

**Newsletter: 15/09/2017**

## 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
31/31	28/28	29/29	28/29	29/30	30/30	28/29

### Attendance and Lates

95.6% and 16 lates

Our attendance target for the year is 96%

Year to date: 95.6%

Big Bears  
98.9% 0 lates

Year 1  
87.4% 1 late

Year 2  
93.7% 8 lates

Year 3  
100% 1 late

Year 4  
97.2% 4 lates

Year 5  
94.4% 0 lates

Year 6  
97.1% 2 lates

## Up and Coming Key Dates

- 03.10.17 Open Classroom 3.20-4.0pm
- 10.10.17 School Photographs
- 20.10.17 School Closes
- 30.10.17 School Opens
- 02.11.17 Open Classroom 3.20-4.00pm
- 20.11.17 Open Classroom 3.20-4.00pm

### Star Pupils

**Big Bears:** Emmeline Hartley

**Year 1:** Daniel Georgiou

**Year 2:** McKenzie Smart

**Year 3:** Roshni Shefta

**Year 4:** Brooke Kitching

**Year 5:** Seb Rhodes

**Year 6:** Hallie Forey

**Well Done!**

We are pleased to welcome a new member of staff to our team Mr Williams our Site Supervisor. You will see him regularly around the school site.

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### **Big Bears**

Big Bears have enjoyed their first full week in school, and have loved going to the hall for our school dinner. We have also enjoyed our first PE lesson of the year and look forward to our next one on Monday. Next week, our Disney topic will move on to Peter Pan and Pirates, we are excited to be making telescopes and treasure maps for Captain Hook! We are also really excited to introduce our new 'learning journeys' which will be ready in the next couple of weeks for you to come and see our wonderful work!

### **Year 1**

This week in Year 1 has been lots of fun pretending to be Kings and Queens. We then wrote sentences about what we would do for the day if we were. We also wrote sentences about what we found on our hunt around school with our Busy Bees. In Maths, we have focused on counting down from 20 and finding one more or one less than a number (under 10). It has also been a pleasure hearing the children share their stories from the envelopes they filled over the summer holidays.

### **Year 2**

The children have settled in nicely to their second week and new routine at school. We have really enjoyed our brain breaks where we've been running the golden mile. It has really brought out our competitive sides, and got our hearts racing! Our coats of arms are taking shape and we have thought carefully about the colours and animals we are using as they have different meanings. It seems we have lots of brave Lions in Year 2! In science we've been looking at different materials and we are hoping to use our scientific knowledge to succeed in castle building.

### **Year 3**

This week the children have continued to impress with their fantastic learning behaviour. In Maths we have looked at the value of each digit in a 3 digit number. The children are using mathematical language to explain their answers. In English we have continued with our character description of a Super-hero and have included exciting vocabulary and similes. Our dancing skills have been improved in our fabulous PE lessons and each week certificates are awarded to children who have shown excellent listening and enthusiasm.

### **Year 4**

We have had a very busy week in Year 4. In Maths we have been looking at numbers beyond 1000 and ordering them from both largest to smallest and smallest to largest. In our writing we have continued with our character descriptions but this week we were describing Superman! Our afternoons have focussed on the solar system!

### **Year 5**

What a fab week we've had in Year 5! Not only have the children been persistently green in and around school but they have also produced some amazing work in their writing. In writing the children have been creating a setting description using a range of writing techniques such as similes, fronted adverbials and personification. In Maths they have been focusing on place value, this involved working out the value of a digit and understanding the process of adding and subtracting powers of 10. They have also been researching the timeline of film which they are fully engaged in, all have produced a poster with the important events that happened throughout time.

### **Year 6**

This week Year 6 have been working extremely hard. We have introduced a 'flipped classroom', something which was extremely successful last year. In Literacy we have been writing character descriptions, which the children have really enjoyed. They have had to include modal verbs, prepositional phrases and expanded noun phrases. In Maths we have been solving multi-step word problems including the four operations. In topic we have created a timeline of the evolution of film, having an insight into motion pictures and how they are created.

### **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 or Miss Taylor, they 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.