



Valley Primary School Newsletter

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

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

Friday
2nd
February
2024

NOTE FROM THE ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have been celebrating National Story Telling Week. On Thursday our children enjoyed virtual story telling workshops with 2 authors. This event aims to celebrate the power of sharing stories and promote how stories teach us about the world, feel empathy, and help us to relax and escape.

We also celebrated the NSPCC's National Number Day on Friday. Whilst taking part in fun maths activities the children helped to raise money for the NSPCC, thank you for your support with this.

Next week we will be taking part in Children's Mental Health Week. The theme this year is 'My Voice Matters.' This is about empowering children and young people by providing them with the tools they need to express themselves. During Children's Mental Health Week we want all the children in Valley to be able to say – and believe - "My Voice Matters".

Hope you all have a wonderful weekend
Mrs Wood

VALLEY NEWS AND REMINDERS

Girls' Football Club

The girls' **Year 5 and 6** football club have been training hard this week with their coach, Mr Andrews, in preparation for their upcoming matches. They have showed great perseverance to improve their passing, shooting and tackling skills. They have developed their teamwork and challenged themselves in every session. We are looking forward to supporting the girls as they use these skills in their league matches throughout February and March. Go Valley!



School Streets – Fallowfield Road

The school street scheme was implemented on Fallowfield Road and surrounding areas on 8th January. As you know vehicles are prohibited from entering into or out of a section of Fallowfield Road outside the front gates. The restricted times are 8am to 8.50am in the morning and 2.35pm to 3.35pm, Monday to Thursday and 1.05pm to 2.05pm on a Friday. **We wanted to make you aware that the roads are being monitored by the Council and a number of vehicles this week have received parking tickets. Please be mindful of this when dropping off or collecting your children each day.**

OUR READING RECOMMENDATION

'The Final Year' by Matt Goodfellow

The Final Year is a moving novel written in poetic style with a strong main character – Nate, who is just about to start his journey into the summer holidays before beginning his final year at primary school. Throughout the text, Nate struggles with both the stresses of Year Six and his own anger issues. The author – who used to be a teacher – shows clearly what school life can be like and why having a good network of support can be so important for everyone.

This book is suitable for readers in Year 5 and 6.



EXPLORERS

The children in Explorers have had a wonderful half term with lots of fun and activities including story week, time travel and some calming mental health crafts. They have glued, glittered, coloured and played.

Next week, we are celebrating Chinese new year and the children will have great fun crafting their own dragons and lanterns.

Next half term, we will see the return of the Explorers favourite week - competition week! 5 competitions played over 5 days for prizes. You have got to be in it to win it!!

SHARING OUR LEARNING

KS1

Year 1 have been learning about Queen Victoria in Topic and have made Victoria sponge cakes.



Year 2 had a fantastic day out at the Black Country Museum. As part of their Best of Britain topic, they have been learning about how life has changed in the UK over the past one hundred years and thinking about how life is different now compared to when their grandparents were young. They enjoyed visiting an old fashioned high street, looking at houses and vehicles from the past, and even did a lesson in an old school!



PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

Note from the Pastoral Team

In our mindfulness group this week, the children explored a variety of breathing exercises designed to help you feel calm in stressful situations. One of our favourites is belly breathing which you can do at anytime and anywhere.

Here's a link to a video which explains how to do it if you'd like to try it at home:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=riMb2Bw4Ae8&t=1s>



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 22 January – 26 January 2024

UPPER KS2	Ennis 6	92.3%	Farah 6	92.3%	Simmonds 6	90.3%	Holst 5	96.7%	Lynn 5	91.7%	Webber 5	92.8%
LOWER KS2	Hawking 4	91.9%	Newton 4	92.4%	Sharman 4	97.9%	Hockney 3	96.9%	Lowry 3	83.8%	Riley 3	90.3%
KS1	Churchill 2	94.8%	Nightingale 2	88.4%	Pankhurst 2	95.4%	Bell 1	91.4%	Lee 1	98.7%	Shaw 1	90.4%
EYFS	Aston R	95.0%	Grylls R	90.0%	Peake R	86.8%	Starley N	92.8%	Whittle N	97.4%		

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

DIARY DATES

5 – 9 February – Children’s Mental Health Week
5 February – Reception Express Event for Parents – 2.45pm
6 February – Year 4 Hawking and Newton Trip to Dhamma Talaka Peace Pagoda – 9.15am
6 February – Safer Internet Day
6 February – Year1 Express Event for Parents – 2.45pm
7 February – Year 5 Trip to National Space Centre
8 February – Year 4 – Sharman – Trip to Dhamma Talaka Peace Pagoda – 9.15am
8 February – Year 4 Express Event for Parents – 2.45pm
8 February – Girls and Boys Football Match
9 February – House Point Celebrations
9 February – End of Half Term
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

