

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Thursday 7th May 2020

Inspiring All



We find ourselves at the end of another week in these unusual times. We are still overwhelmed by the positive responses we are getting to our challenges and the VE 75 theme day this week. It has also been lovely to hear how families are getting on at home from your emails and phone calls. We completely appreciate that during this time we are all going to have 'good days and bad days' and all we can all do is endeavour to do our best to stay positive, whether this be how well we work or relate with one another (children and adults). We need to remember that it is OK and completely normal to have a break, take time out and come back to things. We hope you are able to take some time this bank holiday with your families away from the 'working from home' and 'home learning' and let's hope we can enjoy some sunshine. We await to hear what any announcement on Sunday brings from Government about the lifting of any of the restrictions and will always put the safety of our pupils and their families at The Vale first, following national recommendations and GLF policy.

Online Safety

The ThinkUKnow team at CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection) have released their 4th activity packs for children and young people. These are short activities, approx. 15 minutes each, that can be used to support you and your children in learning together regarding keeping safe online. .

4-5 year olds - click [HERE](#)

5-7 year olds – click [HERE](#)

8-11 year olds - click [HERE](#)

We have also attached a leaflet with further guidance about safety online at home.

Moments from home

Wearing red, white and blue for VE day.



Designing medals and tea-cups to commemorate VE day.



We are delighted to share and celebrate with you the achievements of two of our pupils who have now completed over 10x 2.6 mile runs, and therefore a marathon, to raise £400 for the Emily Ash Trust. This is a fantastic feat – well done and congratulations on the fund raising!



Science Project Update: Look how Ava and Leo's caterpillars have changed. What do you notice? Do you think you might know what could be happening here?



Whole School Challenges

#Challenge4 – School Quiz

I hope you all enjoyed having a go at the school quiz that was put together by everyone – you had Mrs Kerr and Mrs Browne very busy counting steps and car parking spaces some of you. I wonder if anyone can notice in the photo below what it has inspired us to do – Mr Connor has been very busy.



Anyhow, if you are still wracking your brain over some of the trickier questions, I have attached the answers with the newsletter today and they can be found on the school website homepage.

#Challenge5 – Tea Cup Designs and Mufti

Thank you everyone for taking part with us – we have loved seeing some of your designs and photos!

#Challenge6 – Share something that you're proud of!

Our new challenge this week is to share with us (through a photo, email, phone call, post etc) something that you have done during the week that you are proud of. We have seen some great achievements over the last few weeks including: fundraising; baking; gardening; building planters; creating a fabulous den; creating a superb piece of anachronistic art etc. We'd love to see what makes you feel good this week so we can have our 'Feel Good Friday!' and celebrate on 15th May.

School Website

We are updating our school website homepage with some of the different videos we have created and ideas and activities you may like to use during this time of lockdown in a section on the



Homepage. If you are not on social media – there is a new video from all of the staff on there that your children may like to watch, wishing them all well over this bank holiday weekend.

Please take care and keep safe. If you have any concerns or worries please phone the school and/or email. The office is open Monday to Friday on 01372 273639 and we are also available on email at: info@vale.surrey.ch.uk or head@vale.surrey.sch.uk or co-head@vale.surrey.sch.uk . We are working really hard to ensure that we are here to support you in anyway we can.

For any safeguarding concerns please email dsl@vale.surrey.sch.uk or co-head@vale.surrey.sch.uk .

Take Care and missing everyone very much,

Cathy Browne and Sarah Leyland
Co-Headteachers

