

Newsletter: 06/01/2017

Behaviour

Children who demonstrate an acceptable standard are awarded points. To be awarded a point 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	27/28	31/31	28/28	31/31	27/29	30/30

WELL DONE!

Attendance and Lates

96.4% and 5 lates

Our attendance target for the year is 96%

Year to date: 95.0%

Big Bears
91.7% 0 lates

Year 1
91.6% 2 lates

Year 2
96.8% 0 lates

Year 3
99.0% 1 late

Year 4
99.1% 1 late

Year 5
96.5% 1 late

Year 6
99.5% 0 lates

Star Pupils

Big Bears: Callum Webster

Year 1: Jaden Leiper

Year 2: Neve Slater

Year 3: Artjoms Smirnovs

Year 4: Ruby Garbutt

Year 5: Lillie Knott

Year 6: Oliver Wood

**Well
Done!**

Up and Coming Key Dates

19/01/17 3.30-4.00 Open Classroom
 30/01/17 Anti-Bullying Week
 09/02/17 3.30-4.00 Open Classroom
 10/02/17 School Closes
 20/02/17 School Re opens
 27/02/17 E-Safety week
 02/03/17 3.30-4.00 Open Classroom
 23/03/17 3.30-4.00 Open Classroom
 27/03/17 British Values Week

Open Classroom

Every few weeks the Academy will be opening it's doors for you to come and chat to the teachers and look at books. These are all highlighted in the 'Up and Coming Key Dates'. It is a great opportunity for us to communicate with you and work together to ensure highest outcomes for the children.

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WEBSITE – www.thevpacademy.org.uk

Happy New Year from everyone in the Foundation Unit! The children have jumped into their learning this week and they have been enjoying the start of our topic – Dinosaurs! We have been busy creating exciting dinosaur hideouts inside and outside the classroom and our own 'Dino Café' will be open soon – enter at your own risk! Big Bear children have been working hard in their maths work, grouping, sharing and beginning to count in steps of 5.

We have had a great start to the New Year in Year 1! Superheroes has been the focus for our English work, which the children have really enjoyed. This theme has also been reflected in our PE lesson where we moved like superheroes and created moves for words such as POW and ZAP. In maths we have been counting in 2's, 5's and 10's and in Science we have been looking for different types of materials in the environment. A super start to 2017, well done children.

This week in Year 2 we have started learning all about arctic animals and the 7 continents of the world. In Literacy we are writing magical stories about a snowman adventure and in maths we have worked really hard on missing number questions. We have had a great first week and I have really enjoyed getting to know all the fantastic children in the class.

This week in Year 3 we have been reading stories from long ago, such as The Tale of Icarus and Daedalus. Spoiler: it doesn't end well! We have also been using powerful and exciting verbs like plummeted and fluttered. Aren't we clever?! In maths it has been interesting to learn new methods to double and halve as well practising reading, writing and counting to 1000. We have finished our first Roald Dahl classic: Matilda. Ask us to describe our favourite bit to you. I dare you...

Year 4 have got straight back into working hard. We have been looking at place value in maths and writing recounts in literacy. We have also made some New Year resolutions for school and home. Make sure you ask us what they are! Happy New Year!

Happy New Year from all Year 5. Clearly the break has done us all good as the children have worked so hard this week. We've been looking at writing using past, present and future tense and I've read about what they got up to during the 2 week holidays and the amazing gifts they received from Santa. If they keep this standard up they'll definitely be on his good list next year.

This week in Year 6 we have been writing all about a short film clip called Bubbles. We've been focusing on how to build atmosphere with our words. In numeracy we have been revisiting place value and rounding as well as making up our own calculations in Roman numerals and having our friends solve them.

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.childnet.com/>

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

Anti-extremism and radicalisation website -

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

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

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

<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.