



Valley Primary School Newsletter

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

Friday
11th
October
2024

NOTE FROM THE DEPUTY HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our English team were excited to launch this year's 500 words story writing competition. Assembly sessions provided a wonderful opportunity to take advantage of this launch and to enjoy a good story with our children, written by last year's runner's up. The bronze entry in the 8-11 year old category particularly fired the imaginations of children on Old Lode Lane who did not predict the moral of 'The Very Important Lesson' and who shared fabulous ideas for a range of potential plots and characters. Please see the item below that links to entry information and provides fantastic resources and inspiration. I have no doubt that amongst our imaginative and creative children, we have talented future authors and can't wait to share some home grown tales!

Thank you to parents who were able to join us with the Solihull Parent Carer Voice coffee morning or the mental health workshop held this week. A huge thanks also to our PTFA who I know are working hard behind the scenes to prepare for next Friday's school disco. Their efforts to raise funds alongside providing enjoyable experiences for our children are so appreciated.

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

VALLEY NEWS AND REMINDERS

Story Competition

As part of promoting the love of reading and encouraging children to experience authors and become authors themselves, we are asking children to write their own short stories as part of a BBC competition.

There are two age categories: **5-7 and 8-11 year-olds**. All children need to do is write a story they would love to read in 500 Words or less. Think: creativity and humor!

50 finalists will be invited to go to a glamorous **grand final** at Buckingham Palace in February next year, where the bronze, silver and gold winners in each category will have their stories read out by celebrities.

There are also lots of **prizes to be won** - each winner will take home a bundle of books and the gold winners also win 500 books for our school library! For those that wish to enter please return your entries to your teacher by **closing date: 8th November**.

School Streets – Fallowfield Road

We would like to remind all parents/carers that School Streets means that vehicles are prohibited from dropping or collecting children from this site. The restriction includes Fallowfield Road, Mountjoy Crescent and Meriden Rise during the restricted times of **8am – 8.50am in the morning and 2.35pm – 3.35pm Monday to Thursday and 1.05pm – 2.05pm on Fridays**.

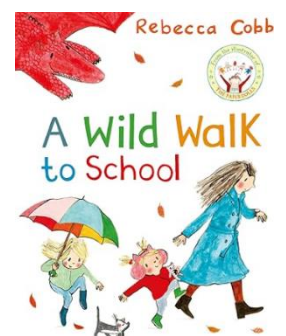
We would also like to remind parents/carers to please park considerately and refrain from blocking residents driveways or parking on pavements, double yellow lines and zig zag zebra lines on both sites when dropping off or collecting your children.

OUR READING RECOMMENDATION

'A Wild Walk to School' By Rebecca Cobb

It's time to walk to school and mum wants the children to get there on time. But what Mum doesn't realise is that the hill is in fact the tummy of a sleeping giant and it's important to tread carefully when the floor turns to lava! It's just as well Mum has these two Brave Explorers with her . . .

This book is suitable to read to children in Lower Phase.



SHARING OUR LEARNING

Lower Phase

In **Nursery** this week, the children have been working very hard to create and continue repeated patterns using two variables. They have also been working on spotting the error in a repeated pattern and correcting it. Please feel free to practise this with your child at home, using objects from around the house.



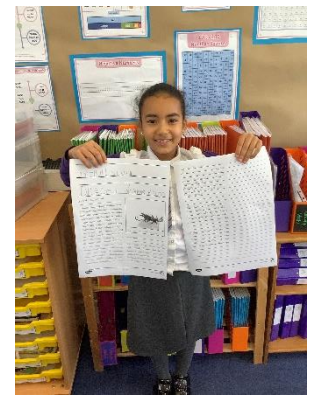
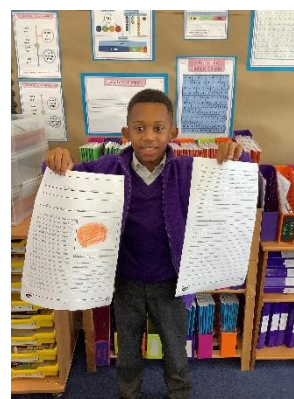
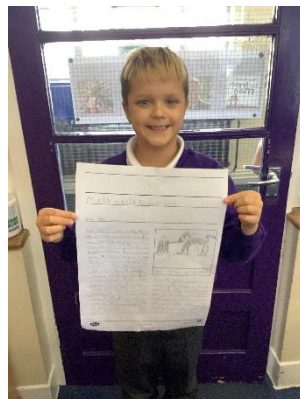
Middle Phase

Year 3 have been looking at cave paintings art this half term. This week, they created backgrounds for their final piece.



Upper Phase

The children in **Year 4** have been writing newspapers based on the story of the Iron Man. They have written the articles and then edited and published them.



PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

Note from the Parent Liaison Lead

Reception applications are open and available via the council portal for the district you live in. The closing date for applications is **15th January 2025** with offers being made on **16th April 2025**.

Further Developing Partnerships

Thank you for those of you who have completed the Parents Evening link, please be reminded that the link will close at **9am on Monday 14th October 2024**.

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 30 September – 4 October 2024

UPPER PHASE	Ennis 6	92.1%	Farah 6	95.0%	Simmonds 6	92.3%	Holst 5	93.0%	Lynn 5	95.2%	Webber 5	93.3%
	Hawking 4	95.7%	Newton 4	98.3%	Sharman 4	94.7%						
MIDDLE PHASE	Hockney 3	92.4%	Lowry 3	96.3%	Riley 3	92.7%	Churchill 2	95.0%	Nightingale 2	98.0%	Pankhurst 2	96.7%
LOWER PHASE	Bell 1	88.3%	Lee 1	90.0%	Shaw 1	88.2%	Aston R	85.9%	Grylls R	94.9%	Peake R	78.6%
	Nursery	90.7%										

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

DIARY DATES

Please join us for these events...

- 14th October – SLT Drop in Session – Old Lode Lane - 3.30pm-4.15pm
- 15th October – SLT Drop in Session – Fallowfield Road – 7.45am – 8.30am
- 15th October – Nursery and Reception New Parents Morning
- 22nd October – Parents Evening – 4pm – 6.30pm
- 24th October – Parents Evening – 4pm -6.30pm
- 24th October – Y6 Express Event – 9.45am

Please talk to your children about these events...

- 18th October – Black History Day
- 18th October – PTFA Disco – Y1 and 2 – 4pm – 4.50pm Old Lode Lane
- 18th October – PTFA Disco – Y3 and 4 – 5pm – 5.50pm Old Lode Lane
- 18th October – PTFA Disco – Y5 and 6 – 6pm – 6.50pm Old Lode Lane

Please support your child to participate in...

- 21st October – Y5 Dodgeball – Lode Heath School – 4.15pm – 5.30pm

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/calendar/?calid=2&pid=8&viewid=3>