



Valley Primary School Newsletter

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

Friday
17th January
2025

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are all aware, in December we became part of The Elliot Foundation Academies Trust (TEFAT). As part of this process, our current Governing body will become a Community Council. This means that they will focus more on the children, the curriculum and what makes us special with our vision and values etc. The Community Council will consist of 9 volunteers.

We are planning to move 8 of our current board across which means we have 1 vacancy for a parent volunteer.

We have already received one register of interest but if anybody else might be interested, please do pop and see me at one of our drop in sessions this week or give me a call to discuss the role further.

If by next Friday 24th January, we have had no further expressions of interest we will proceed with the current people interested.

May I take this opportunity to thank our current and future volunteers who give up their time to be part of our school. This is such an important role and we do appreciate your time.

Miss Milewski

VALLEY NEWS AND REMINDERS

Old Lode Lane Car Park, Drop off and Collection

This week, we have had two near misses and one car accident caused directly by inappropriate parking in our school car park or by parking on pavements directly outside our school gates. We have also had numerous complaints from local residents about parking around school at drop off and collection times.

To address this issue, we would ask that all parents either walk or park at a distance from school around drop off and collection times so 8.15am and 9am and between 3.15pm and 3.45pm.

We would ask that Explorers parents only use the visitor car park and never enter the staff car park for safety reasons.

We would ask that any disabled members of our community who hold a blue badge and feel the above measures would be unviable for them, to contact school directly via our parent liaison email address so that we can work out a plan that meets individual needs, without compromising the wider safety by using the staff car park.

In return for the above, we will open all site gates earlier on Old Lode Lane to enable pedestrian and wheelchair access from 7.30am every morning.

Please note that children remain the responsibility of parents until the doors are open at 8.40am and children enter school, or until a member of Explorers staff welcomes them into breakfast club.

Please can we also remind parents that mobile phones are not permitted for use in school. Should your child walk to and from school, it is crucial these are turned off prior to entering school premises and that children do not arrive prior to 8.40am as they will not be supervised.

Thank you for your support with this matter.

Fallowfield Road Drop off and Collection

This week, we have had a near miss due to cars parked outside of our Fallowfield Road site. Please can we remind you that there is a School Street scheme operating around this site and this was implemented following several very serious close calls with children. Fallowfield Road has our youngest children on site so we would ask that nobody breaches the school streets scheme in order that we keep everybody safe please.

An Exciting New Arrival

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Burgess – Assistant Head Teacher, gave birth to a beautiful baby boy on **Friday 11 January**. The delighted parents have named him Luke Christopher. Mother and baby are doing well!



Eco Warriors

The Eco Warriors have worked hard to sort and recycle the Christmas cards sent in. They had a great time looking for recycling symbols and learning why some cards couldn't be recycled. They were excited to discover that most of the cards were made from recyclable materials—a big win for the environment! A huge thank you to everyone who sent in their cards and supported this eco-friendly initiative.



Hot Lunches – Fallowfield Road

We are hopeful that a choice of hot food at lunchtime will be available again from next Thursday 23rd January.

Life Skill Champions

In assembly today, the children were reminded of last half term's life skill which was physical health management. Congratulations to our Life Skill Champions, who are now the proud owners of a gold star badge.

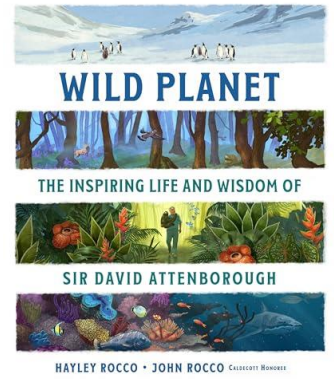
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		Peake R:	Arla F	Bell 1:	Praypak S
		Aston R:	Violet T	Lee 1:	Hajrah J
Pankhurst 2:	Ava F	Hockney 3:	Zoe C	Hawking 4:	Emily T
Churchill 2:	Emaan T	Lowry 3:	Lucas F	Newton 4:	Kai M
Nightingale 2:	Elijah S	Riley 3:	Thea D	Sharman 4:	James O
Webber 5:	Hanna R	Farah 6:	Ibrahim M		
Holst 5:	Leah W	Ennis 6:	Erin F		
Lynn 5:	Esme S	Simmonds 6:	Mason T		

