

Miss Cartwright's Weekly Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an amazing last week of this half term we have had! It's been a very busy week- from Year 1 visiting Yorkshire Wildlife Park, to some student in Year 5 attending the Ambition Project, to Year 6 taking part in Delta Games, to children in Years 1 to 6 competing in the Spelling Bee, to our new Eco Rangers planting a brand new orchard, to finally end the week on a real high with Culture Day. It certainly has been busy but also an amazing experience for everyone!

In particular, the staff and children have loved culture day today. The children moved, with their support staff to different classroom to have different workshops. The teachers stayed in their classroom and delivered their workshops to all year groups from Year 1 to 6. Nursery and Reception had their own culture day within the unit. There was a perfect first chance for a soft transition as children in Year 1 to 6 met each teacher and experienced each classroom. More details of transitions will be communicated in due course.

Culture and Diversity Day

RE- Buddhism

During this workshop with Miss Emmerson the children explored the Buddhist faith. They learned about Buddhist festivals and created a lantern for Wesak. The children also create a mandala. It was excellent to see the children, especially in Year 4 using their knowledge of lessons to bring wider understanding to the sessions.



The Geography and people of Africa

In the Year 1 classroom children explored who the people of Africa are and what different cultures run through the whole continent. Some classes also explored the animals and different habitats. Year 6 used QR codes to explore OS maps of the continent.



Sports around the world

Miss Goodall worked with classes to have a taster of different sports from around the world. This ranged from Danish Longball in Year 1 and to Ultimate Frisbee in Years 3 and 4 to Kabaddi in Years 5 and 6. Every class did a fantastic job of not just learning new skills but learning new skills but also having a new experience of sports we don't normally play.



The Music of Brazil

In the Year 4 classroom, Miss Tiplady ran workshops exploring the rhythm and beat of the music of Brazil. The children created their own rhythm and beat in class using everyday, homemade objects. They explored Stomp as well as other examples of music. There was a fantastic buzz all day from each year group in the classroom.

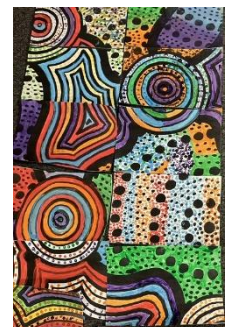
Spanish Life

Miss Prout has been teaching the children about life in Spain. Spanish the modern foreign language that we use in school so it was incredibly valuable for the children to understand what it would be like to grow up in Spain. They had a taster of Flamenco dancing, which each said they thoroughly enjoyed.



Aboriginal Art

Miss Burgess has been exploring Australian Aboriginal Art with all of the classes. The children used different equipment and methods to create one big piece of art work. This was the most vibrant classroom of them all!



Eco Rangers



Congratulations to our newly appointed Eco Rangers. Today they have been planting our new orchard.

I am delighted to announce that this week we have been successful in receiving a grant from RHS as part of a Grey to Green grant. This grant is to enhance the areas of school which are 'less green'. The children are busy discussing and deciding what they would like in our designed project area. Already the children are really keen to grow fruit, vegetables and herbs- our newly planted orchard is the very start of this.

We have visions of growing flowers we can cut and create little bunches of flowers; creating a wild meadow where bees, butterflies and insects can thrive; a herb garden that we can use in cooking; fruits and vegetables we can cultivate and enjoy. The Eco Rangers will keep you updated!

Year 1- Yorkshire Wildlife Park

On Tuesday Year 1 visited Yorkshire Wildlife Park as part of their summer geography unit. The children, while enjoying all the animals, went to see the animals of Africa and Tanzania. The children then made comparisons between the native animals of England and Tanzania. The children were so excited and told us all about it when they returned.



Year 6- Delta Games

Well done to the Year 6 children who attended Delta Games. This is a sporting competition where many of our Delta schools attend and compete.



Year 5 Ambition Project

Today was the Construction & Sustainability workshop. The children designed, then created their own homes and learnt about renewable energy sources, food waste and how we may build homes for the future. They

children also met with British Glass and discovered how sustainable and versatile glass is. Well done to all the children who attended. You were absolutely fantastic!



