



Term 3 Viking Newsletter

Dear Viking Families,

Yet another hugely successful term has flown by at the Viking Academy Trust. Academically the children in all of our schools have overachieved compared to all schools locally and nationally, all of our schools are full and are over-subscribed with first choices for the next academic year and the children within our schools are thriving and happy. We are immensely proud that the children in all three schools are allowed to flourish in sport, in the arts, as well as in the often-under-estimated realm of developing the skills of being good friends and being good people.

Our three schools continue to develop, each with their own unique selling point, they are individual schools that are allowed to specialise and foster the things that, individually, makes them special. However, there is a Viking 'Golden Thread' that runs through each school, which allows them to thrive within our family of schools. The 'Golden Thread' is made up of noble virtues that all of our children are expected to know and abide by:

Courage

Viking children are expected to have strong values and to stand up for what they believe in, this takes courage

Aspiration

Viking children are always encouraged to do their best, as well as to be the best, whether that is in their learning or in their friendships

Teamwork

Viking children are always encouraged to be loyal, to their friends, to their class and to their school. This involves helping and supporting those around them, to be an active part of the team

Perseverance

Viking children are always encouraged to never give up, even when faced with adversity, because that is how they will succeed in life

It is our mission to teach these values every day because we know, at Viking, that our "One Childhood, One Chance" philosophy means that every minute of a child's education counts. I know that because of the great relationships we have between parents, children and staff that this will happen.



Ramsgate
Arts Primary School





NSPCC Number Day

A taster of making every minute of a child's education count can be seen in the flavour of the images taken when Viking schools proudly participated in NSPCC Number Day



TTRS Viking Competition:

The hotly anticipated Viking Academy Trust TTRS battles between Viking Year 3 and Year 6 children took place this term. Our staff remained as competitive as ever and the children were equally keen to play their part to help get their school at the top of the results table.

Year 3 results:

BOTTLE OF YEAR 3!		Completed
Info	School Results	Class Results
School Average Correct		School Total Correct
Position (Out of 3 schools taking part)		School Average Correct
1	Upton Junior School, Broadstairs	2,746
2	Chilton Primary School, Ramsgate	958
3	Ramsgate Arts Primary School	

Congratulations to UPTON YEAR 3 AND UPTON YEAR 4 and CHILTON YEAR 6 for taking the TTRS crown in your year-group competitions.

BOTTLE OF YEAR 4!		Completed
Info	School Results	Class Results
School Average Correct		School Total Correct
Position (Out of 3 schools taking part)		School Average Correct
1	Upton Junior School, Broadstairs	2,518
2	Chilton Primary School, Ramsgate	677
3	Ramsgate Arts Primary School	68

The Year 6 results are in:

Position (Out of 3 schools taking part)		School Average Correct
1	Chilton Primary School, Ramsgate	1,583
2	Upton Junior School, Broadstairs	495
3	Ramsgate Arts Primary School	102

TTRS Battles continue in Term 4. For further information please [Click here](#) to view TTRS youtube video guide for families.



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Viking Speaker Competition

Our Viking family will come together next term to participate at school and trust level in the Viking annual 'Speaker' competition, which is an 'oracy' competition. The purpose of the competition is to develop oracy skills with all children, helping them to become eloquent, confident and articulate when talking and presenting to an audience. Not something adults are always confident doing, so it is great that we have fun and engaging ways to develop key life skills with our children – the younger the better!!

The theme for this year's speech is, 'If I ruled the world, the first thing I would do would be to...' Children have been asked to write and perform a 2 minute speech, and what better time than using the half-term holiday to get their ideas on paper and start practicing. School heats and the Viking grand final will take place across March. See your child's class/year group blog for further details.



Thanet Primary Schools Cross Country

Save the Date!! Saturday 2nd March. Children in Years 3,4,5 & 6 are encouraged to put their trainers on and come together as 'Team Viking' to represent Chilton, RAPS and Upton at Quex Park for the final Cross Country event of the year. You 'have to be in it to win it' – and for Cross Country, everyone's a winner, as every child receives a medal for crossing the finish line (just like the London Marathon runners!). We actively encourage as many children and families as possible to come along to take part and support at one of the busiest sporting events in the school calendar. Further information available from your school Sports Coaches.

Reminder: Emergency 'Out of Hours' Contact Form

At Viking, we appreciate, despite best efforts, not everything fits within the window of a school day and emergency situations may leave you urgently wanting to contact the school. Office and Head of School emails are shared on school websites – but, as you may have seen – staff are under no obligation to read or respond to work emails outside of the 'working day'.

The message on all Viking email accounts reads as follows... The Viking Academy Trust respects the wellbeing of its staff. There is no expectation that emails are responded to before 8am or after 5pm Monday to Friday, at the weekend or during school holidays.

We have therefore created an 'Emergency Out of Hours' contact form for parents or carers to use if they feel they urgently need to share information / get in touch prior to the start of the next working day. To access this form, please click the 'Contact Us' tab on the school website and the emergency out of hours link can be accessed.

See the example below taken from Upton's website.

On behalf of the staff teams working at Chilton, at RAPS and at Upton – I thank you for your continued cooperation and look forward to working with you across the second half of this academic year.

Warmest wishes,

Mrs M Lewis

Executive Headteacher



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