



Valley Primary School Newsletter

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

Friday
22nd
November
2024

A MESSAGE FROM THE ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, we've been celebrating the power of maths as part of our exciting *Real Maths Week*! At Valley, we believe in showing our children how maths is not just something to learn in the classroom, but a skill that is used every day in the world around us. Every year group embraced the role of a designer, carefully considering the costs, creativity, and practicality of their different projects. They built their skills throughout the week, preparing to create, pitch and 'sell' their creations as a business.

The projects varied across year groups, with each class tackling different aspects of design and maths, from the creation of pop-up shops in Year 1, using number skills to design price lists, manage budgets and calculate profits, to developing innovative, cost-effective and environmentally friendly ways to store sweet products in Year 6, applying their knowledge of measurement and nets to create the perfect packaging. Each class brought their ideas to life with creativity and practical problem-solving.

Alongside our maths activities, we've also enjoyed hosting the Scholastic Book Fair and we hope many of our children found something exciting to add to their reading collections. It's always wonderful to see the excitement for reading, and we're thrilled to see our pupils developing their love of books.

Finally, we had a wonderful time hosting the second of our *Pyjama Tales* events. Pupils enjoyed snuggling up in their pyjamas, sharing stories and further fostering a love of reading!

Thank you to staff and children for making these memorable and fun learning experiences, and to parents for their continued support.

Have a great weekend!

Mrs Burgess

VALLEY NEWS AND REMINDERS

Mayor's Art Competition

We are really pleased to share and celebrate the work and talent of Chloe in Year 6. Chloe's beautifully crafted painting was completed in her Year 5 'On Top of the World' topic, where pupils took inspiration from the artist Hokusai to create landscape art. Chloe's creation awarded her runner up in the Mayor's local primary school art competition and she was invited to share tea and refreshments with the Mayor of Solihull in the Mayor's parlour. Well done, Chloe!



Outdoor Play Area – EYFS

We would be extremely grateful for any donations of spare tarpaulin that we could use in the outdoor area for EYFS. This would help with keeping the play equipment dry during the winter months and the children would then have the opportunity to use the equipment each day.

School Meals

If your child has ordered a school meal, may we remind you that as the meals provided are fully balanced and freshly cooked that there is absolutely no need to also provide a packed lunch for your child.

OUR READING RECOMMENDATION

'Stitch Head' by Guy Bass

Enter the darkly funny world of Stitch Head, as he steps out of the shadows into the adventure of an almost-lifetime...

Deep in the maze-like dungeons of Castle Grotteskew, insane Professor Erasmus created Stitch Head, a small, almost-human creature. His experiments continued, filling the castle with creations so fabulously monstrous that Stitch Head was long forgotten. Until a travelling circus ringmaster knocks at the castle door, promising to make Stitch Head a star. Is this Stitch Head's chance to venture beyond the castle walls? Or could he be making a terrible mistake...?

Also available as a graphic novel!

This book is suitable for readers in Upper Phase.



SHARING OUR LEARNING

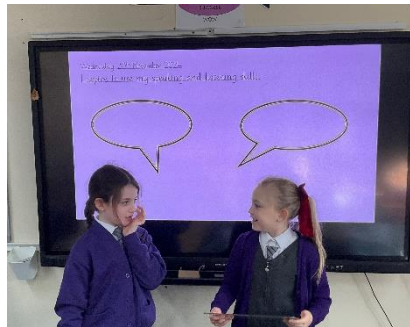
Lower Phase

This week in **Year 1**, the children have been taking part in Real Life Maths Week. They have been making their own food shops and coming up with prices for the food they are selling.



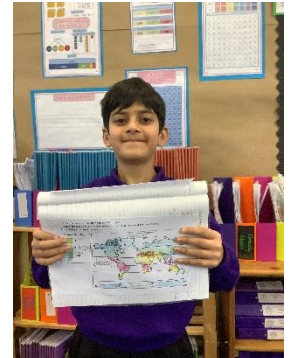
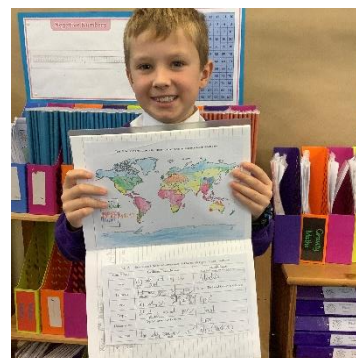
Middle Phase

Year 3 have been learning how to use direct speech in their writing. The children acted out different parts of the story to help them think what the characters might be saying. They turned these speech bubbles into direct speech using inverted commas.



Upper Phase

In Year 4 the children have been exploring the different climate zones of the world and where they are located on a map. They have found: alpine, polar, Mediterranean, temperate, arid, tropical zones across the world and will now be finding out more about these areas.



PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

Note from the Parent Liaison Lead

With the winter season now upon us, I would like to remind parents that if your child is unable to attend school for any reason, you are required to either leave a voicemail on our absence line or email the school office. We would ask that you do this as soon as possible or by 9am at the latest. This then allows us to record your child's absence correctly, failure to do so may result in an unauthorised absence. Our absence line is 0121 743 4695 opt 1 and our email address is office@valley.solihull.sch.uk . Please include your child's name, class and reason for absence.

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 11 November – 15 November 2024

UPPER PHASE	Ennis 6	96.1%	Farah 6	91.3%	Simmonds 6	90.3%	Holst 5	91.3%	Lynn 5	92.1%	Webber 5	95.4%
	Hawking 4	94.3%	Newton 4	94.3%	Sharman 4	95.0%						
MIDDLE PHASE	Hockney 3	95.6%	Lowry 3	93.3%	Riley 3	95.2%	Churchill 2	95.2%	Nightingale 2	97.9%	Pankhurst 2	98.3%
LOWER PHASE	Bell 1	83.5%	Lee 1	89.1%	Shaw 1	100%	Aston R	88.2%	Grylls R	91.7%	Peake R	77.5%
	Nursery	88.9%										

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

DIARY DATES

Please join us for these events...

- 25th November – SLT Drop in Session – Old Lode Lane 3.30pm -4.15pm
- 26th November – SLT Drop in Session – Fallowfield Road – 7.45am – 8.30am
- 29th November – PTFA Christmas Fayre
- 2nd December - SLT Drop in Session – Old Lode Lane 3.30pm -4.15pm
- 3rd December - SLT Drop in Session – Fallowfield Road – 7.45am – 8.30am
- 26th November – Peake Parents Evening – 1pm – 6.30pm

Please talk to your children about these events...

- 4th December – Reception visit to Elmdon Church – 1pm

Please support your child to participate in...

- 28th November – Girls and Boys Football – Solihull Moors – 4pm – 6.15pm
- 29th November – PTFA Non Uniform Day
- 4th December – Christmas Dinner – Upper Phase
- 5th December – Christmas Dinner – Middle Phase
- 6th December – Christmas Dinner – Lower Phase

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>