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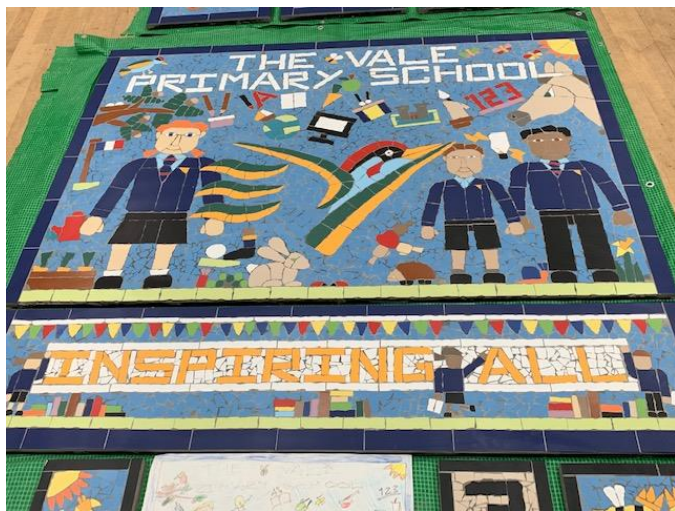
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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019

# Inspiring All

## OAKS CELEBRATION WEEK



It has been 'Collaboration Week' in school and what an exciting few days we've had. The children have learnt about working as a team and developing the necessary skills through a variety of different activities. We have been celebrating and thinking about our recent conversion to be part of the Oaks Academy Trust on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018; working in partnership with Warren Mead Junior School and Banstead Infants School and with a close connection to the GLF Academy Trust. We have looked at the Oaks Trust motto of Believe-Persevere-Enjoy Success and the children have discussed during assembly what they believe makes good qualities for working collaboratively. They felt 'Communication, Co-operation, Participation and Perseverance' were all important qualities. To mark the conversion, we have also been involved as a whole school team, in creating a large mosaic for the front of the school. Pupils in each class have also created one of their class bird logos. These were presented in a final assembly this afternoon.

Thank you to all those families who have supported us this week – joining us for cake and drinks after school on Wednesday and by coming to see the mosaic after school today. May we also take the opportunity to thank Mrs Martin one of our parents for creating such fantastic cakes to celebrate with.

We are looking forward to a great future partnership with the Oaks Academy Trust and GLF and looking forward to putting into practise some of those skills the children have been developing in working as a team.



## ATTENDANCE

Well done all those who have started the new term as you mean to carry on. Our whole school attendance for last half term was 95.54% and for the whole of the Autumn Term was 96.41%.

Week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Robin Class	99.26%
Wagtail Class	94%
Lapwing Class	94.78%
Parakeet Class	90.80%
Wren Class	97.22%
Sparrow Class	92.22%
Goldfinch Class	97.62%
Kestrel Class	98.64%

The classes who have won our attendance horses this week are Robin and Kestrel.

## RECOGNITION BOARDS

As part of our whole school positive behaviour policy review in the Autumn Term we introduced boards in each classroom where children can be recognised and highlighted when they are demonstrating behaviours being taught, practised, developed and expected. This term we are trialling having a weekly focus across the school so that we can celebrate pupils not only in class but at other points around the school. This week we have all been trying to be recognised **'for being a super sitter'** – showing they are following our school rule of Being Ready. The whole of Year 5 had their names put up on their board in recognition for demonstrating it in assembly on Wednesday.

Next week's positive behaviour is to: **'use the Vale walk around school'**.

## CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

Well done to:

Robin: Elena, Jenson H, Jenson B, Ava

Wagtail: Jaiden, Jude, Rowan, Frankie

Lapwing: Abi, Sebastian

## INFANT CHOIR

Mrs Hallett would like to invite children from Robins to join us on Weds morning at 8.15 plus any other children who enjoy singing from Yr 1

& 2. We aim to have fun! We will be preparing a song to perform at the Easter assembly, plus we will be taking a small choir to the E & E Music Festival.

## ENTERPRISE TYCOON PROJECT

Year 4 learnt so much from this Enterprise project they took part in last term. They also ran a good business. Once Business loans had been paid back; expenses paid; the Peter Jones Foundation been given their 10% of profit – the children made a profit of £200. Well done Year 4 for all your hard work and commitment! I know the Christmas decorations I had at home this year looked wonderful.

## NATIONAL SCHOOL TRAVEL AWARD

We wanted to celebrate with you that we have been awarded the Bronze level STARS Award for our efforts to increase levels of walking, cycling and other forms of sustainable transport on our journey to school.

## FAMILY FORUM

We will be holding our next Family Forum meeting on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January. We are trialling holding this at 6pm in the evening to help working parents who find meetings in the school day hard to attend. The focus of the meeting will be feedback from our Parental Questionnaires and next steps.

## SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

If you have children who will be starting school in September 2019 it is very close to the deadline for applications. The Surrey information about the application process is accessed online at: [www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/school-admissions/apply-for-a-school-place](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/school-admissions/apply-for-a-school-place). **All applications must be sent by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019.**





## TIMES TABLES

Children need to know their times tables with rapid recall by the end of year 4.

**Learning songs can often be a fun way of doing this. There are lots out there but here is one example for the 7x table.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VEnQbnxWtqM>

	Morning and Open Classrooms	
20.3.19	Infant Parents Coffee Morning and Open Classrooms	9-10am
22.3.19	PTA Cake Sale	3.15pm
27.3.19	Y3/4 Spring Term Production	9am and 6pm
30.3.19	Spring Ball PTA Event	TBC
5.4.19	Term Ends 1.30pm	1.30pm
8.4.19 – 22.4.19	EASTER HOLIDAYS	
23.4.19	Summer Term Starts	

HOME START EPSOM, EWELL & BANSTEAD Home Start are recruiting volunteers who could help others. Please do see the attached flyers regarding training courses and what you need to do if interested or know someone who may be interested in volunteering.

Welcome back to a new term and we hope you had an enjoyable and restful New Year. We are very excited about all the learning and opportunities to work together that are going to happen this term.

**Cathy Browne and Sarah Leyland**  
Co-Headteachers

## COMMUNITY NEWS

Please do take a look at the Community News section of the website for events happening in the local area.

SPRING TERM DATES		
16.1.19	Family Forum Meeting	6pm
7.2.19	E-Safety Day with a parent workshop	9am
8.2.19	School Disco	After School – arrangements TBC
<b>18.2.19 – 22.2.19</b>	<b>Half term</b>	
6.3.19	Y6 Junior Citizen Day	
6.3.19	Y2 Pedals Sessions	
8.3.19	PTA Sponsored Bounce Check PTA events and Cake sales dates are right.	
8.3.19	PTA Cake Sale	3.15pm
13.3.19	Early 3pm closure to prepare for Parent Consultations	School Finish at 3pm and consultations 3.30pm – 7.30pm
19.3.19	Junior Parents Coffee	9-10am

