

Miss Cartwright's weekly message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well done to all of the children for a hugely successful half term. We have had so amazing work happening in each year group, from Luna New year in Early Years to exploring castles in Year 2, delving into the solar system in Year 5 where they made sundials (sadly it was too snowy to fully test them out!), and so much more! It has been lovely to have so many children come to me with amazing work and amazing effort for stickers and dojos.

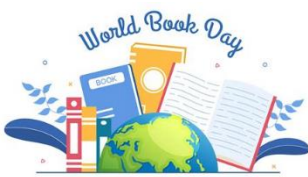
On Wednesday this week, Year 1 ended their history and science unit of dinosaurs! To celebrate all that they know and to help extend their knowledge, we had a fantastic palaeontologist visit the classroom from Dinostars. He was absolutely blown away with the knowledge and vocabulary the children were using and praised them for how much they knew. The children had an opportunity to make their own fossils and get hands on with some artefacts.



Year 6 have wowed us with their spelling competition on Emile this week! We came 2nd! However, we were 1st for the majority of the day and another school just beat us at the very last minute! The excitement and enthusiasm was infectious and the cheers that came out of the classroom at the end of the day were so big it made the floor shake! Well done Year 6 we are all so proud of you.



This week was Children's Mental Health week. Mrs Rowse kick started the week with an assembly on Monday and was blown away with the maturity of all the children when discussing mental health, and how open they were to discuss their own personal experiences.



On Tuesday we held an Autism Education Trust Anxiety SEND coffee afternoon here at the Vale, led by the local authority. This training was delivered to enhance the understanding and awareness of anxiety and to help equip parents and carers with the knowledge they need to support anxiety in children. Thank you to those that attended this, we have had such positive feedback from this session - we are happy to hear you found this so beneficial!

On Thursday 7th March we will be celebrating World Book Day. As an academy, we will be having a range of book themed activities and story sharing events through the day. We ask that children dress as their favourite book character or in their pyjamas. If children wish to bring their favourite book into school to share on the day too, they are more than welcome to. Please ensure any items brought into school are labelled with your child's name so books don't get mixed up with our library books- we know how precious these are to our children and we wouldn't want them to get lost. The day leading up to World Book Day, we will be welcoming Conrad, our patron author into school again to work with the children. The children love it when Conrad visits and he always loves to visit the academy.

A letter was sent home last week explaining the upcoming building works that begin over half term. Just a reminder that school will begin in exactly the same way, on the yard lined up in year groups, but Years 1-6 will all enter the building via the Key Stage 1 doors. Once your child's morning message has been delivered please ensure space is left for year groups to safely and smoothly enter the building with their teachers. Extra staff will be on the yard to support this slight change. We will keep you updated with any updates.

Well done to all children for all their amazing work this half term. I am sure we are all ready for the term but we are all looking forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 19th February.

Miss S Cartwright

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

CATERPILLARS	Malachi G
BUTTERFLIES	Bobby D
PANDAS	Charlie W
TIGERS	Connie V
GAZELLES	Erin B
ELEPHANTS	Lilly N
PENGUINS	Ashton C
SNOW LEOPARDS	Seanna M

Attendance

CATERPILLARS	92%
BUTTERFLIES	97.9%
PANDAS	97.3%
TIGERS	90.3%
GAZELLES	97.6%
ELEPHANTS	98%
PENGUINS	97.4%
SNOW LEOPARDS	97.9%

HOUSE POINTS

WHARF	SWALE	DERWENT	AIRE
176	198	159	175



Key dates for your diary

SCHOOL EVENTS SPRING TERM:

19.02.24 International Day of Women and Girls in Science
WC 19.02.24 Stand up to bullying week
04.03.24 Women's history month begins
06.03.24 Author Conrad visits
07.03.24 World Book Day
11.03.24 British Science week
WC 18.03.24 House games: easter potato decoration
25.03.24 Holi Festival (during the Easter holiday but we will celebrate in the final week of term)

PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT AUTUMN TERM:

WC 26.02.24 MTC workshop for Year 4 parents
WC 11.03.24 family work exhibition

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