

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 15th May 2020

Inspiring All



We hope this newsletter finds you all safe and well today; at the end of a week when there have been small changes to some of our current living conditions. Any change can be very unsettling, but particularly one of this nature and gravity. The Government have announced that we should plan to reopen schools to some Year groups (YR, Y1 and Y6), if the current trend towards reaching the 5 tests continues to be positive, on June 1st. Whilst we are making plans, gathering information, following GLF and Dfe guidance and making preparations towards this goal, we are very clear that we will always be putting the health, safety and well-being of all our children, families and staff first. We understand that parents will have mixed emotions and anxieties about the reopening and we will communicate our clear plan, procedures and expectations, as well as risk assessments that have been undertaken, before we welcome groups of children back. We also want to make it clear that whilst we will be open to some on site; the school is still open to all of our children and families remotely online and will continue to be so, regardless of what year group – learning activities will be still provided. More information about the next stages of our journey through this global pandemic will be communicated as they are confirmed during the next two weeks.

Moments from home - #Challenge6 Things we are proud of!

Two of our pupils achieved their First Aid Certificate this week online – Well done boys!



Making a home!



Achieving great things learning about 3D shapes



Creating art out of nature.



Year 3 have been having great fun learning about the Egyptians and creating some fabulous pieces of work!



Even some of the staff shared some of the things they had done that they were proud of.....



Miss Mac has created some famous landmarks – can you name them?



Mrs Browne joined in her Year 5 daughter's art home learning and drew a famous book character – any ideas who?

Science Project Update: Ava and Leo's Caterpillars moved house this week. I wonder what the old house was like when they were taken out?



Next Whole School Challenge

#Challenge7 – As next week is Mental Health Awareness Week: Let's be kind to ourselves and others.

Follow this one or create your own **weekly calendar of kindness**. We'd love to see some photos of your acts of kindness however great or small (to others or yourself).

Using this calendar - parents and carers

Show your children the completed seven days of kindness calendar, look at each of the days and pick a favourite activity that you could do for each other in lockdown.

Talk about why being kind might be difficult at the moment but why it is especially important and how it can bond you as a family.

Discuss self-care and why it is important to take some time to be kind to yourselves - like when mum takes a bubble bath or when dad goes for a bike ride.

Either create a family calendar of kindness or individual calendars - these can be a mix of self-care and kindness for others in the home. Remind the children of the calendar each day or share how you feel when they did a kind act for you.



7 DAYS OF KINDNESS

	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
BEING KIND TO OTHERS	 REMIND A FRIEND OR FAMILY MEMBER OF A NICE MEMORY YOU HAVE TOGETHER	 HELP TIDY UP	 TELL SOMEONE A JOKE	 BE KIND, PATIENT AND SHARING WITH YOUR BROTHER/SISTER/CLASSMATE	 GIVE 3 COMPLIMENTS TODAY	 MAKE A CARD OR GIFT FOR SOMEONE	 ASK A LOVED ONE HOW THEY ARE AND LISTEN CAREFULLY
BEING KIND TO MYSELF	 WRITE DOWN 3 THINGS YOU'RE PROUD OF (SMALL OR BIG!)	 LISTEN TO A SONG THAT MAKES YOU FEEL HAPPY	 TRY OUT A MINDFULNESS ACTIVITY (TRY ONE OF OURS!)	 GIVE YOURSELF 3 COMPLIMENTS	 EAT SOME OF YOUR FAVOURITE FOOD	 SPEND SOME TIME ON YOUR FAVOURITE HOBBY	 PLAY A FUN GAME WITH YOUR FRIENDS OR FAMILY

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.

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,

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