The next and final session will be the graduation ceremony.

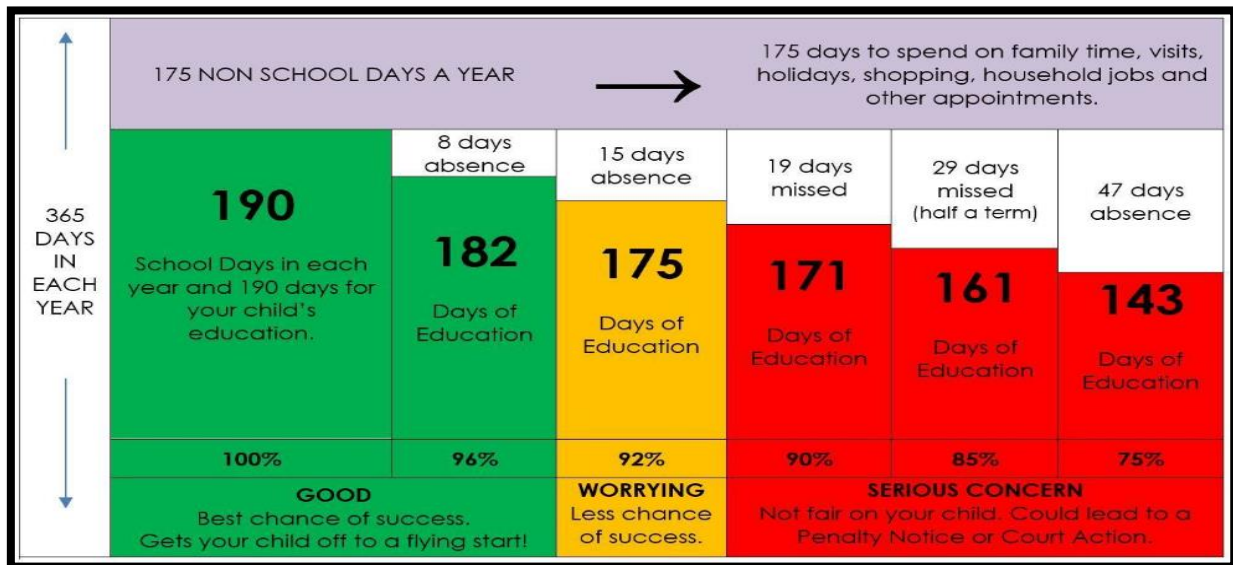


Spelling Bee

Well done to all of the children who participated in the Spelling Bee this week. You were absolutely amazing. Thank you too to all parents who attended to support the children. Well done to House Aire for winning the Year 4-6 Spelling Bee, and well done to well done House Derwent for winning the Year 1-3 Spelling Bee. Every child was a superstar and we cannot be prouder of each and every one of them.

I hope you all have a restful half term and we will see the children again on Tuesday 4th June.

Miss S Cartwright



PUPIL OF THE WEEK	
CATERPILLARS	Nicky A/ Oliver B
BUTTERFLIES	Alex A
PANDAS	Lukas S
TIGERS	Daniel T
GAZELLES	Ruby W-W
ELEPHANTS	Oliver P
PENGUINS	Mason M
SNOW LEOPARDS	Lennox J

Attendance	
CATERPILLARS	89.1%
BUTTERFLIES	93.4%
PANDAS	95.3%
TIGERS	97%
GAZELLES	89.3%
ELEPHANTS	93.2%
PENGUINS	98.3%
SNOW LEOPARDS	98.5%

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Key dates for your diary</u></p> <p>SCHOOL EVENTS SUMMER TERM: 05.06.24 and 6.6.24 Parents Evening Sports Day 09.07.24</p> <p>PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT SUMMER TERM:</p> <p>SEND Surgery- every Monday Sports Day 9th July. More information about times for year groups and plans for the day will be sent out.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Twitter</u></p> <p>Please follow us on our twitter feed:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">@Vale_Primary</p>
---	---

<u>HOUSE POINTS</u>			
WHARF	SWALE	DERWENT	AIRE
359	383	310	347

