



Valley Primary School Newsletter

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

Friday
20th
October
2023

NOTE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our children have been working hard this week in school with lots of lovely learning activities taking place across the school. I have been especially impressed to see many more children reading regularly both for pleasure and to improve learning. This is such an important skill for us all.

Thank you to our Year 6 parents who joined us in school for our express event this week. The skills which our children showed were incredible. One parent commented that we may well have the next Prime Minister in the mix. Another parent described their speeches as inspirational!

This is exactly what we aim to achieve at Valley, inspirational learning!

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

VALLEY NEWS AND REMINDERS

Walk to School Week

It has been great to see so many pupils getting fit and helping the environment by walking to school!

The class with the highest percentage of pupils taking part will be announced next week. All the children in the winning class will all receive a certificate and a prize.

We really appreciate your efforts in supporting Valley by taking part in Walk to School Week.



Homework Adaptations and Support Workshop

On **Friday 27th October** at **12pm**, Mrs Heaven will be leading a parent workshop with a focus of 'homework support and adaptations'. This will take place via Teams. Please email s52senco@valley.solihull.sch.uk if you would like to receive the link to the event. The session will take no longer than an hour. For those people not able to make the live session but are interested in the workshop, please email the address above to notify us and we will send you a recording of the event.

A Message from the School Council:

Thank you for all of the donations of cakes and biscuits this week. The children enjoyed choosing their cakes and raising money for our chosen charity, Save the Children. We will update you with the total raised as soon as it is counted.



Bike It Solihull

Solihull Council are again holding **Free Get Pedalling Sessions**. These sessions are the perfect opportunity to learn to ride a bike and improve your child's cycle skills and confidence.

The indoor cycle sessions are available for children **aged 4-11 years** and will be held on **Monday 30th October** at North Solihull Sports Centre, Conway Road, B37 5LA. Sessions start at 9.30am, 10.30am and 11.30am. **Friday 3rd November** at Tudor Grange Leisure Centre, Blossomfield Road, B91 1NB. Sessions also start at 9.30am, 10.30am and 11.30am.

Balance bikes and pedal bikes are available to borrow or bring your own bike. Please note that helmets must be worn but these can be provided. If children have their own bikes, please make sure that stabilisers are removed. Places are limited, please book in advance and only book one timeslot per child.

Please book by visiting

<https://solihull.cycleready.co.uk/publicbooking>



Nursery and Reception Children

If your child wears nappies or pulls ups, please can we ask that nappies, nappy sacks and a pack of wet wipes are in your child's bag at all times. We do have school wet wipes however, due to allergies and sensitive skin, we kindly ask that parents provide a pack suitable for your child too.

Violin Lessons – Years 3 to 6

There are a few places remaining for violin lessons which will take place on a Wednesday from 3.30pm to 4.30pm. Lessons will begin on **Wednesday 8th November**. Children will need to have their own violin if you wish your child to participate. Please contact the school office if you would like your child to be considered for a place. If your child is entitled to pupil premium and would like to access the lessons, please email out Parent Liaison Lead at parentliaisonlead@valley.solihull.sch.uk

School Uniform

We are accumulating a lot of lost property that we are unable to return to the correct children due to the fact that a lot of items are un-named. Please can we remind all parents/carers to label all articles of clothing with your child's name.

Class Emails

Please follow the link below for your child's class email address to reach your child's teacher. Teaching staff will monitor their class email addresses for the sharing of information or little queries. They will only respond when a response is necessary or pass the email on if required. <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/valley-primary/UploadedDocument/675ad922-fd95-46e6-89c9-91fcbb67cc28/parent-communication-tree-2.pdf>

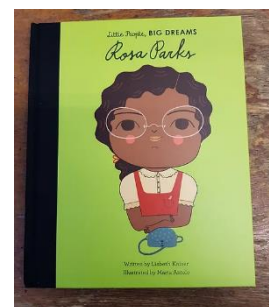
OUR READING RECOMMENDATION

"Rosa Parks:7 (Little People, Big Dreams)" by Lisbeth Kaiser

This is the inspiring true story of Rosa Parks, a civil rights activist. This book is part of an empowering series that celebrate the important life stories of wonderful women of the world.

Other books available in the series are: Florence Nightingale, Anne Frank, Michelle Obama, Queen Elizabeth and Mary Anning.

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



ARC

The children in the ARC have celebrated #DLDDAY this week. The theme is 'Developmental Language Disorder around the world.'



SHARING OUR LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS

KS2

Year 4 House Captains were really excited this week to be receiving their Badges.

Our Health Hero representatives have also been busy counting the number of children that have participated in this week's 'Walk to School' event.



PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

Note from the Parent Liaison Lead

Nursery applications for **September 2024** are now open and the application forms are available on our website under the admissions page. **Reception applications** are open and available via your council portal.

We would like to invite anyone who is considering a place for Nursery or Reception for September 2024 to our open mornings on 25th October or 22nd November at 9am or our open evening which is taking place on Wednesday 8th November 2023 at 6pm. Booking is essential for these events via admissions@valley.solihull.sch.uk

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 9 October – 13 October 2023

UPPER KS2	Ennis 6	95.7%	Farah 6	94.0%	Simmonds 6	95.7%	Holst 5	93.4%	Lynn 5	97.2%	Webber 5	95.2%
LOWER KS2	Hawking 4	94.9%	Newton 4	97.2%	Sharman 4	98.6%	Hockney 3	98.0%	Lowry 3	97.2%	Riley 3	95.3%
KS1	Churchill 2	91.5%	Nightingale 2	96.4%	Pankhurst 2	97.3%	Bell 1	99.0%	Lee 1	95.6%	Shaw 1	88.8%
EYFS	Aston R	85.0%	Grylls R	92.9%	Peake R	95.7%	Starley N	80.7%	Whittle N	99.1%		

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

DIARY DATES

24 October – Parents Evening – 4pm – 6pm
25 October – New Parents Open Morning – Fallowfield Road (September 2024 intake)
9am – 11am
26 October – Parents Evening - 4.30pm – 7pm
27 October – Parent Workshop – Homework Adaptations and Support – TEAMS – 12pm
27 October – House Party
27 October – School Finishes for Half Term
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

