



The Vale Primary School

Beaconsfield Road · Langley Vale · Epsom · Surrey · KT18 6HP

Telephone: 01372 273639 · Facsimile: 01372 279349

Email: info@vale.surrey.sch.uk · Website: www.vale.surrey.sch.uk

Co-Headteachers: Mrs Cathy Browne BA(Hons) PGCE and Mrs Sarah Leyland BEd (Hons) NPQH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 14th February 2020

Inspiring All

Week beginning 10th February 2020

Robin Class	84.62%
Wagtail Class	97.14%
Lapwing Class	82.27%
Parakeet Class	96.82%
Sparrow Class	91.54%
Goldfinch Class	96.62%
Kestrel Class	98.64%

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

RECOGNITION TARGETS

Next week we will be recognising those who try: **To participate confidently.**

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Well done to:

Parakeet – Cole, Josh

Sparrow – Mia, Charlie M-W

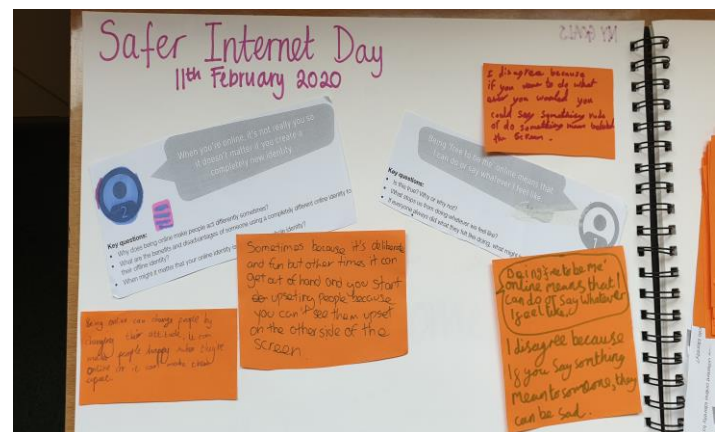
Goldfinch – Ewan, Evie

Kestrel – Whole Class – fantastic attitude towards assessments

INTERNET SAFETY DAY

Tuesday 11th February was Safer Internet Day so this week children had the opportunity to discuss how we can all be safe online in class and assembly. This involved discussing our online identity and reputation; all about how we are seen online. The online world is an amazing place full of opportunities but it's vital that this is done safely and responsibly. For

more information and tips on how to support your child at home please visit https://www.internetmatters.org/?gclid=CjwKCAiAp5nyBRABEiwApTwiXmU013L9oW45fc0KR_xe8CmAyrv1OC9Sc6Z_dJNi6SSK2eBD67GtIRoCTfcQAvD_BwE



ADVANCE NOTICE OF ROADWORKS

We have been made aware that essential concrete repairs will take place on Epsom Bridge over Langley Vale Road, Epsom Downs starting on Monday 24th February for 8 weeks. Two-way lights in place 24/7 – manually controlled between 6.30am and 7pm (Monday to Saturday). This could cause delays and mean extra time may be needed for the school run.



GLF Schools trading as The Vale Primary School is a charitable company limited by guarantee registered in England and Wales (registered number 07551959). Registered office: GLF Schools Picquets Way Banstead SM7 1AG

FOOTBALL UPDATE

Our upper junior football team made more valiant efforts on the pitch this week against Southfield Park. Having ended the first half 1-0 to the Vale, we did have to admit defeat at 5-1 but a great game was had by all.



Y6 SATs PREPARATION MEETING

Thank you to all those Year 6 parents who attended the meeting on Wednesday night. If you were unable to make it, please do ensure you have a copy of the handouts and letters as these will be very useful in the preparation over the next term.

GLF SCHOOL EFFECTIVENESS REVIEW

We welcomed three visitors from GLF (Alister Moses – Education Partner; Fiona Jarman – Behaviour and Thrive Specialist; and Kelly Hunt – Head of School at Whyteleafe) on Wednesday in school this week to support the monitoring of our school development plan improvements in school. We were really pleased with how positive the day went and the comments made about the children's attitudes and behaviours in school. It was lovely to hear them talk about how the children showed great pride in their school and learning when talking with them. We will receive a written report next half term and we will use this to support our next steps on our continual journey of improvement. House Captains have fed back to all the children the main headlines of the feedback at meetings today.



