Valley Primary School Newsletter

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

Friday 14th February 2025

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,
This week began with a focus on number as we took part in NSPCC number day. Our children thoroughly enjoyed this and it was great to see our children's confidence manipulating numbers and applying their reasoning and problem solving skills to real situations.

We also announced our half termly winning house team… well done Great Barrier Reef House. The team worked together to show our school values, live out our school vision and show fantastic learning, gaining the most house points in return during this half term. Great celebrations took place for our blue house today.

We also had some wonderful express events this week to end our topics, including art exhibitions, monster dances, clay modelling and a fabulous afternoon tea event.

So, as we reflect on a great half term at Valley, may I take this opportunity to thank our whole school community who have contributed. Most importantly, thank you to our fabulous children who wow us every day with their kindness, respect, curiosity and learning achievements.

Thank you also to our staff team who are relentless with their efforts to make sure every child has the best possible opportunities. Thank you to all our partner agencies and community partners who play such an important role in our school and thank you to everybody who has donated time or things to our school to help our families navigate the current often rather challenging family circumstances.

Finally, thank you to you, our parents and careers for your invaluable support, we couldn't be as effective and run so many lovely enrichment events without good partnership working.

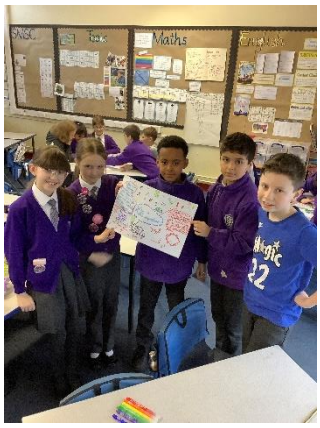
I hope you all have a wonderful half term break and enjoy lots of lovely times in your families,

Miss Milewski

VALLEY NEWS AND REMINDERS

Number Day

Monday was Number Day at Valley! The children came to school wearing numbers on their clothes, on badges and even in their hair! The children took part in quizzes, played maths games and completed real life activities to get them excited about maths and learn new maths skills.



Holiday Science Quests

This term, the Science Quest focus is observation. Can your child use their scientific observation skills to find the odd one out? Everyone that completes the quest will receive 10 house points for their house! The Science Quests can be found on your child's year group page on our website. Happy observing!

Speech and Language

As part of our Speech and Language Link subscription, we can offer a fantastic Parent Portal to use **FREE of charge**. On the site you will find a huge range of resources, activities, games and information to help support students at home with their speech and language development. Please click on the link for further information.Parent Portal - Speech and Language Link

Y6 Walkers

We have recently had reports of incidents of behaviour that fall below the standards expected relating to a small number of individuals with permission to walk home independently. Please be advised that if at any time you wish to reconsider your child's permission to walk home, this can be organised in contact with the school office. In the event that investigation of such reports results in concerns for a child's behaviour and safety when unsupervised, we will communicate the need to collect from school and will work with parents to review reinstatement of permission.
We are extremely grateful to parents for working with us and for encouraging children to report any concerns to adults both at home and school.

Life Skill Champions

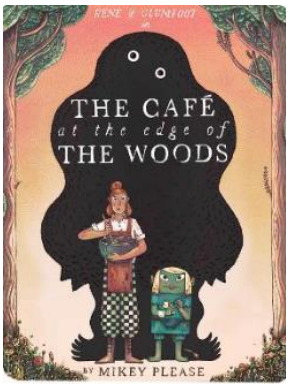
We would like to say huge congratulations to all of our Life Skill Champions who have demonstrated fantastic Time Management skills this half term. It has been wonderful to hear about your examples and achievements during this very important focus over the last 6 weeks. All of these children are now the proud owners of a gold star badge.

Next half-term, our Life Skill focus will be Decision Making. We can't wait to hear about all the ways in which the children can demonstrate this and look forward to awarding more Life Skills Champions!

Nursery:	**Willow R**	Grylls R:	**Nivaan R**	Shaw 1:	**Jaxon H**
		Peake R:	**Zimal U**	Bell 1:	**Eden U**
		Aston R:	**Lily B**	Lee 1:	**Zunairah W**
Pankhurst 2:	**Millie M**	Hockney 3:	**April S**	Hawking 4:	**Emily T**
Churchill 2:	**Joshua B**	Lowry 3:	**Eliza J**	Newton 4:	**George T**
Nightingale 2:	**Amaya R**	Riley 3:	**Eden C**	Sharman 4:	**Myla D-T**
Webber 5:	**Xavier M**	Farah 6:	**Amelia W**		
Holst 5:	**Belle T**	Ennis 6:	**Connie T**		
Lynn 5:	**Esme S**	Simmonds 6:	**Cairon G**		

OUR READING RECOMMENDATION

'The Cafe at the edge of the Woods' by Mikey Price



Rene's dreams have finally come true! She's opened a café beside an enchanted wood, and with the help of a newfound waiter, Glumfoot, she is ready to serve the finest cuisine! But the locals seem to favour a most peculiar palette, requesting all sorts of disgusting things.
Can Glumfoot's quick-thinking save the day?

This book is suitable to read to children in Lower Phase.

SHARING OUR LEARNING

Lower Phase

This week in **Reception**, the children enjoyed sharing their monster art exhibition with their families at their express event. They made clay monsters, a monster collage, painted a monster and finished off with a dance - the monster shuffle.

Middle Phase

Dragon eye madness has taken hold in **Year 2** over the last few weeks of half term. The children have discovered all about sculptures and what they are made of, they then created their own sculpture in the style of Marco Martalar's awe inspiring dragon sculpture. Using clay and tools to sculpt, the children have to say they are rather pleased with the outcomes so far. All they need to do now is to paint them!

Upper Phase

The children in **Year 5** really enjoyed their Design and Technology lesson making animated character figures.

PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

Note from the Pastoral Team

Please find attached a link to the family information services, which offers families help and support during the school holidays. There is also a link which contains information about holiday activities and food clubs. Children and family support or Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme

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 3 February – 7 February 2025

UPPER PHASE	Ennis 6	86.1%	Farah 6	93.1%	Simmonds 6	**97.8%**	Holst 5	92.3%	Lynn 5	93.8%	Webber 5	**94.3%**
	Hawking 4	**97.0%**	Newton 4	93.3%	Sharman 4	90.3%						
MIDDLE PHASE	Hockney 3	**97.3%**	Lowry 3	94.8%	Riley 3	93.8%	Churchill 2	93.0%	Nightingale 2	**98.0%**	Pankhurst 2	94.3%
LOWER PHASE	Bell 1	90.0%	Lee 1	91.7%	Shaw 1	**95.0%**	Aston R	**96.3%**	Grylls R	91.0%	Peake R	88.5%
	Nursery	91.9%										

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

DIARY DATES

Please join us for these events…

24th February – Valley PTFA – AGM – 4.30pm

Please talk to your children about these events…

24th February – Start of Term
3rd March – Ramadan Assembly

Please support your child to participate in…

24th February – Hawking 4 - Peace Pagoda Trip
25th February – Newton 4 and Sharman 4 -Peace Pagoda Trip
27th February – Y2 – Black Country Museum Trip
5th March – SPCV Coffee Morning – 9.00am – Old Lode Lane
6th March – World Book 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