



# Valley Primary School Newsletter

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

Friday  
24<sup>th</sup> May  
2024

## NOTE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you! This half term has been filled with great learning opportunities, fabulous enrichment provision and lovely events for our parents. This week has been filled with smiles and joy as all our children have shared their Express events to end their current topics, some with parents, others with children from within our school. Particular thanks to everybody who attended these events or supported our younger children moving buildings to share these events with our older children. It was wonderful to see such excitement for learning whilst also observing high quality work which has been completed by our children.

The half term has also involved several statutory and non-statutory assessment tests. I have been incredibly impressed by all our children's demonstration of our school value of resilience as they have completed these. We are all incredibly proud of how our children have taken these all in their stride.

As always, we continue to enjoy celebrating our children's achievements, values and behaviour during the half term. This week we collated and counted our House Points from the half term and we say a big congratulations to our Great Barrier Reef Blue House who are our runaway winners with 22487 House Points achieved since we returned to school at Easter. Well done everybody in Great Barrier Reef House, a fabulous number of House Points earned. We look forward to our House Parties and seeing lots of children wearing Blue on Friday.

Finally, may I wish you all a really lovely half term break with your children. I hope the sun shines and you enjoy many happy hours with your children.

Miss Milewski

## VALLEY NEWS AND REMINDERS

### Explorers Provision

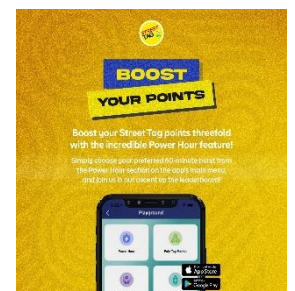
Our Explorers before and after school provision on our Old Lode Lane site will be moving to our community room from 10<sup>th</sup> June onwards. Long term, parents will still be welcome to drop off using the current Explorers car park if you wish, however for the first two weeks, building work may not allow this as we are likely to need to corner off this part of school. We would therefore appreciate you parking offsite for this short period please. We would ask that, except those with a blue badge registered with the school, no parents use the staff car park and ARC taxi drop off point which is right beside the community room as this will cause too much congestion. Many thanks for your support with this. Also, just to note, Explorers provision on Old Lode Lane will cater for Year 2 children as soon as they move sites.

### Walk to School Week

It has been great to see so many pupils getting fit and helping the environment by walking to school! The class with the highest percentage of pupils taking part will be announced after the half-term holiday. All the children in the winning class will all receive a certificate and a prize. We really appreciate your efforts in supporting Valley by taking part in Walk to School Week.

### Street Tag

Boost your Street Tag points threefold with the new Power Hour feature. Simply choose your preferred 60-minute burst from the Power Hour section on the app's main menu, and join Valley in our ascent up the leader board!



## Life Skill Champions

This half term, the Life Skill focus has been Home Management Skills. The children have really 'wowed' us with the ways they have helped at home this half term-long may it continue!

Congratulations to our Life Skill Champions for this half term, who are now the proud owners of a gold star badge.

Next half term (Summer 2), our Life Skill focus is Interpersonal Skills.

Starley N:	<b>Arthur D</b>	Grylls R:	<b>Phoenix L</b>	Shaw 1:	<b>Millie M</b>
Whittle N:	<b>Violet T</b>	Peake R:	<b>Isabelle E</b>	Bell 1:	<b>Noah N</b>
		Aston R:	<b>Violet B</b>	Lee 1:	<b>Ella D</b>
Pankhurst 2:	<b>Anhadh R</b>	Hockney 3:	<b>Georgia J</b>	Hawking 4:	<b>Ava A</b>
Churchill 2:	<b>Isla H</b>	Lowry 3:	<b>Elysha W</b>	Newton 4:	<b>Evie H</b>
Nightingale 2:	<b>Daisy W</b>	Riley 3:	<b>Lily R</b>	Sharman 4:	<b>Xavier M</b>
Webber 5:	<b>Emilia T</b>	Farah 6:	<b>Eiliyah R</b>		
Holst 5:	<b>Ayden L</b>	Ennis 6:	<b>Olivia B</b>		
Lynn 5:	<b>Eva A</b>	Simmonds 6:	<b>Dristy K</b>		

## OUR READING RECOMMENDATION

**"The Explorer"** by Catherine Rundell

From his seat in the tiny aeroplane, Fred watches as the mysteries of the Amazon jungle pass by below him. He has always dreamed of becoming an explorer, of making history and of reading his name amongst the lists of great discoveries. If only he could land and look about him.

