



Valley Primary School Newsletter

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

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

Friday
26th
January
2024

NOTE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Music filled our hall this week as Webber class did a great guitar concert. Thank you to all our parents who attended and for supporting your children as we continue to enrich our music curriculum. We are very proud of them all. Thank you too to all parents who attended our Maths workshops this week, it was lovely to have the opportunity to show you some of the strategies which we use in school.

Our children have continued enjoying their learning this week with many exciting activities and lots of lovely discussions happening across the school in all areas of the curriculum. We look forward to enriching this further next week, particularly with our Number Day focus activities.

Many thanks for your continued support,
Miss Milewski

VALLEY NEWS AND REMINDERS

Parent Workshop

Please be reminded that on **Tuesday 30th January at 12pm**, Mrs Heaven and Mrs Manton will be hosting an online parent workshop which will focus on managing challenging behaviour and behaviour strategies. If you would like to join this webinar, please email the office or s52senco@valley.solihull.sch.uk and we will send you a Teams link for the event. Please note, this session will be recorded so if you are interested but unable to make the live event, please email us and we will send you the video link afterwards.

Life Skill Show and Tell Assembly

Next week, each class will have a Life Skill Show and Tell class assembly. This is an opportunity for the children to share evidence of them enjoying, exploring and developing their Spring 1 Time Management Skills outside of school.

For their Life skill 'Show and Tell' class assembly, children can share evidence:

- uploaded on teams
- brought in from home
- verbally with the class

It's not too late for the children to have a go at the activities uploaded on teams or to think of their own way to plan and organise tasks more effectively.

We look forward to hearing about how the children have used their time in a smarter way!

A Life Skill Champion will be chosen from each class, who will receive a gold star badge in the Celebration Assembly on **Friday 9th February**.

National Number Day

As part of NSPCC's National Number Day, on **Friday, 2nd February**, the Maths team are running a competition. We are asking children to bring a **£1** and they can estimate the number of sweets in the bottle. The closest estimate will take home the bottle and sweets. If children would like to estimate twice they can bring an additional pound to school. Monies raised will be counted by School Council and donated to the NSPCC.

Thank you in advance for your support.



Booking Parents Evening Appointments for Spring 2

Please be reminded that the online booking system for parents evening appointments on 19th and 21st March will go **live at 6pm on Monday, 29th January.**

OUR READING RECOMMENDATION

"Dog Man" by Dav Pilkey

From the creators of Captain Underpants, it's Dog Man, the crime-biting canine who is part dog, part man, and ALL COP! George and Harold have created a new hero who digs into deception, claws after crooks, and rolls over robbers. When Greg the police dog and his cop companion are injured on the job, a life-saving surgery changes the course of history, and Dog Man is born. With the head of a dog and the body of a human, this heroic hound has a real nose for justice. But can he resist the call of the wild to answer the call of duty?

This book is suitable for readers in Year 3 and Year 4.



SHARING OUR LEARNING

EYFS

In **Nursery** our Power of Reading text has been 'A Brave Bear' by Sean Taylor. The children have enjoyed predicting what they think will happen next in the story, role playing the story and discussing things that are hot and cold relating to our topic of 'Opposites' this half term.



KS1

Year 2 have been reading the book 'Rabbit and Bear' by Julian Gough in their English lessons. They researched facts about brown bears and used these to write non chronological reports which they then worked together in groups to publish.



Year 2 also enjoyed looking at the different food groups in Science this week. They looked at why eating a balanced diet is good for us and what our body needs from each of the different food groups. They then sorted food into the different groups and created a meal using each of the groups.



PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

Note from the Parent Liaison Lead

The children will be having their school photographs taken next week, these will be both individual and class groups. Your children will come home with a QR code on the day, you will then need this to register online, following the instructions on the card. When your photographs are available to view, you will receive a message from the photographers. Should you have any issues with this process, please contact parent liaison via the email below. The **Infants** will be taking place on **Monday 29th January** and the **Juniors** will be on **Thursday 1st February**.

Further Developing Partnerships

As a result of Parent feedback, I am delighted to announce that My Clothing <https://schooladmin.myclothing.com/#/orginfo/6748> have been added to our uniform suppliers. Our uniform is also available via Schooltrends, Midland Schoolwear and Clive Marks.

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 15 January – 19 January 2024

UPPER KS2	Ennis 6	91.0%	Farah 6	90.7%	Simmonds 6	93.3%	Holst 5	93.7%	Lynn 5	85.7%	Webber 5	93.7%
LOWER KS2	Hawking 4	91.2%	Newton 4	96.6%	Sharman 4	94.5%	Hockney 3	97.2%	Lowry 3	96.2%	Riley 3	94.3%
KS1	Churchill 2	92.0%	Nightingale 2	99.2%	Pankhurst 2	95.8%	Bell 1	92.9%	Lee 1	93.0%	Shaw 1	90.8%
EYFS	Aston R	89.5%	Grylls R	98.6%	Peake R	93.6%	Starley N	90.4%	Whittle N	94.8%		

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

DIARY DATES

29 January – School Photographer – Fallowfield Road Site
W/C 29 January – National Story Telling Week
30 January – Teams Parent Workshop – Behaviour Strategies – 12pm
31 January – Year 2 Trip to Black Country Museum
1 February – School Photographer – Old Lode Lane Site
2 February – NSPCC Number Day
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
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
1 March – Parent Workshop Specific Needs Information – 12pm
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

