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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 7th February 2020



Inspiring All

Week beginning 7th February 2020

Robin Class	91.54%
Wagtail Class	98.93%
Lapwing Class	94.55%
Parakeet Class	97.27%
Sparrow Class	97.69%
Goldfinch Class	97.10%
Kestrel Class	93.18%

The classes who have won our attendance horses this week are: Wagtail and Sparrow.

RECOGNITION TARGETS

Next week we will be recognising those who try: **To be a good buddy.**

YOUNG AMBASSADOR

We are delighted to announce that Christina in Year 5 was successful on her application to become one of Surrey Youth Games' Young Ambassadors. She will do a fantastic job of promoting the Specsavers Surrey Youth Games 2020 and I know will be a superb representative of The Vale. Congratulations Christina!

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

This week has been Children's Mental Health Week nationally. Ms Amos talked to the children in assembly this week about the theme: **Find Your Brave**. She also introduced the relaunch of worry boxes in school and the form that the children can use to 'find their brave' and ask for support. These

are in addition to many of the strategies that teacher's already use like 'bubbles' in class.

"Life is all about taking small brave steps every day. Bravery could be about sharing worries and asking for help when you need it, trying something new or making the right choices."

PARENT WORKSHOP

Thank you to all those who came to our parent workshop with Pauline Wright this week. I understand from Mrs Roberts that it was really successful and that those who came would like to make it a regular group session. Mrs Roberts has arranged for this group to be held again on Wednesday 25th March at 2pm.

FOOTBALL UPDATE

Our football team played superbly on Tuesday of this week. It was a 2-2 draw against Auriol at home, in which everyone involved played with great spirit and sportsmanship. Well done team Vale!
"We persevered throughout the game!" Aidan
"We didn't lose! It felt good" Jaymie
"There was great teamwork throughout the whole match!" Willem.



GREEK THEATRE WORKSHOP

Year 5 and 6 have been really motivated by their learning about the Ancient Greeks. They thoroughly enjoyed the theatre workshop which brought some of their learning to life. They are gaining lots of new knowledge and using it to form opinions and reason about what it was like to live in these times and draw conclusions about how this ancient civilisation has influenced modern society.



ROBINS POLICE VISIT

We welcomed PC Cranston and PC Barnett to the Vale earlier this week to learn about their job and role in society. It was fantastic to see the children so engaged, learning about people around us in the community who help keep us safe.



SAFER INTERNET DAY

Safer Internet Day is on 11th February 2020. The day will be celebrated globally with the theme of: Together for a better Internet. We at the Vale will also be marking the day with activities. More information to follow. Here is a video link to how you as parents can talk to your children about their online lives.

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2020/i-am-parent-or-carer/film-how-can-parents-talk-children>



Y6 SATs PREPARATION MEETING

We are holding a meeting for Year 6 parents on Wednesday 12th February at 5.45pm. There will be important information in this meeting about preparations for the SATs that will be both happening in school and what can be done at home. We will also be discussing the week and the tests themselves. Please do try and attend if you have children in Y6.

VALE SCIENCE FAIR – FRIDAY 28th FEBRUARY

Next week Ms Amos will be launching this year's Vale Science Fair. This was such a huge success last year and it was such a privilege to take some of our winners to represent the school to the GLF Final Science Fair at Royal Holloway, University of London. One of our past Year 6 even came first in her category which was a huge achievement to be selected from all the schools taking part.

I know there will be a letter coming next week to parents with the expectations and details about our school fair, but we wanted to ensure that you had the date to add to your calendars. All parents are welcome to come and see how the children have got on and their presentations from 3-3.30pm on **Friday 28th February.**

BOOK DAY

We will be holding our Book Day on **Friday 6th March.** The children may come into school dressed as their favourite book character. The day will be designed to continue to foster an enjoyment of reading and there will be lots of activities planned within the day. The children will then each receive a £1 voucher that they can use to buy the books released for £1 for the day or towards other books.



PTA NEWS

The Vale Primary PTA needs your help. We are installing a new storage shed within the school grounds and need to lay a concrete base. Is anyone able to volunteer their time, expertise or materials to help us? If so please email thevalepta@gmail.com - any help would be hugely appreciated. Thank You!!!



SPORTS RELIEF

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, our Year 6 House Captains have been organising our Sport Relief events at school to raise funds and promote awareness. We will be holding a £1 Wear Sports Kit day and a Sponsored Mile event (as well as a carousel of other fun sports activities) on the **Friday 13th March**. We will send out sponsorship forms next week so that the children can start collecting sponsors over half term to help us raise as much as possible.

POLICIES

We have attached a copy of our recently reviewed and ratified Teaching and Learning policy that I know was introduced at our Celebration of Learning Morning for parents earlier in the term and our Anti-Bullying Policy. These can also be found on our website.

HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD

Our words of the week this week are: **unfold** and **flail**. Please do talk about and use these with your children in conversation. Perhaps ask them how they have used them in school?

KS1 Word of the Day

Word of the Day

Word of the Day : **unfold** (verb)

Definition : spread out or gradually develop.

*The story **unfolded** word by word.*

*Vocabulary Ninja must carefully **unfold** his belt.*

Synonym : flatten, develop.

Antonym : fold.

Challenge : Use WOD to describe.



@VocabularyNinja



KS2 Word of the Day

Word of the Day

Word of the Day : **flail** (verb)

Definition : wave or swing wildly.

*The children were **flailing** their arms in the air, like they just didn't care.*

Synonym : wave, swing.

Antonym : still.

Challenge : Use WOD in direct speech.



@VocabularyNinja



DATES

(New dates highlighted in blue)

Spring Term Dates	
11.02.20	Safer Internet Day
12.02.20	Y6 SATs Parents Evening
17 – 21.02.20	Half term
24.02.20	INSET DAY
28.02.20	Vale Science Fair
03.03.20	Junior Citizenship Year 6
04.03.20	Pedals Year 2
05.03.20	Skipping workshop – all years



06.03.20	The Vale Book Day – dress as your favourite book character	
09 – 13.03.20	Sports Relief Week Sports Relief Day – Friday 13 th March a) Wear sports kit to school for £1 b) Sponsored Mile c) Sports Morning	
11.03.20	Parent Consultation	
12.03.20	Year 1 & 2 Great Fire of London Workshop	
16 – 27.03.20	Living Eggs in school	
24.03.20	Year R Trip	
26.03.20	Last week of swimming for Year 3	
30.03.20	Epsom & Ewell Infant Music Festival Rehearsals	
31.03.20	Epsom & Ewell Infant Music Festival	
01.04.20	Epsom & Ewell Infant Music Festival	
02.04.20	Year 3 & 4 Production	9.00am and 6.00pm
03.04.20	Term ends 1.30pm	

Have a lovely weekend.

Cathy Browne and Sarah Leyland
Co-Headteachers