VALE SCIENCE FAIR – FRIDAY 28th FEBRUARY

Ms Amos launched this year's Vale Science Fair on Monday in assembly and has been really excited by the enthusiasm that has already been shown by the children. 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.

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.



SPORTS RELIEF

We do hope you have found sponsorship forms in book bags tonight for our sponsored mile that we plan to complete on **Friday 13th March**. We will also be holding a £1 Wear Sports Kit day and a carousel of sports activities during the day organised by the House Captains on the **Friday 13th March**.

HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD

Our words of the week this week are: **patrol** and **profound**. 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 : **patrol** (noun / verb)

Definition : a group keeping watch over an area.

*The **patrol** walked slowly around the park.*

*We **patrol** the playground*

Synonym : guard, watch.

Challenge : Use WOD to describe your teacher on the playground.



@VocabularyNinja



KS2 Word of the Day

Word of the Day

Word of the Day : **profound** (adj.)

Definition : very great or intense state.

*The doctor let out a **profound** sigh of relief.*

*So **profound** was her grief, she could not fight back the tears.*

Synonym : heartfelt, intense, extreme.

Antonym : superficial, mild.

Challenge : Post a picture of little ninjas sentences using WOD.



NOVEL CORONAVIRUS

Public Health England continue to assess the risk of the Novel Coronavirus and guidance continues to evolve on a daily basis.

The current advice is:

If you have a cough, fever or shortness of breath and have been to any of the places listed below or been in contact with anyone who has been to one of these places in the last 14 days you are advised to stay indoors and call NHS 111.

China
 Republic of Korea
 Singapore
 Thailand
 Hong Kong
 Malaysia
 Japan
 Taiwan
 Macau

If you have been to Wuhan or Hubei Province, China in the last 14 days stay indoors and contact NHS 111 even if you do not have any symptoms. Whilst Public Health England continue to advise that the risk to individuals is low, with half term next week, some of you may be taking the opportunity to travel overseas. It is possible that this guidance may evolve, and more locations will be added over time. We will continue to update you with any significant changes.

Reducing the Risk

To ensure that the risk is minimised, the school requires that the parent/carer of any student who:

- Meets any of the thresholds above
- Is in contact with anyone who meets any of the thresholds above
- Is travelling to any of the locations named above during the half term break

contacts the school via info@vale.surrey.sch.uk with details, so that any risk can be assessed.

You will also be aware that cases have been confirmed in Brighton and London, so students should minimise their chances of contracting any infection through good, basic hygiene including:

- The use of tissues to catch sneezes followed by proper disposal of them
- Regular and thorough washing of hands

We appreciate that there may be some anxiety as this is high profile within the media, but it is important to take sensible, proactive steps to keep the school community safe and in line with official guidelines.

TERM DATES 2020/21

Term Dates 2020/21

Term	Dates	INSET Days
Autumn Term 1	Wednesday 2 nd September 2020 – Friday 23 rd October	INSET day 1 – Tuesday 1 st September 2020
Autumn Term 2	Monday 2 nd November – Friday 18 th December 2020	
Spring Term 1	Tuesday 5 th January 2021 – Friday 12 th February 2021	INSET day 2 – Monday 4 th January 2021
Spring Term 2	Monday 22 nd February 2020 – Thursday 1 st April 2021	
Summer Term 1	Monday 19 th April 2021 – Friday 28 th May 2021	
Summer Term 2	Monday 7 th June 2021 – Friday 16 th July 2021	GLF MAT day – Friday 25 th June 2020 INSET day 3-5 – Monday 19 th – Wednesday 21 st July



DATES

(New dates highlighted in blue)

Spring Term Dates		
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	

We really do hope you have a wonderful half term and look forward to seeing everyone back for learning on **Tuesday 25th February** after the teaching staff have their training day on the Monday. It is amazing to think we are already halfway through the academic year.

Cathy Browne and Sarah Leyland
Co-Headteachers

