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When was the last time you looked at the Academy website?

With so much to share we cannot always fit everything onto the newsletter. Don't forget to look at the website for latest developments and policies.

Recent updates include;

- The Academy Arrival and Collection Policy
- The Academy Behaviour and Reward Policy



Are you interested in gardening? We are looking to develop several areas around the Academy grounds and would love volunteers from the community to help design and shape the learning environment for the children. If you are interested in supporting the Academy and can contribute even a short amount of time then please let the office know.

Lates and Attendance

The national baseline for attendance is 96%. We know that illness cannot be avoided but please continue to support us in getting our percentages up. We also need your help in getting the children into the Academy on time in the morning. The School day starts at 8:30- Little Bears and 8:50- Big Bears, KS1 and KS2. **Ask the children what we are doing in the Academy to address this...**

Changes and Updates

Thank you to all those who attended our first parent voice meeting. We had around 40 people attend and all contributions and support was appreciated and is essential. Minutes from the meeting will soon appear on the Academy website and we are already making headway in addressing your ideas and ways forward. Watch out for guitar lessons coming soon!!!

Another area parents and children have been asking for is dressing up days. With 'Wear It Pink' on October 21st designed to support 'Breast Cancer Now', we felt this was a fitting opportunity to dress for fun and purpose. Stay tuned for more information closer to the date!!!

Many of you have used the breakfast club provision (around 70 children each day WOW!). Although we have stopped the toast at break time in favour of breakfast club, many would still like children to have the opportunity to have a snack mid-morning to ensure they are fuelled for learning. This is a great idea and children can bring a healthy snack to eat at break time if they wish to do so. **Fruit only please.** Furthermore, please try to drop your children off at the entrance when attending breakfast club, with children handing their money in personally as they enter the hall. If you feel the children are a little young to do this please feel free to hand in money in to the office in an envelope marked with your child's name on it.

FS2 90.1% 0 lates	Y1 90.1% 7 lates	Y2 89.9% 0 lates
Y3 98.5% 2 lates	Y4 97.4% 1 late	Y5 92.2% 4 lates
Y6 95.5% 0 late		

Attendance and lates

Whole School

95.3% & 14 Lates

Every School Day COUNTS



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What an exciting week we have had! We had a 'mystery' visitor in the Foundation Stage this week and it was our mission to find the clues and discover who it was! The mystery led us on an exciting learning journey. Well done to Ella Firth for super behaviour and being a great member of our class, she took Peter Rabbit home for the weekend as a reward! We have been celebrating British Values Week by holding a traditional tea party.

This week in Year One maths we have worked hard to order numbers and in literacy we have tried to convince Mrs Groves why each of us should take home Sir Fluffington McCuteface. To find out who our winner is ask a Year One friend.



Year Two have been very busy this week, in literacy we have been learning about expanded noun phrases, using an adjective to describe a noun. In numeracy we have been adding 2 and 1 digit numbers together. Some of us even added 3 and 1 digit numbers together! In topic we have been looking at healthy eating and what we need to live!

This week in Year 3 we have been celebrating what it means to be British. We enjoyed talking about being the same and being different. Ask us to sing you our National Anthem and see how smart we can stand to attention! We have also started practising doing our number lines from scratch as well as remembering to use capital letters in ALL our sentences! Another great week!

Year 4 have very much enjoyed celebrating British Values Week this week. We have designed colourful posters, created traditional British menus in ICT, made a collage of the Queen, drawn the London skyline and we have even sung the National Anthem. God Save the Queen!



This week was our class assembly. We talked about British Values and the activities we had worked on during the week. On Wednesday afternoon we had a street style party where the tables were covered and cakes, cookies, brownies and juice were on offer. A massive thank you to the children and parents who brought treats in.

Year 6 had a fantastic time tasting different kinds of scones. The most popular one was cherry. On Friday we are looking forward to having afternoon tea.



Dates for your diary

- 26th-29th September - Book Fair Books on sale in school
- 26th -30th September - Book Week – including class visits to library
- 30th September - Mcmillan Coffee Morning 9 – 10.30am
- 21st October - 'Wear It Pink' for 'Breast Cancer Now'.
- 14th - 16th November - Robinwood Residential Visit Year 6
- 16th November - Parents Evening 3.30 – 6.00pm (Not Year 6)
- 23rd November - Year 6 Parents Evening 3.30 – 6.00pm
- 16th December – School Closed – INSET/Staff Training Day

Safeguarding – e-safety

Please take time to look at these useful links to help keep your child safe online

<http://ceop.police.uk/>

<http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>

<http://www.childnet.com/>

<http://www.netsmartz.org/Safety/SafetyTips>

<http://www.kidsmart.org.uk/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/topics/stay-safe>

Anti-extremism and radicalisation website -

<http://www.educateagainsthate.com>

Thank you for your continued feedback. As The Vale Primary Academy strives to ensure achievement for all: working in partnership with our families to enable learners to develop emotionally, socially and academically within a safe and secure environment. Mr Yeomans holds regular Parent Voice meetings. Staff are available to answer questions or queries and Mr Yeomans is usually on the yard before and after school. Please feel free to come and speak to us.