

Miss Cartwright's Weekly Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would love to start the newsletter with Year 6 this week. Year 6 have had SATs and have conducted themselves so maturely. They have taken on the challenge with such rigor and enthusiasm. This is a huge milestone for our children at the end of Year 6 and I wanted to say a huge well done and thank you to each and every pupil. Thank you also to parents for all the support you have given to the children, at what can be a very difficult time. We have lots of writing work to do in the upcoming weeks, which the children are really looking forward to being immersed in. They also have Dallowgill coming up in June and some really exciting projects linked with enterprise! We are all so proud of what they have achieved. They all enjoyed a visit from the ice cream van and an active sporty day to wind down the week.



In Early Years the children have been creating maps. They have been on a walk to explore the school and the school field. From this they then went back to class and are creating maps.



Year 1 are enjoying their writing unit. They are exploring an information text all about Queen Elizabeth II which makes links to their previous unit of The Queen's Hat. In Geography the children are also learning about how crops and plants in Tanzania differ to plants and crops in the United Kingdom.

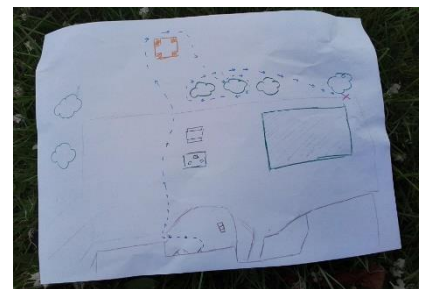
Year 2 are still really enjoying their art unit. This week they are learning about Kazimir Malevich who used block colour, tints and shades. Kazimir was influenced by Henri Matisse who children know from previous work. The children are really excited to apply all this into their end composition.

In Year 3 this week they have been doing lots of practical work. In maths they learnt about turns and angles using their body to help them understand. They used our arms and hands to create right, acute and obtuse angles. The children also spotted all the angles in the hall, from the bikes to the ceiling to the tables. In DT the class experimented with creating different pulleys and levers using string, rulers, pencils, lego, chairs and door handles - looking at how well they carry the weight and how much effort we have to use to move the loads.



Year 4 have completed their maths unit of time and are now moving onto shape. Shape is a really tricky unit and many children who are confident with number can find shape a challenge but I know they will have the confidence to overcome any challenges.

Year 5 have really enjoyed computing this week. They have been using coding on Scratch to make a character move. By the end of the lesson the children created their own game where a character makes their way through the maze. In science the children have been learning about gravity and air resistance. They have been using a sky diver as an example to help them understand the forces that are acting.



Safeguarding – E- Scooters

There has been an increase in the use of E-Scooters which includes some of our children either being passengers, or riding them themselves. With this, there have been accidents and we want to ensure the safety of all pupils, and the public. Please see the following information for support at [Advice on e-scooter usage | Police.uk](https://www.police.uk)

*E-scooters are classed as motor vehicles under the Road Traffic Act 1988. Which means the rules that apply to motor vehicles, also apply to e-scooters including the need to have a **licence, insurance and tax.***

*It's not currently possible to get insurance for privately owned e-scooters, which means **it's illegal to use them on the road** or in public spaces. If you're using a private e-scooter you risk the vehicle being seized under S.165 Road Traffic Act 1988 for no insurance.*

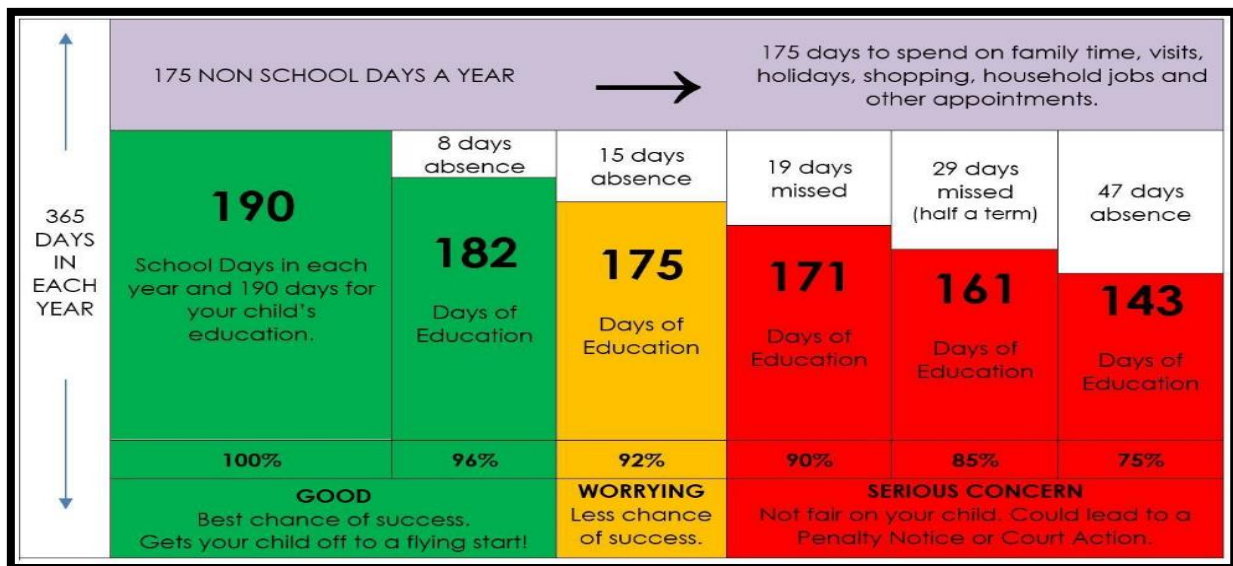
Eco Rangers 

This week we have launched Eco Rangers. Children have applied to be an Eco Ranger in school. We have been incredibly lucky to have been donated 10 fruit trees from Ardagh Glass Packaging who received the fruit trees from Grow Fruit Trees. In time we hope these trees will provide us with fruit and this can an enterprise opportunity within school.

Our Eco Rangers will decide where they would like our new orchard to be and help with the planting of the trees. Beyond this the children will look at our school grounds and how we can improve the environment for wildlife. We also hope to support the environment in our local area with some litter picking. Back in May we have applied for a Grey to Green grant to help change some 'grey' areas in school to be more environmentally friendly. We hope to receive this grant and plant more fruits, vegetables, herbs, wild flowers that are bee friendly and flowers that can be cut to sell as bunches or dried to create art.

I hope you all have a fantastic, and hopefully sunny, weekend.

Miss S Cartwright



PUPIL OF THE WEEK	
CATERPILLARS	Ivy D / Blake N
BUTTERFLIES	Heidi S
PANDAS	Evie W
TIGERS	Frankie H
GAZELLES	Thomas L
ELEPHANTS	Joey J
PENGUINS	Aimee- Lee N
SNOW LEOPARDS	The whole of Year 6

<u>Attendance</u>	
CATERPILLARS	81.8%
BUTTERFLIES	75.9%
PANDAS	92.7%
TIGERS	95%
GAZELLES	93.9%
ELEPHANTS	96.4%
PENGUINS	96.3%
SNOW LEOPARDS	96.7%

<u>Key dates for your diary</u>	
<p>SCHOOL EVENTS SUMMER TERM: 21.05.24 World Day for Cultural Diversity Games Spelling Bee- letters out this week with a revised date for those selected. 22.05.24 Tempest Class Photographs</p> <p>PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT SUMMER TERM: 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>Twitter Please follow us on our twitter feed: @Vale_Primary</p>

<u>HOUSE POINTS</u>			
WHARF	SWALE	DERWENT	AIRE
326	352	286	307

