



Valley Primary School Newsletter

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

Friday
10th
November
2023

NOTE FROM THE ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that all our families had a fabulous half term break, enjoying spending time together with family and friends.

Today we celebrated our first round of Topic Home Learning Winners who have managed to travel around the world. It was lovely to share some of the fantastic work these children have been doing at home over the last half term in our celebration assemblies. Thank you for your continuing support with this.

This half term looks to be a particularly busy one with lots of exciting events planned for both our children and their families. We are delighted to invite you into school for our Family Anti-Bullying Assemblies and Reception Phonics Workshops both of which start next week. Please ensure that you have the dates for these in your diary and take the opportunity to join us in school for these events.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend

Mrs Wood

VALLEY NEWS AND REMINDERS

Maths

The Maths team would love to hear your views. We would love to know "How would you like your children to feel about Maths?"

The three word survey should not take too long to complete. Please log onto [menti.com](https://www.menti.com) and enter the code **5709 1137** and input the three words to answer the question.

Alternatively, you can scan the QR code, which will take you to the same page.



Save the Children Cake Sale Update

Well done to all of the children and parents for donating and buying cakes to help the School Council to raise **£447** for their chosen charity, Save the Children before half term.

Thank you to the House Captains and School Councillors for working hard at the treat sale, serving customers, restocking the tables and taking payments.



Remembrance Sunday

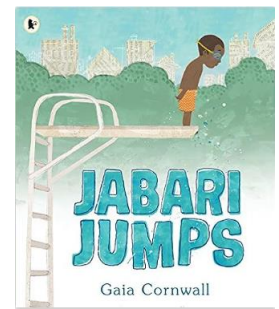
Every year the country comes together for Remembrance Sunday. A period of silence is held at 11am to remember the people who have died in wars around the world. Remembrance Day - is on Saturday this year - and marks the actual day World War One ended, at 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month, in 1918. As a school, we will be remembering all those who lost their lives in the war with a silence at 11am on Monday 12th November.



OUR READING RECOMMENDATION

"Jabari Jumps" by Gaia Cornwall

Jabari is definitely ready to jump off the diving board. He's finished his swimming lessons and passed his swimming test, and he's a great jumper, so he's not scared at all. "Looks easy," says Jabari, watching the other children take their turns. But when his dad squeezes his hand, Jabari squeezes back. He needs to figure out what kind of special jump to do anyway, and he should probably do some stretches before climbing up onto the diving board...



You'll enjoy this book if you like authors such as Ken Wilson-Max.

This book is suitable for those readers in Nursery and Reception.

SHARING OUR LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS

EYFS

The children in **Reception** have started their new topic, 'Then and Now'. They looked at the history of Guy Fawkes and fireworks and then made edible fireworks. They also went on an Autumn walk and compared Autumn with Summer.



KS1

The children had a fantastic day starting their new topic in **Year 1** 'Colour Chaos'. First they explored the artist Jackson Pollock and imitated his drip style painting. Then they explored the country of Spain and tried different Spanish foods, including Tortillas, Salsa, Olives and Paella Rice. They then finished the day creating their own Spanish Flamenco dances!



Year 2 really enjoyed researching and creating their own Rangoli patterns as part of their 'Indian Spice' topic day using chalk.



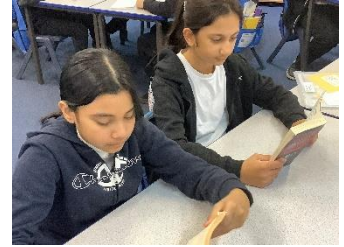
The children in **Year 3** had a wonderful morning looking at how the Bronze Age began. We discussed how the Bronze Age was different to the Stone Age and how the people created Bronze.



Year 6 have been working on their map skills this week. They have studied different maps and found specific places using 4 and 6 figure grid references.



Simmonds 6 have enjoyed talking about the books that they have been reading over the half term break and choosing their new books from the library.



PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

Note from the Parent Liaison Lead

I have received a number of comments this week from parents collecting children from the Old Lode Lane site regarding concerns that parents are standing on the carpark when collecting their children from years 4 and 5. Could I please ask that we keep the carpark and access ramps clear and keep younger children close by as we have children who need to access their transport safely.

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 23 October – 27 October 2023

UPPER KS2	Ennis 6	89.3%	Farah 6	94.7%	Simmonds 6	96.0%	Holst 5	95.5%	Lynn 5	91.7%	Webber 5	91.4%
LOWER KS2	Hawking 4	90.4%	Newton 4	94.5%	Sharman 4	96.6%	Hockney 3	95.7%	Lowry 3	87.9%	Riley 3	93.3%
KS1	Churchill 2	83.8%	Nightingale 2	93.6%	Pankhurst 2	91.4%	Bell 1	87.0%	Lee 1	94.4%	Shaw 1	95.0%
EYFS	Aston R	87.5%	Grylls R	91.0%	Peake R	95.7%	Starley N	71.9%	Whittle N	88.7%		

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

DIARY DATES

W/C 13 November – Real Life Maths Week

W/C 13 November – Anti-Bullying Week

W/C 13 November – Bikeability – Y5

14 November – Aston Phonics Workshop – 8.45am

15 November – Grylls Phonics Workshop – 8.45am

15 November – Family Assembly – Anti Bullying Theme – Parents Invited – KS1 – 2.40pm

16 November – Family Assembly – Anti Bullying Theme – Parents Invited – LKS2 – 2.45pm

20 November – Family Assembly – Anti Bullying Theme – Parents Invited – UKS2 – 9am (Change of Date and Time)

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 2.30pm

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

