

Newsletter: 17/03/2017

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

Big Bears	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
30/30	28/30	30/30	27/28	30/30	27/29	30/30

Attendance and Lates

95.2% and 5 lates

Our attendance target for the year is 96%

Year to date: 95.0%

Big Bears
95.9% 0 lates

Year 1
92.6% 3 lates

Year 2
99.3% 0 lates

Year 3
96.1% 0 lates

Year 4
97.0% 1 late

Year 5
89.9% 1 late

Year 6
94.1% 0 lates

Star Pupils

Big Bears: Isabella Holmes

Year 1: Aiden Smith

Year 2: Jacob Stephens

Year 3: Jayden Dickinson

Year 4: Thomas Shaw

Year 5: Lilia Clarke

Year 6: Lottie Coyles

**Well
Done!**

Up and Coming Key Dates

- 20.03.17 3.30-4.00 Open Classroom **Y1 Only**
- 20.03.17 Maths Learning Workshop FU
- 21.03.17 Cookery Club
- 22.03.17 3.15-4.15 Rugby Club
- 23.03.17 3.30-4.00 Open Classroom **(Not Y1)**
- 23.03.17 3.30-4.15 Musical Theatre Group
- 23.03.17 3.30-4.15 Running Club
- 27.03.17 British Values Week
- 28.03.17 Cookery Club
- 28.03.17 3.30 Phonics for Year 1
- 29.03.17 3.15-4.15 Rugby Club
- 30.03.17 09.30am Parents Assembly Year 5
- 30.03.17 3.30-4.15 Running Club
- 03.04.17 Handwriting Learning Workshop FU
- 05.04.17 3.15-4.15 Rugby Club
- 07.04.17 School Closes
- 24.04.17 School Re-opens

Open classroom for Year 1 will be on
MONDAY 20th March. For the rest of the
 school the date will be **THURSDAY 23rd March.**

A massive thank you to all who took part in the sponsored read last week. You raised a massive **£850.50!** With a 60% bonus from Usborne, this means we have a grand total of £1360.80 to spend on new books for the school. Absolutely amazing. Thank you. Miss Jackson

It has been 'Challenge Week' in Big Bears this week, the children have collected green points for each challenge task that they completed. The children have had a great attitude to their learning this week - keep it up! Little Bears have been keen to become pirates during outdoor play, playing together and using actions to support their play - Ahoy there Mateys!

A big well done to all the Year 1 children for doing a great job in the assembly, and thank you for all your support in coming to watch. In the classroom this week we have been working hard on subtraction and finding missing numbers within subtraction calculations. We have continued to work hard on reading and phonics, as well as writing interesting sentences with capital letters and full stops about Ernest Shackleton and Bear Grylls.

This week in Year 2 we have been looking at how we can improve our writing by choosing the correct verb tense. In maths we have focussed on how to order numbers between 0-100 using $<$ $>$ or $=$. The children really enjoyed turning the symbols into crocodiles and were very successful in their learning. In the past week we have also been practicing our observational drawing skills and have created some brilliant sketches of Ernest Shackleton's boat, The Endurance.



Year 3 have had a fantastic week this week. In Maths we have been doing more on finding fractions of numbers using our division and multiplication facts. The children have also been working out word problems concerning fractions. In English we have been continuing our work on recounts whilst also learning about subordinate clauses, compound sentences and prepositions. Our afternoon work has been based solely on science, we have been creating our own chocolatey experiments and learning about melting and reversible changes.

Year 4 have been continuing with our work on play scripts this week. We have converted a chapter from Harry Potter into a play script. In maths we have been learning to tell the time, including 24 hour time. In our topic work, we have been learning about how chocolate is made and Fairtrade products.

In Year 5 this week in Maths we have been multiplying mixed numbers and improper fractions as well as problem solving. In English we have worked on main and subordinate clauses and poetry. In topic, the children have researched a Commonwealth country and written an information text on their chosen country

Year 6 have had an amazing week this week. Every child really has been putting in 100% with all of their learning. We have been doing lots of long multiplication and division and looking at how to use these skills in real life situations. We also learnt an easier way when we were finding bus stop method a bit too challenging! We've also been researching Charles Darwin as part of our topic. We are going to turn our research into biographies next week. We can't believe it's Friday already! We all think this week has really flown!

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 Miss Taylor 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.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>