As the plane crashes into the canopy, Fred is suddenly left without a choice. He and the three other children may be alive, but the jungle is a vast, untamed place. With no hope of rescue, the chance of getting home feels impossibly small.

Except, it seems, someone has been there before them

**This book is suitable for readers in Years 3 and 4.**



## SHARING OUR LEARNING

### EYFS

On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May, **Nursery** went on a school trip to Attwell Farm. The children had such a fun day learning about the different farm animals, they had the opportunity to handle the animals as well as feed them. In the afternoon they had the chance to explore the activities at the farm such as the outdoor play area, riding tractors and the indoor soft play area. The children had such a fun day out with their friends.



### KS1

**Year 2** enjoyed their Express event this week for their topic 'Women Who Changed The World'. They dressed up as people who inspire them, past or present, with choices including Florence Nightingale, Neil Armstrong and Amelia Earhart. The children worked together to create informative posters about the inspirational women they have been learning about to share with their parents in the afternoon.



## KS2

**Year 3** had a fantastic time on Thursday when they opened the doors to parents to share their topic learning from 'The Terrible Tudors'.

They've really enjoyed investigating who was the most intolerable king or queen, practising stitching techniques to create a Tudor cushion, sketching self-portraits in the style of monarchs and taking inspiration from Tudor gardens to complete geography fieldwork. Year 3 loved sharing all their work from this busy topic!



**Year 5** very much enjoyed sharing the term's learning with parents at their Express event this week for their topic 'Keep the Home Fires Burning'. They had the opportunity to quiz parents on their own history work about World War II and discuss the skills they've acquired in design technology when working with cams mechanisms to create a product linked to their learning.



## PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

### Note from the Parent Liaison Lead

As the weather is now improving, we would like to remind all parents/carers to please apply suncream each day before coming to school. Please also provide a drinking bottle and sunhat for your child to wear at break and lunchtime. If you require a water bottle these can be purchased via parent pay at the cost of **£1.50**.

We would also ask that all sunhats are clearly labelled.

If your child is particularly sensitive to the sun and requires additional applications of suncream throughout the day, please contact parent liaison via the email below.

### 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](mailto:parentliaisonlead@valley.solihull.sch.uk)

## ATTENDANCE – W/C 13 May – 17 May 2024

UPPER KS2	Ennis 6	95.3%	Farah 6	<b>98.3%</b>	Simmonds 6	<b>98.3%</b>	Holst 5	<b>99.3%</b>	Lynn 5	94.3%	Webber 5	96.9%
LOWER KS2	Hawking 4	97.1%	Newton 4	96.6%	Sharman 4	<b>97.2%</b>	Hockney 3	<b>94.5%</b>	Lowry 3	92.9%	Riley 3	91.0%
KS1	Churchill 2	92.4%	Nightingale 2	94.8%	Pankhurst 2	<b>97.3%</b>	Bell 1	95.5%	Lee 1	<b>98.3%</b>	Shaw 1	92.5%
EYFS	Aston R	89.1%	Grylls R	89.1%	Peake R	<b>94.5%</b>	Starley N	<b>92.3%</b>	Whittle N	89.1%		

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

## DIARY DATES

**Please join us for these events...**

10<sup>th</sup> June – New Nursery induction meeting – 5pm

10<sup>th</sup> June – Reception induction meeting – 6pm

**Please talk to your children about these events...**

3<sup>rd</sup> June – Term Starts

10<sup>th</sup> June – Father's Day Shop – Fallowfield Road

11<sup>th</sup> June – Father's Day Shop – Old Lode Lane

**Please support your child to participate in....**

3<sup>rd</sup> June – Y1-6 Engage Events

3<sup>rd</sup> June – Y1 Visit to Elmdon Park

4<sup>th</sup> June – Y4 Chance to Shine Cricket Festival

5<sup>th</sup> June – Reception trip to Twycross Zoo

7<sup>th</sup> June – Nursery Engage Event

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/>