



Valley Primary School Newsletter

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

Friday
15th
November
2024

A MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Anti-bullying day was marked on 12th November and thank you to children, staff and all in our school community who wore odd socks to show their individuality and express themselves. We work hard to teach children to recognise bullying behaviours, know what to do in the event of such behaviours and how to support others in the event of targeted, unkind behaviour. Wearing our odd socks allowed us to have fun whilst considering such important messages and to recognise that we are an amazing community of unique individuals who deserve respect.

We were also grateful to see so many parents participating in the Reception phonics workshops that commenced this week and so many children from the Old Lode Lane site returning to school in their pyjamas for an evening of story telling! We hope the children enjoyed these opportunities as much as we did and are grateful for your ongoing support as we continue to work to equip and inspire our fantastic young readers.

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

VALLEY NEWS AND REMINDERS

THANK YOU PTFA!

Thank you to our fabulous PTFA for funding the new projector on Old Lode Lane. Our children love it and it made our remembrance day assembly even more special this week as we learnt about armistice day and showed respect and honour for those who have served our country in the war.



Solihull Parent Carer Voice – Coffee and Chat

Come and join us for a coffee and chat on **Thursday 21 November at 1.30pm** at the **Old Lode Lane** site with the school engagement team from Solihull Parent Carer Voice.



Playground Leaders

We were very lucky at Valley, as some of our Playground leaders were invited to go on a training session at Tudor Grange Leisure Centre. They had the opportunity to learn about the importance of physical activity and were taught how to play a range of playground games.



Book Bags in Lower Phase (Nursery, Reception and Year 1)

Please can we remind parents that children in lower phase should only have book bags in school plus their water bottle. Rucksacks do not fit in the cloakrooms so please do not be tempted to buy these on ParentPay and only send your child into school with a Valley logo book bag or a Plain Purple book bag if you prefer. If any parent is struggling financially to afford a book bag, please speak to a member of SLT and we can discuss ways we can help.

Another Valley Baby!

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Churchard gave birth to a beautiful baby girl who has been named Adelaide Grace on Monday 11 November weighing a very healthy **8lb 6oz**. Mrs Churchard is now at home and they are now adjusting to life as a family of four!



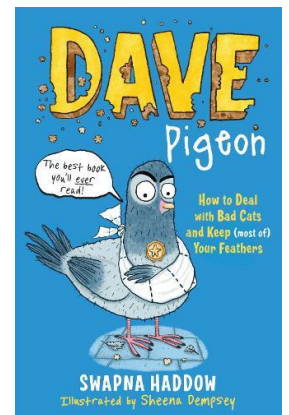
OUR READING RECOMMENDATION

'Dave Pigeon: (Kittens)' by Swapna Haddow.

A side-splitting fiction will make you question the animal kingdom like never before!

The totally fearless Dave Pigeon recounts his courageous vanquishing of Mean Cat. Learn to speak Pigeonese and take a pigeon hostage so that you can trick them into translating the Pigeonese words into Meow. I demand you release the hostage pigeon! This is first in a five-part much-loved series from author Swapna Haddow.

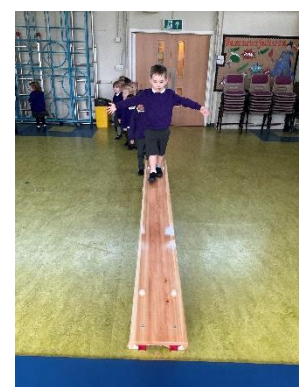
This book is suitable for readers in Middle Phase.



SHARING OUR LEARNING

Lower Phase

During their P.E lesson this week in **Nursery**, the children have been learning to stand on one leg and walk across a bench confidently. They have also been working hard on learning the 2D shape names and describing the features of them.



Middle Phase

In **Year 2**, the children have been creating strong, clear shapes with good posture and extension. They have been thinking about squeezing their muscles tight to help with balance and control.



Upper Phase

Year 6 have started their new topic, *Mysterious Maya*. They have been learning about when and where the Maya civilisation lived, with a particular focus on the geography and landscapes of their settlements in Mesoamerica. This led the children to explore the topography of mountainous areas. Using this knowledge, they created contour maps to demonstrate differences in elevation and incline of mountains/hills.



PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

Note from the Parent Liaison Lead

Thank you to everyone who has already sent in their children's Christmas dinner preference. If you would like to opt in or out of Christmas dinner, please email the school office: office@valley.solihull.sch.uk, by 9am on Friday 22nd November. Could I also ask that any queries relating to school meals are also emailed to the office, where the office team will then be able to assist you.

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 4 November – 8 November 2024

UPPER PHASE	Ennis 6	91.1%	Farah 6	92.1%	Simmonds 6	95.0%	Holst 5	92.1%	Lynn 5	98.7%	Webber 5	96.4%
	Hawking 4	94.2%	Newton 4	92.9%	Sharman 4	83.8%						
MIDDLE PHASE	Hockney 3	97.5%	Lowry 3	99.5%	Riley 3	86.8%	Churchill 2	93.5%	Nightingale 2	98.7%	Pankhurst 2	99.0%
LOWER PHASE	Bell 1	91.3%	Lee 1	98.3%	Shaw 1	92.6%	Aston R	87.9%	Grylls R	96.1%	Peake R	85.3%
	Nursery	90.1%										

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

DIARY DATES

Please join us for these events...

- 18th November – SLT Drop in Session – Old Lode Lane 3.30pm -4.15pm
- 18th, 19th and 20th November – Scholastic Book Fair until 4pm
- 19th November – SLT Drop in Session – Fallowfield Road – 7.45am – 8.30am
- 18th November – Peake R – Phonics Workshop -8.45am – 9.15am
- 21st November – Open Morning – Nursery and Reception New Parents – 9am – 11am
- 21st November – SEN Parent Catch up and Cuppa – 1.30pm – 3pm
- 29th November – PTFA Christmas Fayre

Please talk to your children about these events...

- 19th November – Flu Immunisations – Reception to Y6
- 21st November – Pyjama Tales – Nursery, Reception and Year 1 – 5pm – 5.45pm

Please support your child to participate in...

- 28th November – Girls and Boys Football – Solihull Moors – 4pm – 6.15pm
- 29th November – PTFA Non Uniform Day

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>