

Tuesday was Pancake Day! In maths we used the weighing scales to measure out the ingredients for the pancake mixture and in literacy we made labels and instructions for making the pancakes. We discovered that the mystery fairies had hidden miniature pancakes around the class, their note told us we needed to find 20. We only found 15... The challenge was on! Some children kept a pancake flipping score using a tally chart, great work!

The children in Year 1 looked fabulous for World Book Day - they really enjoyed talking and writing about the characters that they came as. This week has also been E-Safety week so we have been finding out how to keep safe on-line. We have been telling the time to o'clock and half past in Maths - it would be great for the children to continue practicing telling the time at home. In Literacy we have been learning about verbs and nouns, and how to change singular nouns into plurals by adding -s or -es. It has been a busy week!

This week has been a super busy week in Year 2. We have been looking carefully at how to stay safe online all week and have created some great awareness posters, watched some thought provoking clips and written some great pieces of advice. On Thursday we had World Book Day and what a great effort the children made with their costumes! We also had our curriculum assembly where we got to share some of the interesting things we have been learning about in class. In maths we have been looking at finding fractions of numbers and in English we have written some gruesome instructions for a recipe to turn me into a toad! I am so very proud of how hard we are all working in Year 2!

In literacy in Year 3 this week we have been writing a character description and a story.

In maths we have been learning about time and the 24 hour clock.

On Thursday for World Book Day we all dressed as a character from our favourite book.

This week has been 'E-Safety week' and Year 4 have been learning all about how to stay safe on the internet. We even created our own safe social media profile for 'FaceSpace.' Also, what a fantastic array of costumes for World Book Day! Thank you for your continued support.

What a brilliant week! This week has made me realise how sensible and mature Year 5 are. We've been discussing E-Safety all week and how we can stay safe whilst online. We've looked at how we can protect our identity and discussed how once you post something on social media it is out there for all to see. The children have been amazing!



Year 6 have been Maths geniuses this week; they have been plotting coordinates using the bar method to solve challenging algebra. I have been very impressed. In literacy we have been writing diary entries as if we were Alex Rider, the main character of our class read. Science work has been looking at inherited traits again. And last but not least, Thursday was World Book Day, as you can see we had a fab day!



Leadership signposting

If you have any questions or queries in the first instance please see your child's class teacher. If after speaking to a teacher you require to speak to a Senior Leader then Mr Yeomans and Mrs Burnell will be more than happy to help you.

Thank-you for your continued feedback. 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 and all are welcome. 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.

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

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

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

Anti-extremism and radicalisation website -

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

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

<http://www.educateagainsthat.com>

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

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

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 |
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| 30/30 | 29/30 | 31/31 | 28/28 | 30/30 | 29/29 | 30/30 |

Attendance and Lates

96.0% and 5 lates

Our attendance target for the year is 96%

Year to date: 95.0%

Big Bears
97.6% 0 lates

Year 1
88.2% 3 lates

Year 2
99.3% 0 lates

Year 3
91.0% 0 lates

Year 4
99.6% 0 lates

Year 5
96.2% 1 late

Year 6
98.2% 1 late

Star Pupils

Big Bears: Lily McDonald

Year 1: Grace McMillan

Year 2: Charlie Walters Milner

Year 3: Kendell Jones

Year 4: Maddison Garland

Year 5: Amber Szabo

Year 6: Josh Moon

Well Done!

Up and Coming Key Dates

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| 06.03.17 | Reading Learning Workshop FU |
| 07.03.17 | Cookery Club |
| 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 |
| 21.03.17 | Cookery Club |
| 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 |

Thank you to all parents who attended the recent Parent Voice meeting. Minutes of this meeting will be on the website shortly.

GARDENING CLUB

We would like to thank everyone who has donated gardening equipment to the Academy. We will be starting the Gardening Club later this term.

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