



Victoria Park
Primary Academy

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Parents—please remember, school will be closed on Wednesday 1st December for scheduled staff training.

Year 6 Poetry (again!) All 90 children in year 6 took part in a West Midlands poetry competition today. Led by 'Spoz', a former poet laureate of Birmingham, they competed in small mixed teams to create the most creative and inspiring performance based on aspirations and opportunities. Congratulations to the 'Literature Lions' who will now go onto compete in the school finals at the Birmingham Hippodrome in the Spring!

More space at lunchtimes: After following the Government guidance to return to normal playtimes and lunches, we've decided to revert to how we operated during the Pandemic, to increase the length of our lunchtimes. Every year group will still have an hour each, but we will split the timings so that there are no more than two groups out at each time - providing more space and more supervision. Keep watching this space for other exciting additions to the playground over the coming year...

INSPIRE Sessions and assemblies: It was wonderful to see families from **1TG** visit classrooms this week. We look forward to welcoming guests into **1SS** next Thursday. **4MP** taught us about the 'Bolts and Bones' in our bodies in their assembly (and sneakily dragged me up on stage). What will **4OS** share with us next Thursday?

Policies and documents: Keeping children safe. The statutory school and Trust documents are always available on our website, including the most recent Safeguarding and Child Protection [here](#). Further recommended organisations and information to share with children at home include the [NSPCC](#) and Childnet sites.

Covid cases: This week has seen four positive cases in children, (one each in reception, year 1, year 5 and year 6.) Please remain vigilant to the signs and symptoms of Coronavirus and ensure children and adults are tested if you have any concerns.