

Newsletter: 09/12/2016

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 **207** children have been GREEN all week.

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

WELL DONE!

Attendance and Lates

93.5% and 15 lates

Our attendance target for the year is 96%

Year to date: 95.0%

Big Bears
89.3% 1 late

Year 1
95.8% 3 lates

Year 2
91.8% 3 lates

Year 3
91.6% 2 lates

Year 4
98.9% 1 late

Year 5
93.9% 4 lates

Year 6
93.0% 1 late

Star Pupils

Big Bears: Isobelle Landale

Year 1: Ashton MacDonald

Year 2: Corey Wilkinson

Year 3: Lennon Keetley

Year 4: Chloe Smith

Year 5: Luca Manfredi

Year 6: Josh Moon

**Well
Done!**

Up and Coming Key Dates

- 12/12/16 EYFS Nativity am/pm
- 13/12/16 KS1 Nativity am/pm
- 14/12/16 Christmas Lunch
Christmas Jumper Day
Non Uniform Day
- 15/12/16 School closes
- 16/12/16 Training Day
- 03/01/17 School Re Opens

A big "Thank you" to all who took part in the Christingle Service at St Andrew's Church on Thursday evening.

We raised **£193.30** for the Children's Society.

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WEBSITE – www.thevpacademy.org.uk

XMAS JUMPER DAY – No need to wear uniform
 Wednesday 14th December will be a non-uniform day.



We have been busy practising our Christmas performance and we are almost ready to showcase our Nativity to our grown-ups next week and we are very excited! Big Bears have been sequencing the Gingerbread Man story and recording some alliterative sentences. We are looking forward to following Gingerbread recipes next week...will they make it home or not...? Run, run, as fast as you can... Well done to this week's shining star, Isabelle Landale!

This week Year 1 have been rehearsing hard for the performance next week and had a great time at the party on Thursday. Of course, we have been working hard too! In English, we have been developing our understanding of full stops and capital letters. We have continued to use The Snowman story to inspire us; we have even designed our own snowman and described him. In maths we have been counting on from different numbers up to 100 and solving some missing number problems.

This week in Year 3 we have been reading and writing our own poems. Some of them have been quite thought-provoking. Others have been quite humorous to say the least! In maths we've looked at place value and what is ten more and hundred more than a number, such as 1902. Test our mega brains! Also it has been assessment week, the children have all worked hard and smashed their previous scores – a huge well done everyone. What a way to draw a close on our learning for 2016!



This week in Year 2 we have started to read "The Magic Finger," by Roald Dahl. We have been writing different types of poems using adjectives and verbs. In maths we have started to learn about money, this has been tricky but we are being persistent! Well done Year 2.

I am so proud of how hard the children in Year 4 have worked this term and how much progress they have made. We have been continuing to learn about fractions and decimals. We have also been writing newspaper reports about the day Jesus was born. We had a great time at our Christmas party on Thursday. Thank you so much for all your contributions!

This week Year 5 have worked hard on their assessment and the majority of children have made progress. So proud of them all. It's also been party week. All children looked amazing and had a wonderful time. I hope everyone enjoys their party bags and all have won a little something on pass the parcel. We're on countdown now to a well earned rest. Merry Christmas everyone.

This week Year 6 have been getting in the Christmas spirit by writing a recount of the day in the life of an elf. To help them do this we all got into character and absolutely loved it!



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.

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

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

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

Anti-extremism and radicalisation website -

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

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

<http://www.educateagainsthate.com>

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

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