



Valley Primary School Newsletter

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

Friday
27th
October
2023

NOTE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fabulous start to the academic year! Reflecting on the half term, our vision to aspire for excellence, enjoy learning, achieve success and then challenge ourselves further has been realised and the vibrant buzz of content, happy and inspired children has been evident across the school. Our Good OFSTED grade has been communicated widely and many, many professionals, community members and visitors to our school have commented on how we have continued this journey of success this half term with so many further positive developments.

Last week, we welcomed a Local Authority adviser to review SEND and Inclusion across our school. We were delighted to receive an exceptionally positive report following the visit which noted how systems are 'highly consistent and deeply effective' and how 'teaching is consistent, with scaffolding and modelling routine practice.'. It was also especially important for us that a 'strong focus on vocabulary development and retrieval of prior learning' was noted as this shows we are already successfully in process of working on our OFSTED development areas.

This week, our most exciting event has been the announcement of our first house point winners of the academic year! Congratulations to Grand Canyon Red House. They have worked hard this half term to achieve their learning aspires, show our school values, behave admirably and go above and beyond the expected in order to gain house points. Grand Canyon Team enjoyed wearing their red clothes today and house parties were great fun as always. The dances were even better this time after many of our children (and I) practised at our fabulous PTFA disco last Friday.

I wish you all a lovely half term break. Enjoy spending time with your wonderful children and making many lovely memories. We will see you all after the holidays, children return to school on Monday 6th November 2023.

I continue to feel very privileged to be the Headteacher at Valley, thank you for giving us the opportunity of educating your children and for your continued support,

Miss Milewski



VALLEY NEWS AND REMINDERS

PTFA Disco

A big thank you to our PTFA and parents who volunteered to help at our school discos last Friday. Every single one of them was so much fun and, at times, it was difficult to tell whether the staff or the children were having the most fun. Thank you for organizing team PTFA! We now look forward to our next PTFA when we hope to meet Father Christmas at our Christmas Fayre!

Ellie Simmonds SHOUT-OUT!

Valley was delighted to receive a SHOUT-OUT from Ellie Simmonds this week. Ellie heard that one of our Year 6 classes was named after her as we considered her a British inspirational person, which she described as a huge honour. Ellie gave us the message we must work hard and be inquisitive, never being afraid to ask questions.

Thank you Ellie and thank you to Ms Rahman (one of our lovely parents) and Hanna (one of our lovely Year 4 children) who organised this for us.

You can listen to the shout out here:

<https://valley-primary.primarysite.media/media/ellie-simmonds-shout-out>



Life Skill Champions

This half term, the Life Skill focus has been Mental Health Management and we have been looking at ways to boost our mental well-being. During assembly time at school, the children have enjoyed exploring ways to manage their mental health. This has also been a time for the children to 'Show and Tell' their Life Skill evidence and the adults in school have enjoyed hearing all about the fun they've had.

Congratulations to our Life Skill Champions for this half term, who are now the proud owners of a gold star badge.

Next half term (Autumn 2), our Life Skill focus is Physical Health Management and we are looking forward to the children getting active!

Starley N:	Sienna D	Grylls R:	Knox M	Shaw 1:	Fareeha A
Whittle N:	Savannah B	Peake R:	David A	Bell 1:	Urwa H
		Aston R:	Isla H	Lee 1:	Anaya A
Pankhurst 2:	April S	Hockney 3:	Georgia J	Hawking 4:	Ayush P
Churchill 2:	Isla H	Lowry 3:	Hugo P	Newton 4:	Belle T
Nightingale 2:	Harrison B	Riley 3:	George T	Sharman 4:	Mia H
Webber 5:	Kion B	Farah 6:	Emma S		
Holst 5:	Ayaan C	Ennis 6:	Jorjee G		
Lynn 5:	Sofia H	Simmonds 6:	Ella C		

Flu Immunisations

We would like to remind all parents/carers that the flu immunization forms must be returned to school by **Monday 6th November** at the latest.

