

Newsletter: 13/01/2017

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

Big Bears	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
30/30	28/28	29/31	26/28	31/31	29/29	30/30

WELL DONE!

Attendance and Lates

94.1% and 8 lates

Our attendance target for the year is 96%

Year to date: 95.0%

Big Bears
93.8% 0 lates

Year 1
95.4% 6 lates

Year 2
92.1% 0 lates

Year 3
94.4% 0 lates

Year 4
93.6% 0 lates

Year 5
96.6% 2 lates

Year 6
93.3% 0 lates

Star Pupils

Big Bears: Frankie Atkinson

Year 1: Ella Shaw

Year 2: Lois Groves

Year 3: Ruby Dobson

Year 4: Isla McDonald

Year 5: Caridee A-Livsey

Year 6: Dylan Parker

**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

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Our dinosaur topic is well underway with the 'Dino Café' proving to be a popular hang out in the classroom, the children have been cooking up a treat! In literacy the children have been reading **Not Now Bernard**, they have been making story maps to think of new characters for the story and creating different endings. The children worked together to come up with some great ideas to help free the frozen dinosaur eggs they found on Monday morning.

I am extremely proud of all children this week! In Maths, we have been tackling some rather tricky multiplication and division word problems, and we have been introduced to arrays. In English we have been trying to use **and** to join words and clauses to describe the superheroes that we designed. We have enjoyed talking about different materials in Science and designing a map of a superhero base for Geography.

In Year 3 this week in literacy we have been planning out The Sword and the Stone. In maths we have been learning the grid method, but first we have to make sure we know our 3, 4 and 5 times tables to be able to do this. We have been designing a chocolate ball that we hope to make and then eat! In PE we are going to learn about balancing. We have had a very busy week.

In Year 2 this week we have been looking at place value and partitioning numbers to help us with addition questions. In English we have focused on improving our writing by creating expanded noun phrases and checking that we are using the correct past tense verbs. We were really excited to receive a letter from our new pen pal Mala a young Inuit boy telling us all about his life in the arctic. Just a reminder, PE for year two has now changed to Wednesday (indoor) and Friday (outdoor).



This week Year 4 have been doing some tricky addition and subtraction. We have also been learning all about the Chinese New Year. Did you know it's the year of the rooster? We also enjoyed our first visit to Pontefract swimming pool.

I can't believe another week has passed. Year 5 are working really hard. This week we have focused on ourselves. We are looking at what makes us, us. We are all different and that makes us unique and special. If we were all the same it would be boring. Next week we are visiting De Lacy. As part of transition we have been invited to go and sample some lessons with their teachers.

Our imaginations have been running riot this week in literacy as we have been writing short action stories about houses that fly and secret agents. In numeracy we've been looking at decimals: adding them, subtracting them, multiplying by them and dividing them. We'd go as far as saying we are now decimal experts!

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 Burnell, 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>