

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 19th June 2020

Inspiring All



What another busy week at The Vale, both in our virtual Google Classrooms and in school. We welcomed back Year 1 this week who have settled extremely well – like the Reception bubbles in the previous week. We now have ‘Fantastic’ Bubble and ‘White Tiger’ Bubble making up Year 1 to add to our Reception ‘Rainbow’ and ‘Super Robins’ Bubbles. Our key worker bubble this week have called themselves ‘Trouble Bubble’ – to be honest, they are anything but. There is a lovely calm atmosphere in school and the children here are happy to be back. Each time a new Year group comes back on site it is important that we check our risk assessments and safety procedures. As we did last week, we held another Fire drill on Wednesday which went very smoothly and the children were very responsible.





We want to thank our parents this week who have been nothing but supportive throughout this time. We have been overwhelmed by the amount of kind words, best wishes and helpful feedback we have received. Our parents who are currently dropping children at the school are being respectful of social distancing measures and prompt with their timings, on the whole, which is making the staggered drop off and pick ups successful. Thank you also to those who have responded to our letter of Thursday this week about our consideration to the wider reopening of school. There are lots of risk assessments that need to be done and site and staffing considerations to take into place. We will let you know as soon as we can what decisions have been made and approved by the Trust.

We hope you enjoyed our Whole School Assembly this week. We moved on from last week to focus on our second Vale Value: Achievement for All and asked everyone to consider what goals they want to achieve. This week's related **#wholeschoolchallenge** is to discuss that goal and draw or write about it to send in to us and share with us. We'd love to celebrate either your plan; any steps you've made towards your goal or the achievement of your goal. I know my daughters are working hard to learn to ride a bike without stabilisers at the moment and are so nearly there – they're working hard to achieve this goal by the end of term! I wonder what sort of goals you could set yourself for the same time-frame. We look forward to seeing these and maybe we could share a few at next week's assembly. If you haven't found the assembly yet, it can be viewed on the children's Google Classrooms or on the School Website Home page.

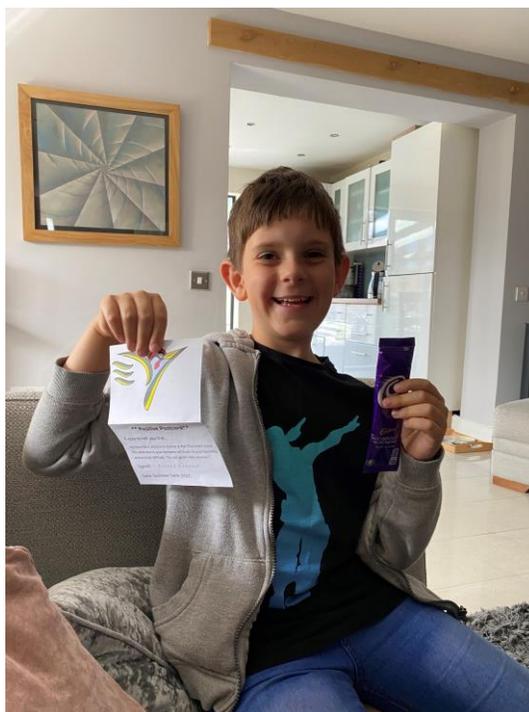
#WholeSchoolChallenge

Think of a goal that you want to achieve. Discuss this goal with your family. You could also draw or write about it and how you would achieve it. Send it back to Mrs Leyland or Mrs Browne so we can read all about it.

Achievement for All means that we provide the very best opportunities in our school to ensure that our children and young people fulfil their potential.



In our assembly we also discussed how we try and celebrate our achievements in school. It was lovely to start our Hot-Chocolate reward again last week. Keep looking out in the post.



Some lovely examples of work from home:

I love some of these reflections on calmness.



Remember to breathe deeply
 Exhale slowly
 Listen to the waves
 All around you is love
 Exciting times ahead



Count to 10
 Allow yourself to think of nothing
 Listen to the waves crashing
 Move with the sound of the sea

CALM



The sound of the water falls emptying into the river along with the sound of the birds singing makes me feel very relaxed.

If I stay here much longer, I think I will fall asleep.

The blue water looks very inviting and I feel like going for a swim.

The water is shimmering and shining with pine trees waving in the wind. Also I found some relaxing music with this.



Some great examples of learning about growth and plant life.



Y3 have been exploring different artefacts

Egyptian artefacts



Canopic Jars were probably very disgusting because they contained people's hearts, lungs and kidneys. Plus, some other organs. One of them is a baboon, one of the other ones is like an owl, one of the others is like a dog and last one is a human. They are blue, red, turquoise and white in colour.✓

Please take care and keep safe. As ever, 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 those of you we don't see very much,
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