



Valley Primary School Newsletter

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

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

Friday
3rd May
2024

NOTE FROM THE ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the mid-point for the Summer 1 term, it has been great to see the children's engagement in their fabulous learning opportunities as I've visited different parts of the school this week. From Year 5 exploring the music genre of Motown, to Year 6 investigating scientific questions through practical experiments, and Year 1 becoming poets! The breadth of our curriculum here at Valley always astounds me and it is so wonderful to see the excitement and enthusiasm that this brings to our children.

As the summer term continues and warmer weather is hopefully on its way, please be reminded that water bottles are part of our school uniform and should be in school daily in order to help keep your child hydrated. These can be purchased via ParentPay and collected from the school office if required.

We would like to extend a special thank you to all of the junior parents who made alternative arrangements to be able to collect their child this Thursday when part of our school site was used for polling. By doing so, we were able to ensure that every child was collected safely, despite Valley being visited by members of the public. We are appreciative of your support with this.

As **6th May is a Bank Holiday**, please be reminded that school will be closed on Monday. We hope you and your families have a wonderful three-day weekend together. We look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday next week.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

Mrs Heaven

VALLEY NEWS AND REMINDERS

Street Tag

Street Tag is nearly here! Parents of pupils at Valley Primary School are now able to download the Street Tag app to compete in a free game that encourages getting active and exploring your local area.

Street Tag is a free app where you earn points by collecting virtual tags when you walk, cycle or scoot past them. There are virtual tags all around Solihull, including parks, adventure playgrounds and libraries. Once you are within a 40-metre radius of any virtual tag, your app will automatically collect the points.

When you sign up to the South Solihull Schools Leader board, the points you collect will be added to the total for Valley, and the top five schools with the most points each season will win a prize. Season 1 of the Street Tag competition will run from **7th May to 2nd July 2024**. Please see www.streettag.co.uk for further information about how you can join the competition.

Come on Valley, let's get more active while exploring the local area, and win some prizes for our school!



Transition Online Parent Workshop

We are delighted to be able to offer an online workshop, for all parents, which will focus on Transition. This will take place on **Tuesday 7th May at 12pm** and will be led by Mrs Heaven. This workshop will be particularly useful for parents who have children who struggle with the transition to new classes at the start of the academic year, or transition between settings (for example, primary to secondary phase). If you would like to join this webinar, please email the office or s52senco@valley.solihull.sch.uk and we will send you a Teams link for the event. Please note, the session will be recorded, so if you are interested but are unable to make the live event, please email us and we will send you the video link afterwards.

OUR READING RECOMMENDATION

'The Odd Fish' by Naomi Jones

A warm and funny eco-adventure with a clever message about looking after our blue planet, perfect for budding David Attenborroughs!

When Little Fish and her family encounter an odd new fish bobbing along on its own, they embark on an exciting journey to reunite it with its family.

But Odd Fish isn't the only creature who needs Little Fish's help. Turtle has a tummy ache and Octopus's tentacles are tangled. Clever readers will spot the one thing that links them all... plastic.

Maybe Odd Fish doesn't belong in the sea after all?

Eight million tonnes of plastic find their way into our oceans and rivers every year. This urgent problem is highlighted for the youngest readers with gentle humour and engaging characters.



This book is suitable for readers in Nursery and Reception.

SHARING OUR LEARNING

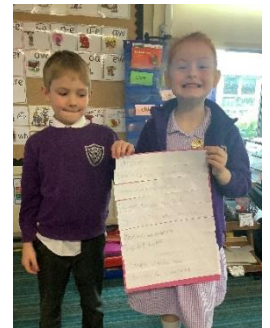
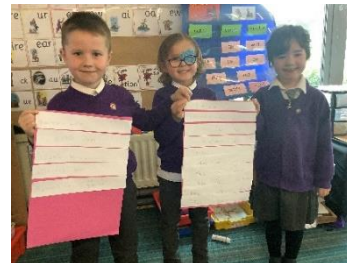
EYFS

The children have been enjoying their learning in **Nursery** and practising their name writing. They are now starting to show preference for a dominant hand. They are also trying to use a comfortable grip with good control when holding pens and pencils.



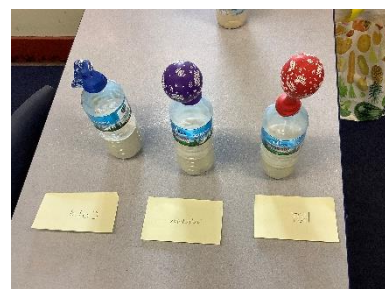
KS1

In English, **Year 1** have really been enjoying reading their new text called 'Robert and Bluebird'. They researched facts about bluebirds and thought of lots of different adjectives and similes to describe a bluebird. They then used this to create different lines for a poem and worked collaboratively.



KS2

Year 6 have been enjoying a range of scientific investigations. Last week, they spent an afternoon watching the effects of adding yeast and sugar to water of different temperatures. Many made correct predictions and were able to conclude using accurate scientific language.



PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

Note from the Parent Liaison Lead

Thank you to those of you who have completed the data collection forms for your children. As the deadline has now passed, any families who have not completed their online forms by **7th May** will receive a paper copy. These will be sent home with your children and will need to be completed and handed back to either school office by **Friday 17th May**.

If you have not received the link or have any questions, please contact the school office.

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 22 April – 26 April 2024

UPPER KS2	Ennis 6	92.3%	Farah 6	93.3%	Simmonds 6	91.0%	Holst 5	87.3%	Lynn 5	91.3%	Webber 5	92.1%
LOWER KS2	Hawking 4	97.1%	Newton 4	89.7%	Sharman 4	95.6%	Hockney 3	84.8%	Lowry 3	98.2%	Riley 3	94.7%
KS1	Churchill 2	95.2%	Nightingale 2	89.6%	Pankhurst 2	85.8%	Bell 1	91.4%	Lee 1	86.7%	Shaw 1	84.2%
EYFS	Aston R	89.1%	Grylls R	94.8%	Peake R	94.3%	Starley N	83.8%	Whittle N	81.8%		

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

DIARY DATES

Please join us for these events...

7th May – SENCO Parent Workshop – Transition – TEAMS 12pm – 1pm

7th May – Riley 3 – Maths Workshop - 9.00am

8th May – Lowry 3 – Maths Workshop – 9.00am

9th May – Hockney 3 – Maths Workshop – 9.00am

9th May – Holst 5 Guitar Concert – 3pm

13th May – SLT Parent Drop In – 3.45pm – 4.15pm

Please talk to your children about these events...

6th May – Bank Holiday – School Closed

13th-16th May – Y6 SATS

Please support your child to participate in....

7th May – Early Diabetic Screening – Y3 - 5

13th-16th May – Y6 SATS Breakfast Club – 8am

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/>