



# Valley Primary School Newsletter

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

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

Friday  
1<sup>st</sup> March  
2024

## NOTE FROM THE DEPUTY HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge thank you to Year 4 parents that were able to join us for our Maths multiplication workshops this week. Children faced stiff competition from visiting adults and really enjoyed showcasing their skills. Mrs Heaven was also really grateful to parents joining the coffee morning/virtual events this week. As always, your support is valued.

Fridays are a day for sharing success and in addition to the Valley stars and attendance certificates awarded in our weekly celebration assembly, I must complement our children for the number of golden ticket certificates and prizes awarded this week. These are achieved by children who have shown such fantastic behaviours, they have reached gold on our zone board. Not only have we seen awards for reaching gold 10 times, but also 25 times! The staff team are so proud and Miss Milewski is now busy replenishing prize boxes!

I have no doubt that next week will be another enjoyable week, particularly as we look forward to World Book Day. Watch this space!

Thank you for your continued support and have a great weekend everybody,  
Mrs Wilton

## VALLEY NEWS AND REMINDERS

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

Today, we begin 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 begins today, Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024 and will conclude on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024. During this 6 week period, we encourage 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 today via Parent Pay and a meeting will be held in the **Old Lode Lane hall at 5.30pm on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March** to share further information and answer any questions parents may have.

### Advance Notice, Friday Enrichment-Last Friday of Each Half Term

We would like to make parents aware that beginning the last Friday of the First Half of the Summer term, we will no longer be running our Friday 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. Further information will be sent out over the next few weeks.

Please note our current enrichment provision will continue as planned for this half term.

### World Book Day

We would like to remind you that we will be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday March 7<sup>th</sup>** and this year the children and staff can dress up in a costume linked to their favourite book. Our focus is to have a fun filled day that encourages a love of reading. We aim to introduce the children to some new authors that they may not have discovered yet. Each year group will be allocated a different children's author and will use the entire day to fully immerse themselves in the work of that author. We have purchased brand new books for the day and after World Book Day the new books will become part of the library stock that children can borrow books from.



## Parent Workshops

Thank you to all of the parents who have attended this week's parent workshops with Mrs Heaven - we hope you have found them beneficial. As a reminder, both workshop resources ("managing challenging behaviour" and "specific additional needs information") are available to all parents - if you would like to receive a copy, please email [s52senco@valley.solihull.sch.uk](mailto:s52senco@valley.solihull.sch.uk) Thank you also to the parents who attended Wednesday's SEN parent coffee morning. Visual resources which we made in the session will be in your child's bag from next week!

## School Photographs

The proof cards from the school photography company have all been sent home today. We would like to remind you that you can order online with free delivery back to school until **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March**. Any orders placed after this date will be subject to a post and packaging charge and will be dispatched to a home address.

## Earrings

We would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents/carers that although we allow earrings to be worn at school, these must be studs and need to be either taken out or covered with **plasters provided from home** on your child's **PE or Swimming day**. Unfortunately, the backs of earrings can be easily lost so we would recommend that earrings of high value are not worn to school.

As a school, we do not accept responsibility for the loss or damage to personal items.

## Valley Football Teams

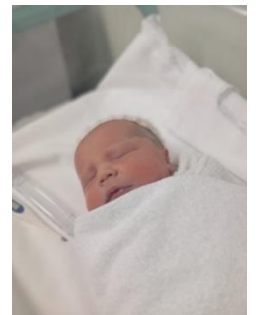
After delays, mishaps and cancellations, the girl's football team finally began their league campaign last night. Despite losing the first two games, the girls were resilient and showed great teamwork. They lifted themselves to win their final game 4-0! The boys football team played on Monday and were unlucky to lose 3-1. They remain third in their league with one match left to play. Go Valley!



## Congratulations

Congratulation to Miss Hughes, who is now the proud mum to what we think is our first Valley leap year baby!

Ophelia was born yesterday morning, 5 weeks early weighing a very healthy **6lb 8oz**. Mum and baby are doing well.

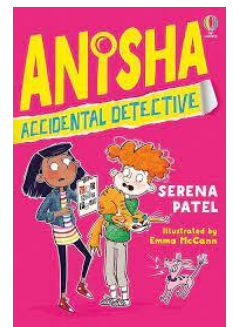


## OUR READING RECOMMENDATION

*'Anisha, Accidental Detective'* by Serena Patel

Anisha, Accidental Detective is a story about a girl called Anisha who becomes an investigator. Her drama queen Aunty Bindi is getting married in two days when a terrible, unexpected thing happens and the groom is kidnapped. It's up to Anisha and her best friend Milo to solve the mystery before chaos erupts in the wedding household

**This book is suitable for readers in Years 3 to 6.**



## SHARING OUR LEARNING

### KS1

The children in **Year 2** have been learning about how to make colours lighter and darker. They mixed black and white with the colour and then added water to make the colour lighter. This helped the children to create tone in their paintings.



## KS2

**Year 6** enjoyed a virtual author visit with famous author and comedian, David Baddiel. He discussed his childhood and was an avid footballer. He enjoyed science at school, but got his best grades in English. He read several excerpts from his books and read a scene from his new play, which will be showing at the Birmingham Rep Theatre. The children finished the session inspired to read some of his books.



## PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

### Note from the Pastoral Team

Do you have a child who experiences 'big' emotions such as worry, anger or overwhelm or is reluctant to come into school, particularly on a Monday?

The Pastoral Team hold a weekly Mindfulness intervention on a Monday morning which is designed to support children just like this. We explore various calming techniques including relaxation exercises, sensory activities and visualisations whilst also learning about our brain and why we might have big feelings.

A couple of children shared how Mindfulness has helped them...

Logan said, "*It helps you feel calm and prepares you for the day.*"

Tiana said, "*It helps you control your feelings*"

If you are interested in finding out more about pastoral support and attendance, please contact the pastoral team via 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](mailto:parentliaisonlead@valley.solihull.sch.uk)

## ATTENDANCE – W/C 19 February – 23 February 2024

UPPER KS2	Ennis 6	93.3%	Farah 6	<b>94.1%</b>	Simmonds 6	92.3%	Holst 5	<b>97.0%</b>	Lynn 5	94.7%	Webber 5	90.0%
LOWER KS2	Hawking 4	95.4%	Newton 4	95.9%	Sharman 4	<b>98.3%</b>	Hockney 3	92.3%	Lowry 3	<b>93.4%</b>	Riley 3	88.0%
KS1	Churchill 2	<b>96.8%</b>	Nightingale 2	93.2%	Pankhurst 2	95.8%	Bell 1	90.0%	Lee 1	<b>95.2%</b>	Shaw 1	90.0%
EYFS	Aston R	80.5%	Grylls R	88.2%	Peake R	<b>91.4%</b>	Starley N	83.2%	Whittle N	<b>86.5%</b>		

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

## DIARY DATES

4 March – PTFA Mother's Day Gift Shop – Fallowfield Road  
5 March – PTFA Mother's Day Gift Shop – Old Lode Lane  
6 March – Y6 Height and Weight Checks – 9.15am  
6 March – Reception Height and Weight Checks – 12.30pm  
7 March – World Book Day (Dress up Event)  
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

