

Miss Cartwright's Weekly Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are almost at the end of the academic year and we are all still so proud of the hard the children are working and how much energy and enthusiasm they still have.

Celebrations

We have had some fantastic learning happening this week. Here is just a selection for you to enjoy. Please follow our Twitter for more photos, which we try and update daily.

Some of our Year 5s have taken part in the Ambition Project. This project focuses on aspirations and opportunities. They have visited stately homes, taken part in career workshops and thought about their own futures and how they will achieve their dreams. This week our wonderful Year 5s have graduated! We are very proud of this achievement.



There has been some wonderful art in Year 1. The children have been exploring the work of a Kenyan painter, Sarah Shiundu. The children explored the use of bright colours with silhouettes. We have some talented artists in Year 1 and they made some fantastic links to our Culture and Diversity Day and their Geography unit of Tanzania, another African country.

We have also had DT lessons on breadmaking in Year 3 where children learned the importance of 'benching' and 'proofing'. Miss Goodall's aunty kindly baked the loaves for the children to see a home baked loaf. Year 3 have also made magnetic goo

this week, all part of their science unit.



Finally, I had some superstar Year 4s come see me with their leaflets, books and posters all about how we can improve climate change and look after our environment. The children didn't just make amazing booklets, they also could speak so maturely and clearly about what we would do as a school, at home and for larger companies and businesses. This is a cause they speak so passionately about.



Our Community

I had a fantastic meeting with Claire from WDH who works to build community links. We will begin our journey with WDH in October where some children will have the opportunity to plant spring bulbs in our local community. WDH have also offered to support the children plant spring bulbs as part of our environment too so in spring you should see a splash of colour shining through on those drizzly days.

Our fantastic Eco Rangers visited a local nursing home today to ask the residents for advice from their own experiences growing fruit, vegetables and looking after their favourite plants. They have taken their yearly calendar to see if the residents have any advice for what is best to do in what season, and they have taken their plans for our own garden area to ask for ideas and inspiration.

An update on our garden area: We have fencing being completed over summer, then we can get a wildlife pond started. We have had our pond plants delivered ready to go in. We have also had lots of plant pots and compost delivered but we are awaiting the delivery of our trowels to be able to plant these. Our strawberry plants are enjoying some sun while they wait to also be planted. We have loads of seeds for vegetables and herbs we want to grow.

Attendance Matters

Our Pupil Parliament are updating our class attendance daily and helping promote the importance of good attendance in school. They are also handing out those precious letters that when collected, award the class with £20 to spend as they wish.



Next year, attendance will have a big focus within school. A printed letter has gone out explaining the changes the DFE have made as from August 19th 2024.

We will continue with rewards, class parties, and introduce fun assemblies with Classopoly (a version on Monopoly) where children can see the impact of attendance of above 97%. If you attend a celebration assembly, attendance will no longer feature here as we are giving it its own assembly on a Monday. We will also be teaching the children why good attendance is vital not just to their learning, but to their friendships, mental health and the feeling of belonging. We already have so many incentives in school to support strong attendance and we aim to enhance this even further.

Fundraising

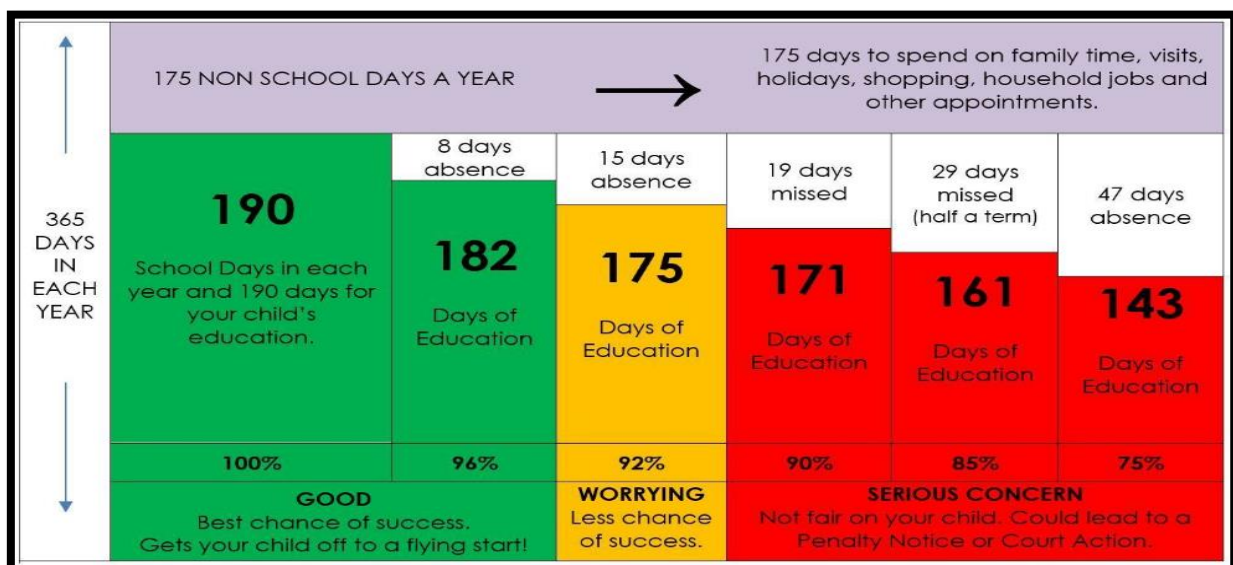
As part of Year 6s Enterprise project, they organised a bake sale. Thank you so much to everyone who donated cakes, traybakes and cupcakes - we are very grateful. Year 6 were very professional in selling their cakes and did a fantastic job raising £370!!



We are working on updating our twitter much more frequently. For more photos of the above mentioned, and more of the lovely activities our children do in school, please follow us @Vale_Primary

I wish you all a lovely weekend.

Miss S Cartwright



<u>PUPIL OF THE WEEK</u>	
CATERPILLARS	Roxy G
BUTTERFLIES	Georgia D
PANDAS	Kalani B
TIGERS	Shannelle K
GAZELLES	Ivy Rose B
ELEPHANTS	Jayden- Lee G
PENGUINS	Aimee-Lee N
SNOW LEOPARDS	Zach R

<u>Attendance</u>	
CATERPILLARS	92.7%
BUTTERFLIES	98.4%
PANDAS	94.3%
TIGERS	93.6%
GAZELLES	94.9%
ELEPHANTS	94.6%
PENGUINS	95.8%
SNOW LEOPARDS	94.2%

<u>HOUSE POINTS</u>			
WHARF	SWALE	DERWENT	AIRE
530	560	470	555

<p><u>Key dates for your diary</u></p> <p>SCHOOL EVENTS SUMMER TERM:</p> <p>Rescheduled sports day 17.07.24 Year 6 end of leavers assembly 18.7.24 @ 2pm Year 6 end of year party 18.7.24 @ 4pm – 5.30pm.</p>	<p>Twitter</p> <p>Please follow us on our twitter feed:</p> <p>@Vale_Primary</p>
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