

West Vale Primary School

Care, share, discover and learn



Class 5 History Trip to St Thomas's Church

On Monday 22nd October Class 5 enjoyed a trip out to Greetland school, where we met up with their Year 5 classes. We were given the task of finding out as much as we could about the people who used to live in Greetland, we had to find historical evidence from inside the church and also the graveyard. The children thoroughly enjoyed discovering facts about the local people.

Class 1



In Class One we have been finding out about why people wear poppies in November and we made poppies to decorate Clay House for Remembrance Day.

This week, some mysterious footprints appeared in our classroom. They belonged to a missing penguin. We have made some cold, icy pictures to encourage the penguin to come out from its hiding place!



In science, we have been watching weather reports and observing what the weather is like. We have chosen clothes that suit Autumn and Winter weather.

Class 3 Land Use



Class 3 went on a walk to explore the local area. We looked for street names and landmarks to add to our sketch maps as part of our geography topic, "Land Use".

Useful Dates & Information

Mon 12th Nov	Anti-Bullying Week
Mon 19th Nov	Road Safety Week
Tue 20th Nov	Open Day 10.45am-11.45am & 6pm-7pm
Wed 21st Nov	Road Safety Assembly
Wed 12th Dec	Class 5 Assembly
Fri 14th Dec	PTA Secret Shop
Tue 18th Dec	Reception Performance 2.30pm Santa Sleigh Evening & Christmas Fayre
Wed 19th Dec	Christmas Dinner Day
Fri 21st Dec	Christmas Party Day School Closes

Weekly Attendance

A good education gives a child the best possible start in life. To achieve this it is important that each child attends school regularly and on time.

Class attendance needs to be at 96% or higher for a class to earn their place on the prestigious assembly benches.

Winners

Week ending 12th Oct	- Class 1 - 96%
Week ending 19th Oct	- Class 2 - 99.2%
Week ending 26th Oct	- Class 2 - 98.8%

Parent Hub

We would like you to join our new channel on parent hub. From the menu tap "add a school" in the app & enter @WestValePri then please follow instructions.

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Superhero Writing Competition

Congratulations to everybody who entered last term's superhero writing competition. The standard was exceptionally high and picking winners was a difficult job. The winners were Florence in reception and year 1 category, Maddie in year 2 and 3, Gabriella in year 3 and 4 and Ripley in year 5 and 6 category. Congratulations to the overall winner, Gabriella Cusack.

Year 6 Assembly

Last half term class 6 ran an assembly about their amazing experience in class 6 so far. They also told us about how much they enjoyed making mouldy bread in their science lesson. They also showed how they made a poster in art out of symbols. The 3 days at Robinwood were fantastic; everyone took part and had the best 3 days possible. They finished off with a song by the Jackson 5 called "I'll be there" - Well done to all year six!

Class 2 Halifax Minster

On Wednesday 7th November our Class 2 children visited Halifax Minster. The visit was to support the children's learning in RE as they think about the question, "Why do we pray?".



Cross Country

Yesterday afternoon, nine children went to Brooksbank's cycle track to take part in the Cross Country competition. The children were a credit to the school both in their athletic ability and also their behaviour, support and encouragement for each other. We had 5 children qualify for the next round so we look forward to the next event.



School Uniform & Dress Code

Please can we ensure that our high standards are maintained throughout the year and that all items of uniform are clearly named. Footwear should be plain, black school-type shoes.

No trainers.

Congratulations Minibus Drivers

Thank you to Mr Baker, Miss Banks, Mrs Gravenor and Mrs Acton, on passing their minibus driving test.

This will enable our school to provide more local trips for our school children in the future.

Halloween Disco

We would like to say thank you to the PFA for organising and running the School Halloween Disco. The evening was a great success and raised a huge

Thanks!

£378.27

This money will go towards providing ipads for the children to use in school.

REMINDER!

Please can we have any outstanding orders and payments for Tempest Photography handed in to reception by **Monday 12th November**.

REMINDER!

If you have not already done this, please can we ask you to activate Parent Pay.

Volunteers

A huge thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help in school.

Please don't hesitate to ask for a volunteer form at our school office if you feel you can help in any way.

Your continued support is very much appreciated.

Thanks!

Remembrance



On Thursday 8th November the whole of West Vale school visited Clay House for a special remembrance assembly led by Reverend Sherwood. All the children in school participated in the assembly by creating a wreath or piece of poppy bunting. The children were impeccably behaved and we were very proud of them. The bunting and wreaths will remain in Clay House for the remembrance service on Sunday.



Need Support? - Numbers you may find useful

Women's Domestic Violence – 0808 2000 247 Men's Domestic Violence Helpline - 0808 801 0327 Childline - 0800 1111
NSPCC 24 hour free phone service - 0808 800 5000 Police (if not urgent)- 101 Women's refuge – 0845 155 1485
Social Services – 01422 393336

Safeguarding Children—If you are ever concerned about any child please speak to Mrs Gardiner or Miss Grondalski