Walk to School Week

Congratulations to **Nightingale 2**, they are the fittest class at Valley school with the highest percentage of pupils walking to school. During Walk to School Week, Nightingale 2 had a daily average of 83% of pupils taking part!

Thank you to everyone who participated. We have got more competitions and prizes planned to support more sustainable travel later in the year.



Contact Details

Please be reminded that we are keen to support our parents and carers and are happy to address any questions or concerns you may have, as well as welcoming feedback. Useful contacts are included on our website: [Contact Details | Valley Primary School \(secure-primariesite.net\)](#) Amongst contact details that we hope you find useful, there are class email accounts for direct contact with your child's class teacher. Please note that class emails are not checked daily, so we ask that you contact the office for any urgent enquiries.

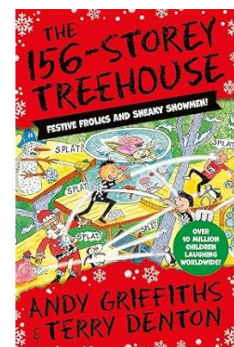
OUR READING RECOMMENDATION

"The 156-Storey Treehouse: Festive Frolics and Sneaky Snowmen!" (The Treehouse Series, 12) from the worldwide bestselling Treehouse series by Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton.

Treehouse is getting festive! With lots of Christmas laughs at every level. It's the night before Christmas, but it's not going well for Andy and Terry – they're at war with an angry snowman, Santa has crashed his sleigh and fallen into the cloning machine, and Mr. Big Nose wants a new book by tomorrow! Can they defeat the snowman, save Christmas, and get their book written in time.

You'll enjoy this book if you like authors such as Dav Pilkey and David Walliams.

This book is suitable for those readers in Years 3, 4 and 5.



PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Parent Voice is Really Important to Us.

Today you have been sent a short questionnaire which aims to gather your views on key aspects of school life. We would very much appreciate you taking a few minutes to complete this. Your views will be considered by both senior leaders and our governing board when both celebrating current successes and planning future priorities for the school. Please could you complete this by **Friday 10th November**.

SHARING OUR LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS

KS2

Year 4 have had a super last week of half term. Working in groups, they have constructed working models of Roman Catapults. This involved learning how to measure and cut lengths of wood and use these to build the models in DT as part of their learning of the Roman invasion of Britain.



PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

Note from the Pastoral Team

The pastoral team would like to introduce you to our intervention room. This room is used for our social, emotional and mental health interventions. Here the children can feel calm and use whatever method they feel most comfortable with to feel contained and safe.

Further developing partnerships

We would like to remind all parents/carers of children in Y6 that the closing date for **secondary school applications is 31st October**. Solihull residents need to apply via the portal at www.solihull.gov.uk/pp. All other applicants must apply through the local authority that they live within. Any applications received after 31st October will not be processed until after the offers have been made on 1st March. More information can be found on the website at www.solihull.gov.uk/admissions



ATTENDANCE – W/C 16 October – 20 October 2023

UPPER KS2	Ennis 6	95.3%	Farah 6	95.7%	Simmonds 6	96.7%	Holst 5	97.6%	Lynn 5	92.4%	Webber 5	94.5%
LOWER KS2	Hawking 4	97.4%	Newton 4	96.6%	Sharman 4	99.3%	Hockney 3	96.7%	Lowry 3	94.8%	Riley 3	94.0%
KS1	Churchill 2	90.4%	Nightingale 2	95.6%	Pankhurst 2	96.9%	Bell 1	96.5%	Lee 1	96.8%	Shaw 1	93.3%
EYFS	Aston R	89.0%	Grylls R	94.8%	Peake R	95.7%	Starley N	79.3%	Whittle N	84.8%		

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

DIARY DATES

6 November – Children Return to School
7 November – Nursery Topic Engage and Dress Up
7 November – Reception – Y6 Topic Engage
8 November – New Parents Information Evening – Fallowfield Road (September 2024 intake) – 6pm
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

