



Valley Primary School Newsletter

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

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

Friday
17th
November
2023

NOTE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last Friday, I was the proud host to our first Valley Headteacher Madhatter Tea Party! Congratulations to all our Topic Home Learning Superstars chosen to join the madness. It was a wonderful event with the children sharing their fabulous work and enjoying some lovely treats and games! There will be another chance the first week after Christmas so keep working hard with your Topic Home Learning Tasks.



On Monday, we began this week by showing our respects for all those who have served in our armed forces both past and present as we joined together as a school for a two minute silence on Monday. We remembered and wore our poppies with pride!



This week as a school, we have been doing some Anti-Bullying work and our family assemblies have started to share this important message with our whole school community. Thank you to our Friendship Ambassadors for leading this work. Valley is an anti-bullying school and it is so important to know what to do if you experience any bullying throughout life.



Finally, well done to our Year 5 children who have been enjoying Bikeability this week, their behaviour, resilience and perseverance has been very notable. This is part of our work in preparing our children to be good future citizens as it is important they can travel safely alongside keeping themselves fit.



Thank you for your continued support and have a great weekend everybody,
Miss Milewski

VALLEY NEWS AND REMINDERS

Bikeability

This week, the children in **Year 5** have taken part in Bikeability in which they worked alongside a group of experts who taught them how to safely ride their bikes out on the road. The children spent their first session out on the playground looking at essential skills such as how to stop, changing gears and how to safely check surroundings and signal to other drivers on the road. The children have had a fantastic week and the instructors have commented on the polite nature and maturity of the children.



Dodgeball

On Monday, seven **Year 5** children took part in an engage dodgeball tournament at Lode Heath Secondary School. The children were focused, resilient and worked exceptionally hard towards the school games values: Respect, Honesty and Teamwork. The children demonstrated these values positively, as well as rating the other teams on their performance. Mrs Bennett and Miss Stock were incredibly proud of the way the children represented the school and hope that the children have been inspired to participate in more sporting events in the future. Two of the children who attended made the following comments:

Aoun: "I really enjoyed the dodgeball, it was great. I was really good at dodging but found the throwing a little trickier. 10/10!"

Amelia: "I loved it and would definitely do it again! It was the best day of my life. Even though we didn't win it was still fun. It was a whole 7 games, but it went so fast - 10/10!"



Open Morning for Prospective Nursery and Reception Children – September 2024

We would like to invite anyone who is considering a place for Nursery or Reception for September 2024 to our final open morning this year on **22nd November at 9am**. Booking is essential for these events via admissions@valley.solihull.sch.uk

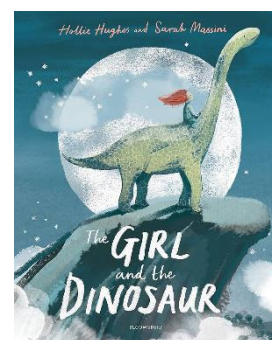
OUR READING RECOMMENDATION

"The Girl and the Dinosaur" by Hollie Hughes

Marianne is often seen foraging on the beach but she isn't playing with children her own age. Instead Marianne enjoys digging for dinosaur bones to make a special sort of companion. Then one night she goes to sleep wishing with all her heart that her dinosaur might come to life... This book will take you on a magical journey far beyond the page with beautiful illustrations.

Other books available by this author are: 'The Heart of a Giant' and 'Princess Swashbuckle'.

This book is suitable for those readers in Years 1 and 2.



SHARING OUR LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS

EYFS

The **Reception children** in Aston and Grylls enjoyed welcoming their parents to their phonic workshop. We are extremely proud of the progress that the children have already made on their reading journey. We look forward to welcoming parents from Peake next week.



KS1

In Maths, **Year 2** have been using Base 10 and drawing tens and ones to help them add together two digit numbers. They learned to add the ones first, then add the tens.



Year 2 have been acting out the Christmas story in RE this week. They looked at the important people involved in the story and acted out each of the scenes. This was great preparation for our upcoming Nativity performance!



KS2

This week, the children in **Year 5** have explored the concept of air resistance in Science. They worked in groups to create parachutes and investigated what materials would create the most air resistance and therefore fall the slowest. The children shared the importance of fair testing and implemented this in their investigation. They all thoroughly enjoyed the lesson and were able to formulate conclusions based on their findings.



PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

Note from the Pastoral Team

Christmas is fast approaching and we are all aware of the extra pressure financially this will put on all our families. We as a pastoral team would like to support any family who feel that they need an extra bit of help. We can offer a food parcel service, extra help with uniforms, a clothes referral to kit you out for the winter months or even a few extra Christmas presents. Please contact Miss Lambert or Mrs Manton to have a confidential chat to see what we can support with.

Further Developing Partnerships

Could we please remind all parents/carers to make sure that all children dismount from bikes and scooters when entering the school grounds. This is to ensure the safety of everyone during drop off and collection times. We would also like to remind parents that bikes and scooters that are left at school during the day are done so at your own risk. As a school, we cannot be responsible for any damage or loss to these items.

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 November – 10 November 2023

UPPER KS2	Ennis 6	86.0%	Farah 6	94.3%	Simmonds 6	95.0%	Holst 5	98.6%	Lynn 5	85.2%	Webber 5	96.9%
LOWER KS2	Hawking 4	93.3%	Newton 4	95.5%	Sharman 4	91.0%	Hockney 3	99.3%	Lowry 3	97.6%	Riley 3	94.3%
KS1	Churchill 2	90.0%	Nightingale 2	91.9%	Pankhurst 2	91.9%	Bell 1	92.5%	Lee 1	97.2%	Shaw 1	90.8%
EYFS	Aston R	96.2%	Grylls R	100%	Peake R	95.2%	Starley N	83.8%	Whittle N	90.0%		

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

DIARY DATES

20 November – Family Assembly – Anti Bullying Theme – Parents Invited – UKS2 – 2.45pm
20 November – Bedtime Stories – Y1 and Y2 – 5pm
21 November – Bedtime Stories – Nursery and Reception – 5pm
22 November – New Parents Open Morning – Fallowfield Road – (September 2024 intake) - 9am
22 November – Twilight Tales – Y5 and Y6 – 5pm
23 November – Peake Phonics Workshop – 8.45am (Change of Date)
23 November – Twilight Tales – Y3 and Y4 -5pm
24 November – Flu Immunisations
1 December – PTFA Christmas Fayre – Old Lode Lane– 4pm -7pm
1 December – School's Nursery Admissions Deadline
6 December – Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day
7 December – Guitar Concert – Old Lode Lane – 1.30pm
7 December – Reception to visit Elmdon Church
8 December – Food Parcel Donations

11 December – Nursery Christmas Performance – 9am
13 December – Y3 and Y4 Christmas Performance – 9am and 2.45pm
13 December – Y2 to visit Elmdon Church
14 December – Y5 and Y6 Christmas Performance – 9am and 2.45pm
14 December – Reception Christmas Performance – 2.45pm
18 December – Reception Christmas Performance – 9am
18 December – Y1 Christmas Performance – 2.45pm
19 December – Y1 Christmas Performance – 9am
19 December – Y2 Christmas Performance – 2.45pm
20 December – Y2 Christmas Performance – 9am
21 December – Nursery Christmas Parties – AM
21 December – Reception – Y6 Christmas Parties – PM
22 December – House Point Celebrations
22 December – Term Ends

