



Valley Primary School Newsletter

GROWING AND LEARNING TOGETHER TO BE THE BEST WE CAN BE!
ASPIRE...ENJOY...ACHIEVE...CHALLENGE!

Friday
7th June
2024

NOTE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome our children back to school this week and to see many wonderful express events as we have started our new topics. There has been lots of excitement, even including a visit to the zoo for one year group and encounters with penguins, tigers, giraffes, monkeys and flamingos! We look forward to seeing how the children progress with their new topic learning this term.

New KIRFS, spellings and life skills activities have also been launched this week and our new school value for the half term is 'courage'. We will continue to encourage our children to show resilience when challenged by their learning and to develop the courage to trial new things and embrace new opportunities.

Finally, a massive congratulations to our Year 4 children who attended a cricket festival this week. It is with pride that I announce that they won the tournament! Well done Valley, a fantastic effort and great sportsmanship.

Thank you for your continued support and have a good weekend,
Miss Milewski

VALLEY NEWS AND REMINDERS

Picnic in Memory of Tracey Brown

On Thursday, we will all share a picnic in memory of our fabulous lunchtime supervisor, Tracey Brown. This will be the same day as the funeral and we look forward to eating and chatting together just as Mrs Brown encouraged each lunchtime.

Also, parents are invited to pay their respects during a drive past on our Fallowfield Road site. This will be at 9.30am on the way to the funeral. The children will not be joining this, unless you wish to collect your own child to do so as we do not feel it is age appropriate with our Fallowfield Road children being so little. Staff representatives will pay their respects during this drive past and school leaders will attend the funeral on behalf of Valley.

D-Day Lunch

A big thank you to our catering teams for providing a special D-Day lunch on Thursday 6th June. The children really enjoyed it!



Valley Explorers

We have now released the booking forms and contracts for the before and after school club for September. The deadline for the booking and contract forms to be returned is **Monday 1st July**.

A priority list will be used to allocated places on both sites when there are insufficient spaces for demand.

Please see the website address below for the forms, contract and priority list.

[Explorers | Valley Primary School](#)

Explorers on the Old Lode Lane site will be relocated to the **community room from Monday 10th June**. All drop offs and collections going forward will be from the community room door.

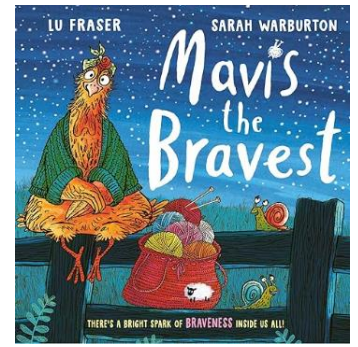
OUR READING RECOMMENDATION

“Mavis the Bravest” by Lu Fraser

An irresistible story about finding the bright spark of braveness inside.

Mavis is not like her adventurous friend Marge. Mavis is a chicken who finds EVERYTHING scary (night-time and daytime and *anything* hairy!). So when the slumbering peace of their cosy barn is disturbed by someone trying to steal their friend Sandra the sheep, will Mavis be able to find her bright spark of braveness and *save Sandra*?

This adorably warm-hearted story is full of humour, reassurance – and two exceedingly courageous chickens!



This book is suitable for readers in Nursery and Reception.

SHARING OUR LEARNING

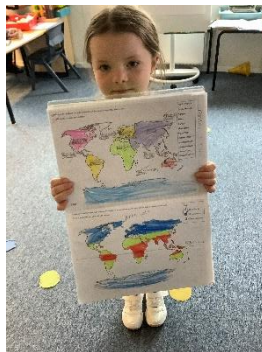
EYFS

The children in **Reception** started their new topic 'Safari Adventure,' by visiting Twycross Zoo this week. They had a fantastic day at the zoo and enjoyed looking at all the animals. Some of their favourite encounters were meeting the lorikeet parrots, finding the leopard, watching the bonobos at feeding time and gazing at the beautiful flamingos.



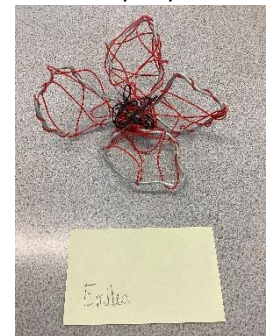
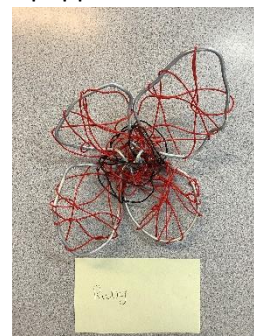
KS1

This week, **Year 2** have been researching continents and countries around the world. They have created fact files and maps to show the different climates and thought about why it is so hot along the equator.



KS2

In art, **Year 5** have been studying Nina Lazarou: an artist who is famous for her wire sculpture work. Using her weaving, looping and coiling wire techniques, the children created wire sculpture poppies to remember the service people who have contributed to war efforts, past and present.



PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

Note from the Pastoral Team



Further Developing Partnerships

It is always a pleasure to receive your comments and feedback, and we are always happy to answer any questions or queries you have, please continue to email these to parentliaisonlead@valley.solihull.sch.uk

ATTENDANCE – W/C 20 May – 24 May 2024

UPPER KS2	Ennis 6	93.0%	Farah 6	93.7%	Simmonds 6	96.3%	Holst 5	91.7%	Lynn 5	91.7%	Webber 5	92.1%
LOWER KS2	Hawking 4	96.8%	Newton 4	93.4%	Sharman 4	97.2%	Hockney 3	91.4%	Lowry 3	91.8%	Riley 3	90.0%
KS1	Churchill 2	92.0%	Nightingale 2	95.2%	Pankhurst 2	92.3%	Bell 1	97.7%	Lee 1	97.1%	Shaw 1	83.8%
EYFS	Aston R	92.3%	Grylls R	80.9%	Peake R	100%	Starley N	86.9%	Whittle N	87.7%		

Well done to the highlighted classes who are this week's winners!

DIARY DATES

Please join us for these events...

- 10th June – New Nursery induction meeting – 5pm
- 10th June – New Reception induction meeting – 6pm
- 10th June – SLT Drop in – 3.45pm – 4.15pm

Please talk to your children about these events...

- 10th June – Father's Day Shop – Fallowfield Road
- 11th June – Father's Day Shop – Old Lode Lane

Please support your child to participate in....

- 18th June – Year 4 Fire Safety Talk
- 18th June – Year 5 Chance to Shine Cricket Festival
- 20th June – Year 4 visit to Hatchford Brook shops
- 20th June – Year 6 TAG Rugby Festival

Please click on the link below to see our Valley Calendar. This will be updated weekly with new events as they arise.

<https://www.valleyprimaryschool.co.uk/diary/grid/2024/6/>