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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 23rd April 2021

Inspiring All

We've had a lovely week back after the Easter break and the children have settled straight back to some fantastic learning from Year R to Year 6.



WELCOME

We are really pleased this week to welcome Ishaan in Y2, Finlay in Y4 and Sophie and Oliver in Y1 to The Vale. We're looking forward to learning with you and your families and watch you grow, learn and flourish!



BIKEABILITY

Bikeability is a cycle training programme that teaches children practical skills and gives them the understanding and expertise they need to ride their bikes on the road. It replaces the old-fashioned Cycling Proficiency courses that many of us did as children. The Year 4 children who took part this week have in the safe space of the playground been learning to:

- Prepare themselves and their bike for cycling.
- Get on and off their bike without help.
- Start, pedal and stop with control.
- Use gears and avoid obstacles.
- Look all around and behind, staying in control of their bike.
- Share space with pedestrians and other cyclists.

It is a fantastic course that promotes healthy and active lifestyles; road safety and cycling as an



enjoyable pastime and form of transport. The Year 4s really enjoyed their sessions and gained a lot of confidence.



FAMILY FORUM

A reminder that we have scheduled in a date for our next family forum on **Wednesday 5th May at 2.00pm**. This will be held by zoom and a parentmail with the link was sent out this week. It was great to see a range of parents at our last meeting this term and we would love to see even more at the next to gauge the views of our parent community. We do ask that we have at least one representative of each class there to ensure the voice is from across the whole school. **The focus of our next meeting will be Behaviour and Well-Being.**

ON THE INTERNET... (Childnet)

'On the internet' is a learning-to-read book for children aged 4 and above. The large, bright illustrations show all the different ways that the internet can be used for.

Find On the internet here:

<https://www.childnet.com/resources/a-learning-to-read-book>

Other Childnet books for younger children include:

Smartie the Penguin (3 to 7 year olds)

<https://www.childnet.com/resources/smartie-the-penguin>

Digiduck's Big Decision (3 to 7 year olds)

<https://www.childnet.com/resources/digiduck-stories>

We regularly endeavour to include resources for families with regards to online safety and many are often aimed at our slightly older children. Here are

some great resources to use with some of our younger children.

IT IMPROVEMENTS

Over the Easter break we have had some major IT updates and improvements with our systems. Thank you for your patience as we are getting used to some of these new systems. It has meant that school emails have changed. For the time being, all emails should be being directed to the new email accounts as we make this transition (so we are still receiving emails to the old accounts).

The new email addresses you may need are:

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| School Office | info@thevaleprimary.org |
| Sarah Leyland | SLeyland@thevaleprimary.org |
| Cathy Browne | CBrowne@thevaleprimary.org |
| Year R Class teachers – Mrs Buckley/Mrs Broadway | yearr@thevaleprimary.org |
| Year 1 Class teacher – Miss Chenery | Year1@thevaleprimary.org |
| Year 2 Class teacher – Mrs Maidment | Year2@thevaleprimary.org |
| Year 3 Class teacher – Ms Amos | Year3@thevaleprimary.org |
| Year 4 Class teacher – Mrs Jones | Year4@thevaleprimary.org |
| Year 5 Class teacher – Miss Clark | Year5@thevaleprimary.org |
| Year 6 Class teacher – Miss Mcfeeters | Year6@thevaleprimary.org |

DOUGHNUT SALE

The PTA are holding a doughnut sale next week and need your pre-orders by Monday. If you would like to order some doughnuts please email Libby Brook on thevalepta@gmail.com

CELEBRATIONS

A huge well done to these children this week for being celebrated for achievements in learning.

Robin: Gabriel

Wagtail: Olivia

Lapwing: Imogen



Parakeet: Rowan
 Sparrow: Finley
 Goldfinch: Alex P
 Kestrel: Oscar

We were really pleased to award Oracy certificates this week to:

Robin: Annabella
 Wagtail: Rory
 Lapwing: Elena
 Parakeet: Kaida
 Sparrow: Grace
 Goldfinch: Ray
 Kestrel: Cristina



Mrs Browne and Mrs Leyland celebrated these people this week with a Co-Headteachers Hot Chocolate for following Vale Values consistently.

Robin: Selina
 Wagtail: Gracie
 Lapwing: Megan
 Parakeet: Kaida
 Sparrow: Abi
 Goldfinch: Charlie D
 Kestrel: Alyssia

These people are great role models and display our Vale Learner qualities of being caring, ready, safe, respectful, resilient, embracing challenge and reflecting on learning.

A Year 6 also nominated Miss Crafter this week who also was awarded with Co-Headteacher's Hot Chocolate.

CLASS DOJO RESULTS

Well done everyone this week – we could see you trying really hard to achieve Dojos.

| Diomed | Nijinsky | Hyperion | Shergar |
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| 281 | 335 | 199 | 297 |

Well done Nijinsky!

HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT YOUR CHILDREN – HOME LEARNING

Please remember the importance of reading with and to your children. Try to foster an enjoyment of books through modelling and listening to them read.

