



Valley Primary School Newsletter

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

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

Friday
9th
February
2024

NOTE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to you our parents, to our staff team and to our fabulous children for all their hard work this half term. We have seen so many lovely learning moments and successes across the school. It has been wonderful to share some of these this week through our express events.

I hope you all have a great half term break and have lots of fun with your children. We look forward to the many events we have planned next half term and lots more aspirational learning opportunities.

Happy Holidays everybody!

Miss Milewski

VALLEY NEWS AND REMINDERS

Change to P.E. Kit for September 2024 at the Latest

Having tried the children coming to school in P.E. kit, feedback is this is working well, therefore we will continue this moving forward. With this in mind, we plan to change our P.E. Kit from September 2024 to make it more in line with our purple school uniform and ensure consistency and smartness across.

The below will be our new P.E. Kit. We are giving parents lots of notice and would ask that when you next buy a P.E. Kit, you buy the below. Although we will only ask that all children have this from September, we would welcome any children wearing this beforehand should they need a new kit or trainers prior to this.

The key changes are the purple polo shirt instead of the white T shirt, purple fleece instead of black tops and black trainers only.

P.E. Kit:

To be worn on P.E. days;

Purple logo polo shirt or plain purple polo shirt.

Black tracksuit bottoms, black skort or black shorts.

Plain black trainers.

School logo or plain purple fleece.

To be kept in school:

Valley logo P.E. drawstring bag or a plain purple or black drawstring bag.

Black pumps (without laces for the younger children) or Black soft canvas lace up pumps (for older children where pumps are difficult to get due to sizing).

N.B. Nursery only require a P.E. bag containing black pumps.

N.B. Reception only require a P.E. bag containing purple polo shirt, black shorts and black pumps.

Year 1 Parent Information

We will be trialling some different groups in the afternoons next half term to enable us to provide some additional phonics boosters and to enable our children to mix with children from different classes. If your child talks about having a different Year 1 teacher in the afternoon or being in a different room, please do encourage them to embrace the slightly reviewed timetable. Thank you.

Thank You and Good Luck

We say goodbye this week to Mrs Morgan and Mrs Middleditch who have been very valued members of our school team. We wish them both every success in the future.

Read Write Inc Reminder

On **Wednesday 21st February**, at our Infant Site, there will be demonstrations of the log in and navigation of the Oxford Owl e-library. If your child is a young or early reader accessing Read Write Inc home reading books, this will provide an opportunity to see how Oxford Owl virtual resources can also support learning at home and allow children to showcase their reading linked to the book shared in school that week. This will be led by staff and children will not participate, but we welcome you to join us via the office entrance at **8.40-9.00am** or **3.00pm-3.20pm**. Thank you for your support.

NSPCC Competition

A huge thank you for your support during our NSPCC number day on Friday 2nd February. The children enjoyed playing Maths games and raised **£420.80** by taking part in the 'Estimate the sweets in the jar' competition.

There were some very close guesses.

The winners are:

Alfie E - Grylls

Evie W - Hawking.

Thank you for all of your support and kind donations.

Life Skill Champions

This half term, the Life Skill focus has been Time Management Skills. The children have explored activities that encourage them to plan ahead, be more organised and 'smarter' with their time.

Congratulations to our Life Skill Champions for this half term, who are now the proud owners of a gold star badge.

Next half term, our Life Skill focus is Decision Making Skills.

Starley N: **Aoife M**

Whittle N: **Violet T**

Grylls R: **Zahian H**

Peake R: **Isla O**

Aston R: **Billy B**

Shaw 1: **Millie M**

Bell 1: **Kygo O**

Lee 1: **Sophie K**

Pankhurst 2: **Lexi M**

Churchill 2: **Aiden M**

Nightingale 2: **Isabella D**

Hockney 3: **Myla D**

Lowry 3: **Saanvi H**

Riley 3: **Sakenna S**

Hawking 4: **Leah J**

Newton 4: **Penelope J**

Sharman 4: **Max L**

Webber 5: **Ava-Mae M**

Holst 5: **Isabella W**

Lynn 5: **Sofia H**

Farah 6: **Alex S**

Ennis 6: **Lily-Mae T**

Simmonds 6: **Charlie I**

David Baddiel – Author Event

On 28th February, children in **Year 3, 4, 5 and 6** will be joining an online assembly with DAVID BADDIEL, in which he will talk about his time as an author and the books he has written. The company organising the event have given you the opportunity to purchase SIGNED copies of his book. Comedian, presenter, screenwriter and award-winning author, David Baddiel is celebrating the ten-year anniversary of the brilliantly funny, bestselling children's novel, The Parent Agency. As part of this special event, David will be signing copies of his new book for any children watching who wish to order one.

