



Valley Primary School Newsletter

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

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

Friday
29th
September
2023

NOTE FROM THE DEPUTY HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Children have continued to make us proud this week and to prove that we are a 'good' school as they have challenged themselves further with their learning across the curriculum. So many well-deserved house points have been awarded and I'm sure our newly appointed house captains are going to have their work cut out when totalling them at the end of the half term. Our staff team were so grateful for the support parents able to join at our Y1 phonics workshops gave this week and our children were delighted to share their speed sounds and fluency!

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

Mrs Wilton

VALLEY NEWS AND REMINDERS

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.

5 Star Rating

We are delighted to confirm that our catering teams have achieved **5 star hygiene ratings** at both our Fallowfield Road and Old Lode Lane kitchens.

If parents wish to consider our school meal offer, please follow the link to see our weekly menu choices.

<https://www.valleyprimaryschool.co.uk/lunch-menus/>

Children from **Reception to Y2** qualify for Universal free School Meals. Children in **Nursery** are charged **£2.55 per day** and children in **Y3 to Y6** are charged **£2.70 per day**. **Lunch accounts should be in credit at all times. Payment can be made via your child's ParentPay account.**

School Streets at Valley Primary School – Fallowfield Road Site

We are awaiting the outcome of the School Streets scheme that went to consultation linked to proposed parking restrictions surrounding the Fallowfield Road site. This is a highways scheme and the decision to proceed lies with the council. If you have any queries about the scheme which (if successful) would be introduced after the half term break, please contact highways@solihull.gov.uk

Should the proposal be successful, the council's highways team will monitor and have confirmed that should unforeseen problems occur, implementation will be reviewed and amended if necessary.

Poetry Competition

We'd like to congratulate our published poets this week! Towards the end of last year, many children across **Key Stage Two** entered their poems into a competition. It is wonderful to see their work in printed form. We look forward to taking part in more writing competitions this year



Wednesday 25th October / Wednesday 22nd November– New Parents Open Morning 9am – 11am

Parents considering applying for a place in September 2024 are welcome to visit our EYFS Nursery and Reception provision.

Senior Leaders will show you around and will be happy to explain how our EYFS works, introduce you to some of our children who are enjoying Nursery and Reception at the moment plus answer any questions you have about our school.

We will need to limit numbers to 20 per group so as not to overwhelm our current children.

Please note children are welcome to attend this event but must be booked in for numbers and stay with their parent at all times. There will be opportunity later to visit and for children to engage with activities together and begin to explore the setting.

To book places, please contact: admissions@valley.solihull.sch.uk

Wednesday 8th November – New Parents Information Meeting – 6pm

(Adults only please)

Senior Leaders and our Phase Leader will discuss our EYFS provision and share key information to help you decide whether to send your child to Valley.

There will also be practical information to help you prepare such as information from catering, information on uniform, ways you can help at home before children start school.

Please note this meeting is for parents only, this is not suitable for children, they can attend the open mornings if you wish or will have the opportunity later to visit and fully engage with activities and explore the setting once places are confirmed.

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OUR READING RECOMMENDATION

“The Case of the Lighthouse Intruder” by Kereen Getten

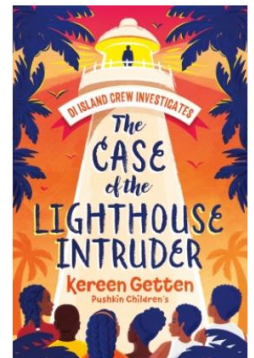
Fayson has always wanted to be a detective. When her cousins recruit her to their top-secret gang on the island one summer, her dreams seem to be coming true. But the Greatest Gang of All Time don't live up to their name, and keep getting distracted from missions by things like food, falling asleep and a fair bit of squabbling!

Guided by her favourite mystery novels, Fayson takes charge and tries to track down clues about the strange shadow that has been appearing in the island's lighthouse. With tensions stirring within the gang, can she use all her smarts to solve the case?

Kereen grew up in Jamaica but now lives in Birmingham.

You'll enjoy this book if you like authors such as Nicola Skinner.

This book is suitable for those readers in Y3 and Y4.



SHARING OUR LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS

KS1

The children in **Year 1** have really enjoyed creating their own moving space pictures. They were able to use split pins for pivots and added detail to their pictures using chalks.



In Science, **Year 2** have been exploring the properties of different materials and thinking about why they are suitable for different purposes. They experimented by using spoons made of different materials to scoop up rice. They found that metal made the best spoon because it is strong, hard and not flexible.



KS2

In English, **Year 3** have been learning about writing instructions. They read a set of instructions on how to make a palm tree and then followed these instructions to create their own. This was great fun and they enjoyed sharing their designs with the rest of the class!



Year 6 had a brilliant time yesterday watching an online webinar run by Waterstones and featuring the amazing author Maz Evans ('Who Let The Gods Out' series, amongst many others). The children enjoyed hearing about her writing process, the characters she creates and of course her newly painted writing shed.



Year 6 have been working with their partners to edit their first piece of writing.



PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

Note from the Pastoral Team

Miss Lambert - Child and Family Support Worker

I specialise in supporting families in order for children to have the best start in life. As part of the pastoral team, I am also involved in helping children on a day to day basis with their mental wellbeing.

Mrs Manton - HLTA and Autism Lead

I'm a qualified therapeutic practitioner who has been working with children and families for nearly 20 years. I enjoy teaching mindfulness and relaxation exercises and love being creative - especially if it's messy or outdoors!

Mrs Burrowes - LSA

I am a Learning Support Assistant that works very closely with children to enable them to access learning. I also offer pastoral support for the welfare and mental health of the children.

Mrs Ford - LSA

I am a learning support assistant and ELSA Lead (emotional literacy support assistant) across both sites supporting children's emotional needs.

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 18 September – 22 September 2023

UPPER KS2	Ennis 6	95.0%	Farah 6	92.1%	Simmonds 6	92.8%	Holst 5	96.8%	Lynn 5	93.9%	Webber 5	92.0%
LOWER KS2	Hawking 4	95.7%	Newton 4	98.3%	Sharman 4	89.7%	Hockney 3	94.5%	Lowry 3	94.3%	Riley 3	92.1%
KS1	Churchill 2	94.7%	Nightingale 2	95.8%	Pankhurst 2	96.4%	Bell 1	92.6%	Lee 1	97.3%	Shaw 1	95.2%
EYFS	Aston R	92.0%	Grylls R	94.3%	Peake R	98.1%	Starley N	93.4%	Whittle N	83.0%		

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

DIARY DATES

3 October – Nursery Parents Maths Drop In – 8.45am
 13 October – Litter Picking Event
 18 October – Y6 Express Event – Parents invited – 9am
 19 October – School Nurse Drop In Toileting Support – Followfield Road – 9.00am-9.45am
 20 October – Black History Day
 20 October – Charity Cake Sale
 24 October – Parents Evening – 4pm – 6.30pm
 25 October – New Parents Open Morning – (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

