

Friday 25th October 2024



As we begin to think about Christmas, I wanted to share a couple of events we plan to hold in Autumn 2.

- Family Christmas dinner will be held in December
- In school pantomime for Reception to Year 6 children
- Christmas Fair
- Christmas jumper day

A few weeks ago, created a Christmas design. This has been sent to School Artwork Project who will send links for you to be able to order items with your child's artwork on. This is for the whole school, including nursery. More details will be communicated.

Diary Dates

Dates For Your Calendar



Autumn

Every Wednesday 14:50 Reading afternoon

Every Monday 9:00 SEND clinic. Please contact the main office to book

12.11.24 Year 1 visit to St Botolph's Church

12.11.24 and **13.11.24** parents evening. Appointments are still available to book on MCAS.

19.11.24 Year 2 visit linked to The Great Fire of London

21.11.24 West Yorkshire Police knife crime talks with Years 5 and 6

wc 25.11.24 Book fair

Update from Miss Cartwright

Hi everyone,

Myself and Mrs Keetley had the absolute pleasure of joining our older Eco Rangers while planting bulbs in our local area. They were incredibly polite, well mannered and dedicated to the job at hand. The children split into two and planted an array of spring bulbs which will not only be visible from the road, but also for the people living in the WDH bungalows, some of which would struggle to plant these themselves.

Our younger Eco Rangers did an amazing job at planting bulbs in pots in our Eco area. As a whole group of Eco Rangers, we will then decide where we would like them planting within our school grounds.

We cannot wait until Spring to see the splash of colour they give us and brighten those cold, dark mornings.

A fantastic half term here at The Vale! Thank you, and I wish you all an amazing half term.

Miss Cartwright



Early Years

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POTW
Isla

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All of Nursery

This week in EYFS, we have been completing lots of spooky Halloween activities. In T4W, reception have been making potions and writing labels for our ingredients. The children also had great fun at the Halloween disco on Wednesday and completed some brilliant arts and crafts. In maths we have been learning about one more and one less for numbers within 5 and using resources such as tens frames and cubes to explore this concept practically. We have been working really hard on our fine and gross motor skills this week to support our handwriting and letter formation, as a result children have shown great improvements with their pencil grip and control. We are so proud of all the children for their first half term in Reception. They have all worked incredibly hard and have blown me away with their resilience and determination, particularly within phonics!

Mrs Pearson

Nursery have been busy learning about number 2 and how she is represented and everything two. We enjoyed our Halloween disco showing our groovy moves and decorating our biscuits. In phonics we looked at segmenting and blending and making stories up using this new skill. In Talk for writing we innovated our story to a spooky story using a witch as our main character.

Mrs Richardson



Year 1

POTW
Olly

P.E is on Wednesday for Year 1 and Forest School on Thursday.

Year 1 have wrote instructions for how to trap their own creature. We made sure to use bossy verbs, time connectives and adjectives in our writing.

In our final art lesson, we made our own collage based on a human feature in our academy, in the style of Jeannie Baker. We used all the techniques we have been practising over the last few sessions: tearing, cutting and layering.

A massive well done to all the children for settling into Year 1 so well. You have all shown great enthusiasm and resilience as you have embarked on lots of new challenges. I am so excited for all the exciting learning we are going to continue to do together.

Miss Roberts



Year 2

POTW
Ava G

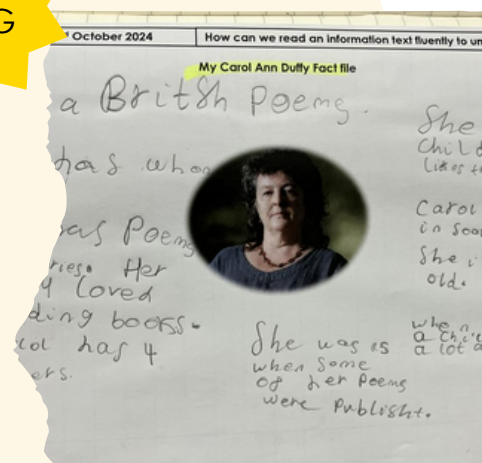
Year 2 have PE on Monday and Forest School on Thursdays.

Year 2 have started a brand new book in their reading lessons- The Tear Thief by Carol Ann Duffy. To start with the children have been learning all about who Carol Anne Duffy is, what and who influenced her and learning about some of her other books. The Tear Thief is a beautiful book all about managing emotions and I know the children will love the story.

In geography the children are coming to the end of their unit about London and the UK. They have been superstar geographers throughout the unit.

Well done Year 2!

Miss Cartwright



Year 3



POTW
Sophie

Year 3 have PE on Tuesday.

This week we have come to the end of our science topic all about are all rocks the same? We have learnt about the three types of rocks, the process of fossils being formed, the weathering of rocks and the formation of soil. At the end of the lesson we became scientists and completed a fair testing experiment on which soil - sandy soil, silt and clay soil - drain water the quickest. As a class we predicted that sandy soil would drain water the quickest. And....we were infact correct, sandy soil did drain water the quickest.

