima 6PA - The best memories I am taking with me from Victoria Park is when Year 6 auditioned for the leavers' production and I got the main part of Hercules! Another favourite moment was when I went on the cinema and bowling trip and I was awarded a VIP pass and everything was paid for me! I also loved playing football with my class and our teacher.
My worst moments were when I was fasting on the cinema and bowling trip, which meant that I couldn't experience the whole package (fun and food). Also, in Year 5 I broke both of my arms and I wasn't able to play football.
My funniest moment at VPA was when we were rehearsing for the production and everyone began to laugh at my acting, as I needed to portray Hercules (the jerk) in a very funny way!



Amna Jameel 6PA - My best memories are of me attending the Yr 6 cinema and bowling trip, as the film was very interesting and entertaining. I also enjoyed visiting Kenilworth Castle in Year 5.

My worst memory was having to line up in the playground with the whole class, as the reason they were there wasn't anything to do with me!

My funniest moments have been rehearsing for the Yr 6 leavers'

production, as there are some really funny parts to it and spending time with my friends!



Ameena Ail – 6PA - My best memory is when I began to see a humorous side of my teacher Mr Atkinson. As I got to know him better, I knew I could be my 'cheeky self' rather than my usual 'goody two shoes!'

My worst memory is of the part where we went to the cinema and bowling in Yr 6 and I couldn't fully enjoy the day as I was fasting!

My funniest moment is when a pupil in Yr 6 was acting a bit too big for his boots and unfortunately for him he came a bit unstuck

- I have to say, I did find that rather funny!



Laiba Hussain – 6PA - My best moment at VPA was when we had our first girl's football match against St Phillips School and we tried our utmost best.

My worst memory was when I was fasting and there was a football match on and unfortunately, I wasn't able to play.

My funniest moment was when my friend and I played a bit of a prank on Halima and we pretended that we were in a fight. She totally fell for it and actually started to cry! We were able to make her feel better as soon as she knew we didn't mean it!



Mary Adebayo – 6MA - My best moment was when Yr 6 went to the cinema and bowling trip, the reason being I have never been bowling before – the whole day was really fun. After coming out of the arcade I noticed a homeless man and I gave him some money, which I felt really proud about!

My worst memory was when my best friend left when we were in Yr 3, as she had to go to a different school. Although I was really sad, I was able to make other friends.

My funniest moment was on World Book Day while I was in Yr 6, I dressed up as Sophie from the BFG and my friends didn't know who I was. I did try to trick them into thinking I was the BFG himself, but they didn't believe me!



Everyone at VPA would like to wish all of Year 6 every success and happiness, as you embark on the next chapter of your learning journey.



DIGITAL LEARNING

in the Classroom

This year has been another exciting year at VPA as we embraced innovation, in line with our school values, and began introducing Apple technology into our classrooms. Many of our classes have been fortunate enough to have received a set of iPads to enhance their learning experience and opportunities. We have used a variety of apps and programs as new approaches to our learning and to demonstrate our understanding. From technology clubs at lunchtime to virtual reality as part of NICER, we have fully enjoyed exploring this new learning platform. Mr Hull and Mr Batham have been leading on various aspects of our new digital technology. We spoke to some of the children to see what they have enjoyed this year...

Mohammed Sajid – 1CU has enjoyed using his device to practise his times tables, using TT Rock Stars. He is now a Rock Hero and aiming to be a Rock Legend!

Kunze Xie – 2TH has enjoyed using the Scratch Program to help him to create a farm with instructions for others to follow. This was linked to his learning and NICER Challenge – bringing the countryside to the city. He has also used Prodigy and TT Rock Stars to enhance his maths work.

Yousef Ahmed – 3JB has used various programs including: Vocab Lab for up-levelling English work and Epic for reading material. He has loved using Keynote to create power points linked to his learning.

Throughout Years 4, 5 and 6 many teachers use Showbie – this app can be used to set homework for children and work can be marked straight onto the app, screenshots can be taken and printed off as evidence to be stuck in the children's work books.

At VPA, we are all proving that learning is fun, while keeping up with the latest technology.

Art Gallery



TheVP Zine Team have been getting creative again!...



Laiba



Anna



Martha



Mary



Halima



Ameena