

Miss Cartwright's weekly message

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Wednesday this week we were delighted to invite you into our art exhibition. We displayed shortlisted art entries that followed the theme 'barometer of life' and gave the children an opportunity to create artwork that had a message about our world.

Nursery and reception explored the work and techniques of Jackson Pollock. The children used stencils of endangered animals that the children splat paint around to create their image.

Year 1 looked at the work of Jean-Michel Basquiat who creates really interesting multi-layered work but in essence the drawing is simple lines and collage.

Year 2 had a tricky job of using the work of Hokusai to focus on marine animals and use the water as the danger towards land animals. This was a particularly messy but fun piece of art to create.



Year 3 used repeated imagery in vibrant thoughtful colours to replicate Andy Warhol's work.

Year 4 used key animal silhouettes in bold colours using patterns to link images together in the style of Keith Haring.

Year 5 did a fantastic job of exploring Seurat and pointillism.

Finally, Year 6's work was inspired by Frida

Kahlo. The children used the idea of a thought to create imagery of an endangered animals, issues with pollution and other global issues linked with the wellbeing of the planet. We will be adding up your votes and announcing the winners before we break up for half term. Thank you to those who came to support, we really appreciate the engagement.

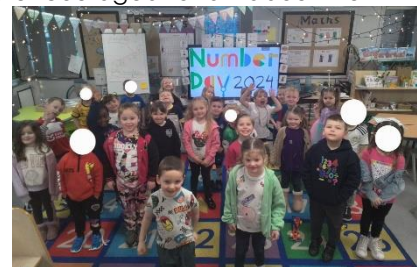


Thank you to those parents who were able to attend the Year 1 phonics workshop on Wednesday. The children always love their parents getting involved with their learning and Miss Roberts always appreciates the engagement. Reading, including early reading is at the heart of everything we do here at The Vale and your continued involvement is welcomed.



On Thursday it was Time to Talk Day. Time to Talk Day seeks to raise awareness of the importance of talking about our feelings and expressing our emotions to support our mental health. Throughout the day the children were encouraged to talk about their feelings and also how to support other people who want to talk about worries.

Today we celebrated NSPCC Numbers Day. We have had a fun day of maths activities, and many children took part in Dress up for Digits. Thank you to those who were able to donate. All donations will be given to NSPCC and we will share what we were able to raise in next week's newsletter.



Finally, a HUGE well done to Year 5 for coming 5th in their Emile competition. Next week Year 6 have their competition. Let's try and get 1st! Details for Year 6 will be sent out by Mrs Pearson, Writing Lead.

I hope you have a fabulous weekend.

Miss S Cartwright

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

CATERPILLARS	Ivy D
BUTTERFLIES	Anashe M
PANDAS	Holly L

TIGERS	Harriet B
GAZELLES	Jasmine T
ELEPHANTS	Arlo D
PENGUINS	Amber O
SNOW LEOPARDS	Simo M

<u>Attendance</u>	
CATERPILLARS	93.3%
BUTTERFLIES	97.9%
PANDAS	96%
TIGERS	92%
GAZELLES	99.3%
ELEPHANTS	94.9%
PENGUINS	94.2%
SNOW LEOPARDS	98.2%

<u>HOUSE POINTS</u>			
WHARF	SWALE	DERWENT	AIRE
164	189	155	166

<u>Key dates for your diary</u>	
SCHOOL EVENTS SPRING TERM:	
WC 05.02.24 Children's mental health week 05.02.24 Healthy Lifestyle workshop for Year 4 07.02.24 Year 1 Dinostars workshop afternoon 11.02.24 International Day of Women and Girls in Science (celebrated wc 05.02.24) Wc 19.02.24 Stand up to bullying week 04.03.24 Women's history month begins World Book Day 07.03.24 11.03.24 British Science week WC 18.03.24 House games: easter egg decoration 25.03.24 Holi Festival (during the Easter holiday but we will celebrate in the final week of term)	
PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT SPRING TERM:	
08.02.24 Dallowgill parent information session Year 5 and Year 6. WC 11.03.24 family work exhibition	
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