Miss Goodall



Year 4



POTW
Freddie B

This term Year 4 have P.E on a Tuesday.

This week we were lucky enough to take part in an art workshop with Oskar, an artist who will be working on a mural in Ferrybridge. The mural will celebrate the Ferrybridge Power Station. We created some fantastic and unique collages, which Oskar will be using as inspiration for his work on the mural.

This week we also finished our DT unit by making our very own Viking longship out of card. We used the strengthening techniques we have been learning about: lamination, corrugation and ribbing and made sure to follow our design brief. What a creative week we have had!

Well done to all of Year Four for all of your hard work this half term and for helping me to settle into the school. Enjoy your break!

Miss Capper



Year 5



POTW
Jayden

Year 5 have PE on Tuesday and swimming on Friday.

Another busy week in Year 5!

This week we loved creating our own graffiti art inspired by the artist who visited our school on Monday. Fingers crossed some of our designs make it into the final mural that will be created in Ferrybridge!

In History, we were intrigued to learn about the how the Roman invasion impacted on Britain - ask us to tell you all about the plumbing and how houses changed.

We also have won the attendance party 2 weeks in a row with our amazing attendance! Keep up the amazing work Year 5 :)

Miss Prout



Year 6



POTW
Kai B

This term Year 6 have PE on a Tuesday.

Year 6 have started their geography topic on climate zones and biomes in Antarctica. The children loved using the atlases and exploring a range of different maps symbols. Year 6 had a lot of prior knowledge on capital cities which we shared as a class.

This week, year 6 finished their Netball lessons in PE. The children loved working in teams, using their coordination and control skills. We finished the lesson with a game of bench ball.

Miss Burgess



Safeguarding



Ensuring our pupils are safe and well looked after is our key priority.

Miss H Prout :
Designated Safeguarding Lead

Miss S Cartwright:
Deputy Safeguarding Lead

Mrs S Brain, Miss E Burgess, Mrs R Pearson:
Safeguarding officers

All staff have received Safeguarding training to ensure that they can recognise signs and symptoms of abuse and also how to report/act if a disclosure is made.

Concerns about the safety or welfare of a child? Contact us: 01977 722485

Out of hours contact number:
03458 503503

For more information:
<https://thevpacademy.org.uk/knowledge-base/safeguarding/>

Attendance



Attendance matters.

Coming to school on time, every day is vital to achieving the best possible outcomes as well as learning good habits which will benefit everyone in the future. Please see our updated attendance policy.

EYFS	95%
Y1	94%
Y2	96%
Y3	93%
Y4	94%
Y5	99%
Y6	98%

Providing children with positive experiences and strategies to embed emotional resilience.

We use The Thrive Approach as a whole school strategy to promote positive mental health and wellbeing of which when this is present in children's lives it has been proven to improve their attendance, behaviour and attainment.

This allows our children to become confident, curious, creative and capable, therefore opens doors to a bright future for our children.

Mrs S Rowse
Thrive Practitioner

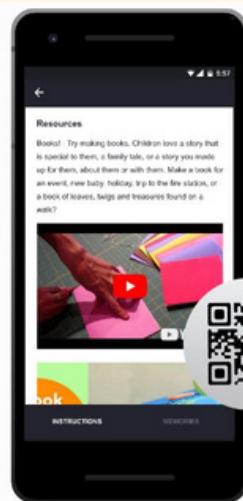


50 THINGS TO DO AT HOME

Download THE MOBILE APP

50 Things To Do Before You're Five gives you 50 activities that parents and carers can support their children to try out and repeat.

Download the mobile app from Apple AppStore or Google PlayStore...



Scan the QR code with your smartphone to take you to the 50 Things To Do Before You're Five app...

For information regarding mental health support & advice, please visit the below links:

<https://wf-i-can.co.uk/u13/home/>

<https://www.compass-uk.org/services/wakefield-children-and-young-peoples-emotional-health-and-wellbeing-service/>

Inclusion & SEND



At The Vale Primary Academy we are committed to providing an inclusive education for all our children. This means that any child who may have Special Educational Needs or a Disability (SEND) will have access to additional or specialist support throughout their life at our academy. All teachers are responsible for every child in their care, including those with special educational needs and disabilities.

Did you know about the MAX Card?
The MAX entitles any family with a child who has SEND or is a looked after family, hundreds of discounts across the county. Its is completely FREE to sign up. Please use the link below to get yours ASAP!

https://mymaxcard.co.uk/local-distributors/?_council_type=2&_council_region=yorkshire-and-the-humber&_council_area=wakefield

To find out what services Wakefield provide for the SEND community, please visit the following link - <https://wakefield.mylocaloffer.org/>

For further support, please contact a member of the Inclusion team:

- Mrs S Rowse- SENDCo
- Mrs S Rowse - Lead Thrive Practitioner
- Miss H Prout - Designated Safeguarding Lead & Assistant Principal
- Miss S Cartwright - Head of Academy and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

