

**Newsletter: 24/02/2017**

## 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 **208** children have been GREEN all week.

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

### Attendance and Lates

97.0% and 7 lates

Our attendance target for the year is 96%

Year to date: 94.9%

Big Bears  
93.0% 0 lates

Year 1  
99.6% 5 lates

Year 2  
98.2% 0 lates

Year 3  
99.1% 1 late

Year 4  
98.1% 1 late

Year 5  
94.8% 0 lates

Year 6  
95.4% 0 lates

### Star Pupils

**Big Bears:** Luna Maskill

**Year 1:** Bobby Norton

**Year 2:** Freya Taylor

**Year 3:** Rilie Knott

**Year 4:** Evie Leigh Smart

**Year 5:** Ellie Robson

**Year 6:** Emily Bugge

**Well Done!**

### Up and Coming Key Dates

27.02.17	E-Safety week
01.03.17	3.00-4.00 Open Classroom
02.03.17	3.30-4.15 Musical Theatre Group
02.03.17	World Book Day - Dress as your favourite character
06.03.17	Reading Learning Workshop FU
09.03.17	3.30-4.15 Musical Theatre Group
16.03.17	3.30-4.15 Musical Theatre Group
20.03.17	Maths Learning Workshop FU
23.03.17	3.30-4.00 Open Classroom
23.03.17	3.30-4.15 Musical Theatre Group
27.03.17	British Values Week
03.04.17	Handwriting Learning Workshop FU

**World Book Day** this year is Thursday 2nd March.

**Sponsored Read** - takes place between 27.02.17 and 03.03.17  
 sponsor forms and information are available in school.

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WEBSITE – www.thevpacademy.org.uk

### Absence from School

Please inform the school office before 9.00am on each morning of your child's absence, to avoid a visit from the Education Welfare Officer.

A warm welcome to Mrs Murdoch who has joined the Foundation Stage this week! On Monday we came back to school to find evidence left by the fairies, the children have been busy this exploring their finds using the iPads to photograph and record. Big Bears have been using the castle small world to create and act out storylines in their play, we have some budding authors and actors in our class!

A fabulous start to the new half term for Year 1. In maths we have been learning about quarters – finding quarters of shapes and numbers. In English we have been learning about turning singular nouns into plural nouns. We have also listened to, and started to learn, the story Hush Little Polar Bear. In Science the children have made a waterproof canoe that floats and holds a small teddy. We have explored rhythm and beat in music and explore different animal movements and poses in PE. Next week, we look forward to learning about e-safety.



This week in Year 2 we have been practicing our assembly in preparation for next week. We are all very excited to show parents some of the fabulous things we have learnt about and very much hope you will be able to come and support us on the day. On Monday we had a special penguin delivery! Unfortunately, he was meant to go to the South Pole so we have been writing instructions to get him home.

Year 3 have had a very good first week back. In Maths we have been looking at multiplication and time.



In English we have been writing stories, using speech marks and character profiles.

In maths, Year 4 have been learning how to convert different units of measurement. In literacy, we have been looking at persuasive writing in adverts. Carrying on with our chocolate topic, we have been designing new chocolate bars for Cadbury's in DT. How about a 'Cadbury's Brownie Fudge' which is low in sugar?!



Year 5 have had another busy week. On Monday we had visitors to our class, I'll let the children tell you about that. On Wednesday we started our Rugby training and we had another successful Ukulele lesson.

Year 6 have been making new friends this week when we had a visit from an animal handler. He brought a selection of creatures including a tarantula, bearded dragon, snake and tortoise. They were all extremely brave and held most of them, they even persuaded Mr Yeomans to join in the fun! In literacy we have been writing our own version of Chapter One of our class reading book Stormbreaker. Miss Taylor has been very impressed. Then in numeracy we've been learning to use the bar method to solve ratio problems. Lastly, in our topic we have started learning about evolution and inheritance, so parents you might be getting asked if the children have any of your traits!

### 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/>

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

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

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

<http://www.educateagainsthate.com>

Anti-extremism and radicalisation website -

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.