IMPORTANT – Parents, you need to order the signed book from Our Bookshop - click below and choose your school from the drop down...

<https://www.ourbookshoptring.co.uk/product/the-parent-agency-special-10th-anniversary-edition-signed-schools-copies/>

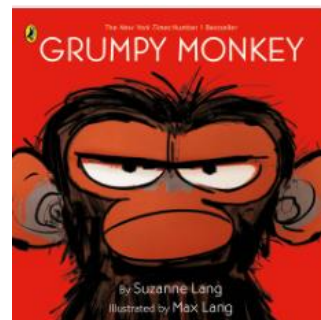
The signed books will all be boxed up and delivered to the school the week after the event.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM BEN AT OUR BOOKSHOP - Please include your child's name and class so the books can be labelled up for the event. Postage is not required; we will deliver all the books to the school.

OUR READING RECOMMENDATION

"Grumpy Monkey" by Suzanne and Max Lang

Jim Panzee is having one of those days. Nothing can cheer him up and he's in a BAD mood. His friends are trying really hard to turn his frown upside down, especially as it's such a beautiful day. But poor Jim just can't snap out of it and ends up having a bit of a meltdown. Maybe he just needs to be left alone to have a grumpy day... This modern classic about dealing with confusing feelings is a must-have for little readers.



This book is suitable for readers in Nursery and Reception.

SHARING OUR LEARNING

KS2

Holst 5 have been having lots of fun with stop animation this half term. They designed stories on storyboards, then made their characters with modelling clay and watched them come to life using the stop animation app!



PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

Note from the Parent Liaison Lead

Please be reminded that the booking system for parents evening closes on the 19th February at 9am. If you have not received the booking email and wish to make an appointment, please email parent liaison on the email address below as soon as possible.

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 29 January – 2 February 2024

UPPER KS2	Ennis 6	89.7%	Farah 6	93.3%	Simmonds 6	94.3%	Holst 5	94.3%	Lynn 5	95.0%	Webber 5	96.9%
LOWER KS2	Hawking 4	95.0%	Newton 4	96.6%	Sharman 4	95.5%	Hockney 3	98.3%	Lowry 3	91.7%	Riley 3	93.0%
KS1	Churchill 2	96.0%	Nightingale 2	96.4%	Pankhurst 2	94.2%	Bell 1	91.9%	Lee 1	94.3%	Shaw 1	94.2%
EYFS	Aston R	93.6%	Grylls R	91.0%	Peake R	92.3%	Starley N	84.8%	Whittle N	90.4%		

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

DIARY DATES

19 February – Children Return to School
 20 February – Whole School Engage
 21 February – Oxford Owl e-library Demonstration for Reception to Y2 - 8.40am or 3pm
 26 February – SEND Parent Coffee Morning 11am
 26 February – Boys Football Team Match – Solihull Moors – 4.45pm
 26 February – SLT Parent Drop In – 3.45pm
 27 February – Y4 Hawking Multiplication Workshop – 9am
 28 February – Y4 Newton Multiplication Workshop – 9am
 29 February – Y4 Sharman Multiplication Workshop – 9am
 29 February – Girls and Boys Football Match
 1 March – Parent Workshop Specific Needs Information – 12pm
 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)
 7 March – KS1 Gymnastics Festival – Lode Heath School – 4.30pm
 11 March – SLT Parent Drop In – 3.45pm
 12 March – Science Day
 13 March – Y3 Trip to Selly Manor
 14 March – Y1 Trip to Warwick Castle
 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