OUR READING RECOMMENDATION

'Wild Planet' by David Attenborough

A fascinating picture book biography of broadcaster and biologist, Sir David Attenborough. As a boy, David loved exploring the wild places near his home. When he was older, he travelled the world to film animals in their natural habitats. His adventures brought the wonders of the world into our homes. But David also noticed that our planet was changing. What could David do to help? What could we all do?

This book is suitable for readers in Upper Phase.



SHARING OUR LEARNING

Lower Phase

In **Year 1** this week, the children have been learning to throw underarm. They learnt to use only one hand to throw and use the other hand to focus on the target.



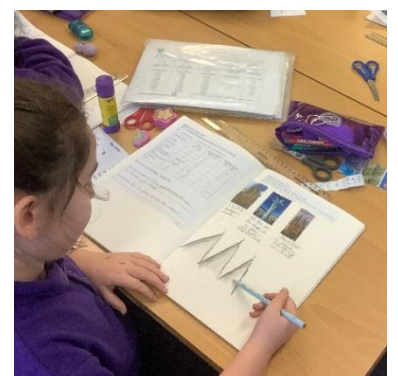
Middle Phase

Thank you to the **Year 2** parents who attended the Maths workshops this week. The children showed their parents how we teach key skills. Then they played games using the iPads to help with their KIRF skills.



Upper Phase

Sharman 4 have been exploring the unique, nature-inspired work of Antoni Gaudí. The children engaged in discussions about the distinctive elements of his architecture, then applied their learning by imitating his style using techniques such as the "bracelet curve" and "stippling." One highlight was experimenting with clay, where they particularly enjoyed creating structures using the coil technique.



PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

Note from the Pastoral Team

Solihull Parent Carer Voice will be visiting the Fallowfield Road site on **Wednesday 29th January at 1.30pm**. Come and join us for a coffee and a chat and meet the school engagement team. All parent/carers are welcome.



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 6 January – 10 January 2025

UPPER PHASE	Ennis 6	84.4%	Farah 6	95.7%	Simmonds 6	95.3%	Holst 5	96.3%	Lynn 5	96.6%	Webber 5	93.3%
	Hawking 4	96.7%	Newton 4	97.5%	Sharman 4	88.3%						
MIDDLE PHASE	Hockney 3	98.0%	Lowry 3	96.9%	Riley 3	95.5%	Churchill 2	97.8%	Nightingale 2	99.3%	Pankhurst 2	95.7%
LOWER PHASE	Bell 1	87.0%	Lee 1	98.9%	Shaw 1	96.0%	Aston R	90.6%	Grylls R	92.4%	Peake R	94.9%
	Nursery	86.9%										

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

DIARY DATES

Please join us for these events...

- 20th January - SLT Drop in Session – Old Lode Lane 3.30pm -4.15pm
- 21st January - SLT Drop in Session – Fallowfield Road – 7.45am – 8.30am
- 21st January – Maths Workshop – Ennis 6 – 9am
- 22nd January – Maths Workshop – Farah 6 – 9am
- 23rd January – Maths Workshop – Simmonds 6 – 9am
- 23rd January – Numbots & Oxford Owl E Library Workshop – Reception – 9am
- 27th January - SLT Drop in Session – Old Lode Lane 3.30pm -4.15pm
- 28th January - SLT Drop in Session – Fallowfield Road – 7.45am – 8.30am
- 29th January – Solihull Parent/Carer Voice Coffee Afternoon – 1.30pm
- 30th January – Y6 SATS Parent Meeting – 5.00pm

Please talk to your children about these events...

- 27th January – Individual and class photos – OLL Site
- 30th January – Individual and class photos – Fallowfield Road Site

Please support your child to participate in...

- 21st January – Boys Football – Old Sills – 3.30pm

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>