The children are also beginning their homework tasks again this term that the class teachers will talk to them about and will be set on Google Classroom. Paper copies can be provided if needed. It is expected that they complete these and please do ask the class teachers if they can help if you have any difficulties.

Our words for the week next week will be:

KS1 Word of the Day

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Word of the Day : **shadow** (noun / verb)

Definition : a dark area created when a light source is blocked / follow observe.

The science lesson investigated lights and shadows.

Synonym : outline.

Antonym :

Challenge : Use WOD in a simple sentence.

KS2 Word of the Day

Word of the Day

Word of the Day : **applause** (noun)

Definition : approval or praise expressed by clapping.

The applause from the crowd was deafening.

Synonym : cheer.

Antonym : boo.

Challenge : Use WOD in compound sentence.

RECOGNITION TARGET

This week, we are looking across the school to learn about and recognise the behaviour for learning target: **To show respect for our environment and care for all living things.**

Please do talk about what this means and what this behaviour might look like with your children. We were able to discuss this as part of our Assembly on Friday when we discussed EARTH DAY (April 22nd) after the concerns and passion of some of the children in school about looking after our environment.



ATTENDANCE

Week beginning 19.4.2021

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| Robin Class | 92.31% |
| Wagtail Class | 95.8% |
| Lapwing Class | 100% |
| Parakeet Class | 95.24% |
| Sparrow Class | 97.14% |
| Goldfinch Class | 92.08% |
| Kestrel Class | 96.21% |
| Whole School Attendance for Week | 95.54% |
| Whole School Attendance for Term to date | 95.54% |

The classes who have won our virtual attendance horses this week are Lapwing and sparrow

COVID19

We continue to ask that all parents are vigilant in ensuring that their children do not attend school for 10 days if they develop any of the following Covid symptoms:

- *A high temperature (38C or higher)*
- *A new persistent cough*
- *A loss of (or change in) their sense of taste or smell*

Children must also isolate at home for 10 days if any of their household have symptoms or have had a positive Covid-19 test.

If your child has symptoms, please keep them at home and arrange for a Covid test by calling 119 or booking a test on the NHS website here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>

Please be aware that if your child has any of the above symptoms they should not return to school unless they have completed the isolation period or received a negative Covid test. A GP's diagnosis without a test is not sufficient for this purpose.

If you need to contact either Mrs Leyland or myself when the school office is closed with a test result, please do not hesitate to on –

Mrs Leyland: SLeyland@thevaleprimary.org

Mrs Browne: CBrowne@thevaleprimary.org

It is also possible now for any adults to obtain either through the pharmacies or by ordering online the Lateral Flow Device test that can be completed twice a week to give families peace of mind.



FACEBOOK PAGE/TWITTER

Thank you for following and liking our Facebook Page and Twitter feed. We continue to post/tweet and review and monitor frequently. We want to share and celebrate as much as we can and keep it as current as possible. Search for 'The Vale Primary School' and our icon is our woodpecker logo, with a white background or @thevaleprimary. Our Twitter account is @ValePrimarySch. **If you are able to share any of our posts so they reach a wider audience we would be very grateful. It is a really important way of marketing our school.**

DATES

(New dates highlighted in blue) PTA dates in green Mrs Leyland and I have been looking at dates for the Summer Term provisionally and would like to share these with you. We do know however that currently GLF have asked for all our current restrictions to stay in place for the beginning of next term until further guidance is released from the DfE. All of these dates in purple therefore are for



guidance only and are still to be confirmed. They are provisional at the moment based on restrictions being relaxed.

Please note some changes to dates due to Surrey Transition dates e.g. Sports Day.

| Spring Term Dates | | |
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| | Easter Holidays | |
| 19.04.21 | Term starts | |
| 23.04.21 | Winning House Dojo Mufti Day - Diomed | |
| 5.05.21 | Family Forum Zoom Meeting | 2.00pm |
| 19.05.21 | WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK | |
| 27.05.21 | New to Reception Parents Meeting (Face to Face or Virtual TBA) | 2-3pm |
| 31.05.21 – 04.06.21 | HALF TERM | |
| 21.06.21 – 25.06.21 | Y6 Fun Week | |
| 24.06.21 | New Reception Children Visit Group 1 | 9.30-11.30 |
| 24.06.21 | PTA School Disco | |
| 25.06.21 | INSET | |
| 29.06.21 | Transition Day to new classes and New to Reception Group 2 | |
| 1.07.21 | New Reception Children Visit Group 3 | 9.30-11.30 |
| 3.07.21 | PTA Summer Fair | |
| 6.07.21 | New Reception Children Visit Group 4 | |
| 7.07.21 | Sports Day (Arrangements TBA as to whether we can do together with parents) | |
| 7.07.21 | Open Afternoon | 3.30 -4.30 |
| 8.07.21 | New Reception Children Visit All Groups | |
| 14.7.21 | Year 5/6 Production | |
| 15.7.21 | Year 6 Party | 4.30-6.30 |
| 16.7.21 | Year 6 Leavers Assembly | 9-10am |
| 16.07.21 | Term ends | |
| 19.07.21 – 21.07.21 | INSET | |

Have a good weekend and stay safe.

Cathy Browne and Sarah Leyland
Co-Headteachers

