



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

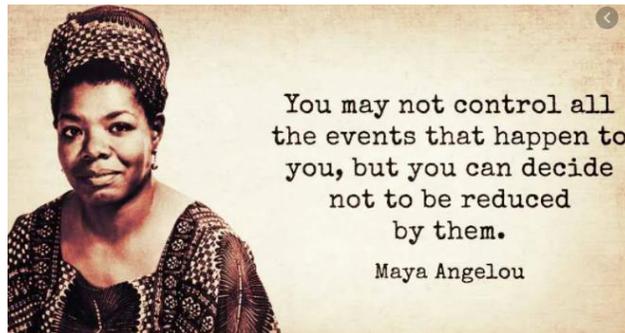
Co-Headteachers: Mrs Cathy Browne BA(Hons) PGCE and Mrs Sarah Leyland BEd (Hons) NPQH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 15th January 2021

Inspiring All

As we come to the end of our second week (first full week) of this Spring term and I reflect on just how far our school community has come with onsite provision, for those who are eligible, and a blended remote learning offer of live sessions and independent activities on Google Classroom; I feel such a sense of pride in our pupils, parents and staff team. A highlight of my week has been knowing that almost all of our pupils have accessed a live session with their class teacher, receiving that input, modelling, support and feedback from them. We have endeavoured to ensure all families have access to a digital device. From next week we will introduce our remote registration on Google Classroom as our parentmail yesterday explained and new sessions for the junior classes. The pace at which we are all embracing change is a credit to everyone. We are moving from 'what SHOULD we do...' to what COULD we do...' This is an exciting place to be, as we explore opportunities to develop from the challenges set.



Next week we will be sending out a parent questionnaire to try and find out some of your feedback about the provision so far.

ONLINE SAFETY

As many of our children will be at home for long periods during lockdown it is inevitable that they will be spending more time online, especially with the remote learning! It is important that we keep our children safe when they are using the internet/social media and gaming.



We can only be successful in keeping children safe online if we work with you to ensure the e-safety message is consistent.

It is **National Online Safety day on Tuesday 9th February** and we will be having an additional assembly on the **Monday** of this week on zoom, led by our computing lead Miss MacFeeters for all the children. We will also be holding a remote **Parent Workshop for all parents on Tuesday 9th February at 5.30pm**. It is important that you attend this to support your child.

ASSEMBLIES

As we have found our Friday afternoon celebration assembly on zoom at 2pm so successful, we want to add some more assemblies to our calendar. We will add the zoom links to these meets to the Google classrooms in the stream on the days they occur.

Date	Time
Monday 18 th January	2pm
Monday 25 th January	2pm
Monday 1 st February	2pm
Monday 8 th February	2pm

We have really enjoyed these whole school meetings. Listening to Radio 2 on the way home from work the other night, I heard the phrase “Coming together whilst not being together”. These assemblies really embody that for us as a school community. Don’t forget to ping us your ideas for what we could do each week that might be a fun challenge! I thought the hats were great – what a lovely surprise.

CELEBRATION

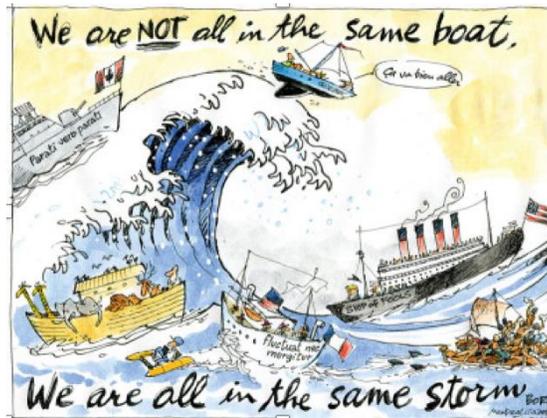
We had a really lovely celebration assembly this afternoon and it was fantastic to be able to award Good Work and Oracy certificates as well as Hot Chocolates for the attitudes and learning we see in school online. We do still want to celebrate those WOW moments and achievements outside of school as well and this week I’d like to celebrate Kitty for achieving her Stage 3 Gymnastics Certificate which is fantastic. I’d also like to celebrate Elise on some lovely letter writing to residents in the village and Zac who has received recognition for litter picking within the community. Well done!



WELLBEING

We are very aware and appreciative that all our families have different contexts at the moment. Mrs Leyland used a picture with a quote on back in April last year:





It is as true now as it was then. We want to be there to support our families and children so please do not hesitate to contact us if we can help. I have attached with our newsletter this week a leaflet that may support you in talking to your children about mental health called 'You're never too young to talk mental health'. I also want to signpost you to 'Ollee' a virtual friend app that has been developed by Parentzone and funded by BBC Children in Need's A Million and Me. The app is aimed at 8-11 year olds and there is also lots of information to support parents. More details can be found here: <https://parentzone.org.uk/Ollee>

I am also signposting you to these workshops that could support you as a family.



LEARN TOGETHER WITH YOUR CHILD

Want some support with parenting but don't know where to look?



Surrey Adult Learning offers FREE workshops to help you create a better family life.

Are you worried about your child's behaviour or development or see your child struggling in school? These courses can benefit you and your child.

- Manage anxiety for you and your child with **stressbusting** workshops
- Join a **cookery** class with your child and create tasty recipes together
- Develop your creative side with a **Storytelling with craft** workshop
- Learn how to support your child's reading with a **Phonics** workshop
- Build your **communication skills** and understand your child's behaviour
- Improve your **English** to help your child with their homework
- Take a **maths** course based on what your child is learning.

Sign up today for your FREE course online at www.surreycc.gov.uk/familylearning

Family Learning Surrey Adult Learning

email: family.learning@surreycc.gov.uk

LEARNING TOGETHER IS FUN

LEARN TOGETHER WITH YOUR CHILD

Would you like to support your child with their schoolwork but lack confidence?



Perhaps ENGLISH isn't your first language or MATHS isn't your strong point and you need some help understanding what your child is doing at school.

Surrey Adult Learning provides FREE courses and workshops to help parents and carers navigate school life and give support where children are struggling. Because learning together is fun - and right now it couldn't be more important.

Sign up today for your FREE course online at www.surreycc.gov.uk/familylearning

Family Learning Surrey Adult Learning

email: family.learning@surreycc.gov.uk

LEARNING TOGETHER IS FUN

STAFFING NEWS

Mrs Tolley will be moving on from the Vale Primary School at February half term. As some of you may be aware, Mrs Tolley has been completing further research and qualifications into the specialist teaching of dyslexia in the past year and has found a role in a school where she will be able to pursue this specialism as her main foci. We wish her well as she takes this next step on her career path.

Mrs Jones is going to increase her hours to full time moving forward and she will be teaching in Sparrow class full time from after half term.

I'm sure you join with us in offering our best wishes and support to both Mrs Tolley and Mrs Jones as they embark on these changes.



DATES



(New dates highlighted in blue) PTA dates in green

Autumn Term Dates		
9.2.21	Online Safety Parent Remote Workshop	5.30pm
15.02.21 – 19.02.21	HALF TERM	
22.02.21	Back to school	
10.03.21	Parent Consultations	
11.03.21	Parent Consultations	
22.03.21	Living Eggs Chicks in School	
01.04.20	Term ends	
	Easter Holidays	
19.04.21	Term starts	
31.05.21 – 04.06.21	HALF TERM	
25.06.21	INSET	
16.07.21	Term ends	
19.07.21 – 21.07.21	INSET	

Take care and stay safe.

Cathy Browne and Sarah Leyland
Co-Headteachers

