



Valley Primary School Newsletter

GROWING AND LEARNING TOGETHER TO BE THE BEST WE CAN
BE!

ASPIRE...ENJOY...ACHIEVE...CHALLENGE!

Friday
17th May
2024

NOTE FROM THE ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am really pleased to share how immensely proud we are of all our Year 6 pupils for completing their SATs this week. They have shown resilience, positivity, and pride in themselves each day, and we know they have tried their very best. They have demonstrated so many of our Valley values this week in the way they have conducted themselves and in the way they have supported and encouraged each other every step of the way. These characteristics are worth so much more than any test.

Many of our Year 6 pupils also enjoyed attending our pre-school breakfast club, which was organised by Mrs Wood (a big thank you to Mrs Wood and everyone who helped this week!)

Thank you for all you have done to support your children in coming to school this week, attending breakfast club, and keeping their spirits high.

As we conclude this week of hard work and achievement, we are also excited to look ahead. Next week, we will be welcoming the parents of our Year 2, Year 3, and Year 5 students to their Express events, where pupils are excited to share the learning of this term's topic.

Have a great weekend.
Mrs Burgess

VALLEY NEWS AND REMINDERS

Friday Enrichment - Last Friday of Each Half Term

We would like to remind parents that next **Friday, 24th May** and **every last Friday of each half term** there will be **no afternoon enrichment sessions**. We have taken this decision due to the lower numbers of children attending enrichment at the end of each half term.

As an alternative, Valley Explorers will be offering a provision from **2pm until 4:30pm** at a cost of **£7** for the session. **There will be no option for a 6pm finish.**

Pupil Reports

On Thursday 23rd May, your child will bring their annual school report home with them. We also look forward to providing an opportunity for you to view your child's work and gain updates or speak to class teachers informally later in the summer term. This is due to take place on Monday 15th July from 3.45pm-5.30pm. There will be an opportunity for Starley nursery on this day before drop off time.

In addition, parents of children in year groups completing statutory assessments (including the Reception EYFS Profile, Year 1 Phonics Screening, Year 4 Multiplication Checks and Year 6 SATS results) will receive a brief report in the summer in advance of the parent drop in.

Walk to School Week

Next week, Valley is taking part in Walk to School Week from 20th to 24th May. We would like to challenge families to travel sustainably by walking, scooting, cycling or, for families that live further away, parking at least 5 minutes away from school and walking the remaining journey.

Research has shown that children who walk to school concentrate better in class as well as being well on their way to reaching their recommended 60-minutes minimum of physical activity per day.

We would ask that parents/carers support your child/children so that they can travel actively to school and take part in next week's challenge. Children who complete Walk to School Week by walking, scooting, cycling, or doing Park & Stride, will receive a certificate of achievement!

OUR READING RECOMMENDATION

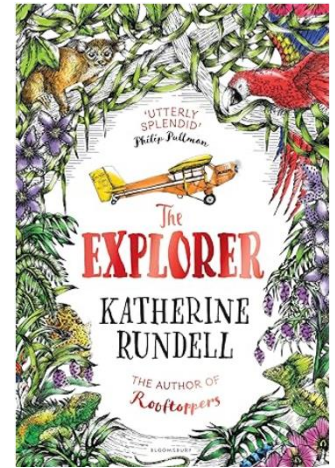
"The Explorer" by Catherine Rundell

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

KS2

Holst 5 enjoyed entertaining some of our parents and carers in their Guitar Concert last week! The children have worked hard over the last few weeks to perfect their skills and it was wonderful to finally be able to share and celebrate their achievements.



PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

Note from the Pastoral Team

As its mental health week this week, we thought that this might be a useful link for parents/carers to access if you feel that it would be beneficial to you.

[How to Support Children's Mental Health Pack - Witherslack Group](https://www.witherslackgroup.co.uk/resources/mentalhealth)



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 6 May – 10 May 2024

UPPER KS2	Ennis 6	94.2%	Farah 6	95.8%	Simmonds 6	98.8%	Holst 5	95.4%	Lynn 5	94.2%	Webber 5	90.1%
LOWER KS2	Hawking 4	95.1%	Newton 4	95.7%	Sharman 4	93.1%	Hockney 3	96.6%	Lowry 3	93.8%	Riley 3	94.6%
KS1	Churchill 2	95.5%	Nightingale 2	93.5%	Pankhurst 2	94.2%	Bell 1	97.2%	Lee 1	100%	Shaw 1	91.1%
EYFS	Aston R	89.8%	Grylls R	90.3%	Peake R	79.5%	Starley N	94.2%	Whittle N	80.1%		

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

DIARY DATES

Please join us for these events...

- 20th May – Y2 Express Event for Parents and Dress Up – 2.45pm
- 20th May – RSE Parent Meeting via Teams – 5pm-6pm
- 21st May – Y5 Express Event for Parents and Dress Up – 2.45pm
- 22nd May – Y3 Express Event for Parents and Dress Up – 2.45pm

Please talk to your children about these events...

- 21st May – World Cultural Diversity Day
- 21st May – Nursery Trip to Atwell Farm Park
- 22nd May – Y2 visit to Old Lode Lane site
- 23rd May – Y1 visit to Old Lode Lane Site
- 24th May – End of Term
- 3rd June – Term Starts

Please support your child to participate in....

- 20th May – Walk to School Week
- 21st May – Y1 Express Event
- 22nd May – Y6 Express Event and Dress Up
- 23rd May – Reception Express Event and Dress Up
- 23rd May – Y4 Express Event and Dress Up
- 23rd May – School Reports Sent Out

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/2024/5/>