



Valley Primary School Newsletter

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

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Friday
8th March
2024

NOTE FROM THE ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another busy week at Valley! Many children enjoyed visiting our PTFA Mother's Day gift shop earlier this week. A big thank you to the PTFA for all they have done in the background to make this possible and, to those who receive something special, we hope you enjoy your gift.

The children took part in the 29th year of UNESCO World Book Day celebrations on Thursday, and were very excited to share their costumes, favourite characters and books of all kinds with one another (as well as the staff who dressed up!) It was wonderful to see such a range of characters and creative costumes which represented a book they have truly enjoyed. As part of the day's activities, the children were introduced to new authors and a brand-new selection of books which will now be added to our school libraries for children to read and take home. Thank you for all you have done to support this important celebration of reading and in helping your children to prepare for the event. We hope the children can put their book voucher to good use soon!

We are very much looking forward to Science Day festivities next week and sharing more about our upcoming *Inventors* competition.

In the meantime, have a lovely weekend and thank you for your ongoing support.

Mrs Burgess

VALLEY NEWS AND REMINDERS

REMINDER REGARDING CONSULTATION FOR VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL TO JOIN THE ELLIOT FOUNDATION ACADEMIES TRUST (TEFAT).

As you know, we have now begun a consultation regarding the possibility of Valley Primary School joining a Multi-Academy Trust (MAT). We are consulting on joining The Elliot Foundation Academies Trust. The consultation period began last Friday 1st March 2024 and will conclude on Friday 12th April 2024. During this 6 week period, we are encouraging all stakeholders, including parents, staff, pupils, and community members, to provide feedback and raise any questions or concerns they may have. Further details have been sent to all parents via Parent Pay and a meeting will be held in the **Old Lode Lane hall at 5.30pm on Monday 11th March** to share further information and answer any questions parents may have.

World Book Day Vouchers

All children received their **£1** World Book Day voucher this week. The aim of the vouchers is to promote reading for pleasure by offering every child the opportunity to choose and own a book. Many book shops stock the special edition World Book Day books that cost £1 each – the books can be viewed at <https://www.worldbookday.com/books/>. Alternatively, the vouchers can be used as a £1 discount against any children's book.



Poet Virtual Event

The children in **Year 1 and 2** enjoyed taking part in a virtual event with the poet and author Michael Rosen this week, in celebration of World Book Day. They listened to stories by him and Jasbinder Bilan, learned about what fairytales usually have in common, and followed a draw along with the illustrator Allen Fatimaharan.



OUR READING RECOMMENDATION

Yesterday, we celebrated World Book Day and had a fabulous day learning about some amazing authors. We even received some wonderful messages from some of them. Below are the names of the authors and the books that each year group looked out. Why not treat yourself to a copy to continue enjoying at home. Alternatively, you will find copies of each book in our school libraries.

Year Group	Author	Books we looked at on World Book Day
Nursery	Catherine Rayner	Five Bears Smelly Louie, Mini and Hardly and the Big Adventure Molly, Olive and Dexter
Reception	Rebecca Cobb	There's a Tiger on the Train The Something Lunchtime
Year 1	Mark Sperring	The Don't Panic Gang The Astro Naughty Naughty Baddies Norman the Knight gets a Fright
Year 2	Jo Todd-Stanton	The Comet A Mouse called Julian Arthur and the Golden Rope
Year 3	Andy Shepherd	The Boy Who Grew Dragons The Ultimate Guide to Growing Dragons The Boy who lived with Dragons
Year 4	Tom Fletcher	Space Band The Creakers Danger Gang
Year 5	M G Leonard	The Ice Children Beetle Queen Kidnap on the California Comet
Year 6	Abi Elphinstone	Saving Neverland The Shadow Keeper Everdark

PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

Note from the Parent Liaison Lead

As we have a number of children and adults throughout school with nut allergies, we need to remind all parents that we are a nut free school. Please **do not** send children to school with any items that may contain nuts, such as sandwich spreads, cereal bars, chocolate bars and biscuits. Please provide a healthy snack for your child such as fruit, raisins or healthy nut free bars, packed lunches should be balanced and not contain more than one sweet treat. May we also take this opportunity to remind parents/carers to please make sure that you cut grapes in half, especially for our younger children as this could prove to be a choking hazard.

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 26 February – 1 March 2024

UPPER KS2	Ennis 6	86.7%	Farah 6	97.9%	Simmonds 6	98.0%	Holst 5	93.0%	Lynn 5	95.3%	Webber 5	96.6%
LOWER KS2	Hawking 4	93.8%	Newton 4	94.5%	Sharman 4	96.6%	Hockney 3	98.3%	Lowry 3	93.4%	Riley 3	90.7%
KS1	Churchill 2	92.0%	Nightingale 2	92.8%	Pankhurst 2	98.5%	Bell 1	92.4%	Lee 1	91.3%	Shaw 1	88.8%
EYFS	Aston R	81.8%	Grylls R	98.2%	Peake R	96.4%	Starley N	80.0%	Whittle N	89.1%		

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

DIARY DATES

11 March – SLT Parent Drop In – 3.45pm
 11 March – Parent Meeting Regarding Joining Academy Trust – Old Lode Lane Site – 5.30pm
 12 March – Science Day
 13 March – Y3 Trip to Selly Manor
 14 March – Y1 Trip to Warwick Castle
 14 March – Girls and Boys Football Match – Solihull Moors
 18 March – Easter Assembly – Juniors 9am – Infants 10am
 19 March – Parents Evening – Reception to Y6 – 4pm – 6.30pm

19 March – Parents Evening – Starley – 1pm – 6pm
 19 March – Parents Evening – Whittle – 4pm – 6pm
 20 March – Reception Spring Walk to Elmdon Park
 21 March – Parents Evening – Reception to Y6 – 4pm – 6.30pm
 21 March – Parents Evening – Nursery – Whittle – 4pm – 6pm
 22 March – House Point Celebrations
 22 March – End of Term

