

**Newsletter: 21/10/2016**

## Behaviour

Children who demonstrate an acceptable standard are awarded bands. To be awarded a band the children would have to be in the right place, at the right time and doing the right thing.

This week **206** children have been GREEN all week.

Big Bears	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
0/30	2/28	0/31	0/28	0/30	0/29	0/30

**WELL DONE!**

### Attendance and Lates

94.4% and 20 lates

Our attendance target for the year is 96%

Year to date: 94.5%

Big Bears  
90.1% 0 lates

Year 1  
98.8% 6 lates

Year 2  
97.1% 0 lates

Year 3  
97.6% 5 lates

Year 4  
95.2% 4 lates

Year 5  
91.2% 5 lates

Year 6  
91.1% 0 lates

### Star Pupils

**Big Bears:** Ella Firth

**Year 1:** Lola Hudson

**Year 2:** Freya Taylor

**Year 3:** Mollie Chapman

**Year 4:** Jack Marshall

**Year 5:** Lillie Knott

**Year 6:** Leila Keetley

**Well Done!**

### Up and Coming Key Dates

Friday 21/10/16	Last Day of term
Monday 31/10/16	Return to Academy
Friday 11/11/16	Photograph Day
14 - 16/11/16	Robinwood Residential
Wednesday 16/11/16	Parents' Evening (Not Y6)
Wednesday 23/11/16	Parents' Evening (Y6 only)
Thursday 15/12/16	Last day of term
Friday 16/12/16	Training Day

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We have had some superstar performances from our FS1 children, watch out X Factor! Check out our newly designed performance area next half term! FS2 children have been working as a team to rescue Peter Rabbit from the spooky spider web. Great work! Well done to our shining star this week, Ella Firth.



This week in Year One we are bonkers for conkers! We have thought a lot about the changing season. We have looked at the trees around us and how they have changed in colour in the last few weeks. We have thought about celebrations and why we celebrate the harvest. Finally we paused for a moment to think of those who are not as lucky as us and who might not have the food and world we do.



This week Y2 have been writing reports about bees in literacy, in we have been trying very hard to use commas in lists and a variety of conjunctions (joining words). Numeracy has all been about shape this week and we have done so well identifying all the features of different 2D and 3D shapes! We all really enjoyed the Harvest Festival!



This week in Year 3 we have enjoyed making diva lamps to celebrate the Hindu celebration of Diwali. In maths we have been learning to solve multiplication and division problems using the bar model. In literacy we have written letters to ask local shops and businesses to donate something for our Harvest Festival. In art we also painted a picture of our memories of our trip to The Deep.

I am so proud of every single child in Year 4 this week for working so hard on some very tricky work! In our writing, we have been learning to write formal letters. We have also enjoyed practising our song for the Harvest Festival. Thank you for bringing in lots of goodies!



This week has been another busy one in Year 6. Our English topic of 'Journeys', has taken us in another direction... We have read Journey poems by Robert Frost and Brian Patten, and have had a go at writing our own poetry. We have used thesauruses to help us extend our vocabulary – finding out that another word for 'blue', for example is 'cerulean'. Our maths work has focussed on multiplying 4-digit numbers by 2-digits, and some of us have had a go at solving word problems... It's division for us next!

Y5: How quick has this half term gone? Year 5 have worked really hard and achieved so much. I am proud and happy to be their class teacher and look forward to the challenges ahead. By the time you receive this newsletter your child will have received their reading for over half term. Please encourage them to read to you and others in the house. I am keen to get every child confident in reading out aloud. I hope you all have a lovely half term and look forward to seeing you on Halloween.



#### Safeguarding

At The Vale Primary Academy, the welfare of all our pupils is of great importance to us and we hope that parents are confident about their children's health and safety whilst in our academy. We will always try to share any concerns we have with parents. However, there are times when we are legally obliged to share our concerns with other agencies, without first speaking to parents, or without the consent of parents. The safety and protection of our pupils is our most important concern and we wish to reassure you that any sharing of information is done with the children's best interest at heart. If you have any concerns about the welfare or safety of any child in our school you should contact Mr Yeomans. In addition, Mrs Johnson, our Safeguarding Co-ordinator, can be contacted through the school office. The academy has a duty to inform parents that there is a prohibition on reporting or publishing details (including on social media) that could identify anyone who is subject to an allegation.