

Mr Singh's weekly message

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a lovely first week back at The Vale Primary Academy, children have quickly settled back into learning and took part in lots of exciting learning outside the classroom with the Diwali workshops, Forest schools and Music. We are really pleased with the progress the children are making in music and can't wait for you to see them perform in December!

KEY MESSAGES

ELITE AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Elite Community have been running fun and active sessions in local parks in partnership with Yorkshire Sport foundation for the last year. With the dark nights here to stay Elite will be running them as an extended after school club session on Monday and Thursday that run till 5pm. If your child attends the Monday or Thursday Elite After School club – please note, the Elite Sports clubs will now finish at 17:00. All other clubs will continue to finish at 16:30.

LEST WE FORGET

In order to remember those who have given their lives in battle, we pay our respects with the wearing of poppies. During this week and next week, members of staff will be on the yard in the morning and afternoon with a box of poppies. Should you wish to buy one - please can you encourage your child/children to drop their donations into the money box and remove a poppy. Parents will need to support children with putting the poppies on. All proceeds go to The Royal British Legion.

HOUSE GAMES

Our first house games competition will be held between 09.11.2022 – 11.11.2022. The first competition will be mixed 6 a side football.

Y1/Y2 games on 09.11.2022 between 15:30-16:30

Y3/Y4 games on 10.11.2022 between 15:30-16:30

Y5/Y6 games on 11.11.2022 between 15:30-16:30

Please note that as staff will be required to supervise the House Games – **there will be no after school clubs on Thursday 10th November.**

ANTI-BULLYING

Anti-Bullying Week 2022 will take place from 14th — 18th November.

We feel that it is vitally important that children have the opportunity to understand and be able to speak about bullying from a young age. Being educated on this subject teaches children to treat others with respect and can make a huge difference in shaping the individual they will become! As a school we will be holding assemblies, having discussions during lessons, and creating posters to raise awareness. On Monday 14th November – we kindly ask if children can come to school wearing odd socks! No donation is required.

PARENTS EVENING

Thank you for your feedback from the last parent survey. It was identified that parents didn't have enough time to look at their child's books and celebrate their work at previous parents' evenings. Therefore, we have decided to extend parents evening meetings to 10 minutes for the Autumn meeting. Parents evening will take place on **Tuesday 15th November and Wednesday 16th November.** During the appointment, the teacher will discuss how your child has settled in, ways in which your child can be supported further, both in and out of school and a chance for you to look at their books before and after the meeting. There will also be a chance for you to try our sample menu provided by TNS.

Appointment confirmation will be sent out on Monday 7th November.

CHILDREN IN NEED

"Get your spots out" on Friday 18th of November and get involved on appeal day this year!

We know that times are tough for everyone right now, but every penny raised helps Children in Need make a difference to children and young people who need it most right now.

This year we are asking for children to come to school in spotty fancy dress/anything with spots on. We are also asking children to bring a voluntary donation of up to £1 on this day.

Have a lovely weekend all
Best wishes

Mr J Singh

Reception Applications

Applications for Reception places September 2023 are now open to our nursery and new to school children. Please visit <https://www.wakefield.gov.uk/schools-and-children/schools/admissions/reception> to apply.

Mrs Pearson (EYFS Lead) is available to answer any queries or support with the application. Please contact the front office regarding this.

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

CATERPILLARS	Jorgie B, Mia C W
BUTTERFLIES	Harriet C
PANDAS	Tiana Leigh D
TIGERS	Isla M, Ruby W
GAZELLES	Arlo D
ELEPHANTS	Lily Mai B
PENGUINS	Emmeline H
SNOW LEOPARDS	Archie R

Attendance

CATERPILLARS	92.5%
BUTTERFLIES	92.5%
PANDAS	87.1%
TIGERS	96.9%
GAZELLES	95%
ELEPHANTS	97.8%
PENGUINS	95.5%
SNOW LEOPARDS	98%

HOUSE POINTS

WHARF	SWALE	DERWENT	AIRE
28	39	24	36

Key dates for your diary

- 09.11.22: Y1/2 House Games (15:30-16:30)
- 10.11.22: Y3/4 House Games (15:30-16:30)
- 11.11.22: Y5/6 House Games (15:30-16:30)
- 11.11.22: Remembrance Day
- 14.11.22: Anti-Bullying – ODD SOCKS DAY
- 15.11.22: Parents Evening
- 16.11.22: Parents Evening

Twitter

Please follow us on our twitter feed:

[@Vale_Primary](https://twitter.com/Vale_Primary)

18.11.22: Children in Need – WEAR YOUR SPOTS
30.11.22: Glass Art Workshops and Christmas Calendars
01.12.22: Glass Art Workshops and Christmas Calendars
06.12.22: Y1-Y6 Christmas music concert
06.12.22: Christmas Story Writing with an Author
08.12.22: EYFS Nativity and Christmas Jumper Day
09.12.22: Christmas Movie Night (HOUSE WINNERS – special screening)
13.12.22: Christmas Family Dinners (EYFS / Y1 / Y2)
14.12.22: Christmas Family Dinners (Y3 / Y4 / Y5 / Y6)
15.12.22: Christmas Disco with Visit from Santa and Class Parties
15.12.22: End of Autumn Term (School closes)
16.12.22: Staff INSET day
03.01.23: Staff INSET day
04.01.23: Start of Spring Term (School re-opens)

FOREST SCHOOLS

Use of tools:

Throughout this Half-Term the children have learned to safely, sensibly and effectively use a range of tools commonly used throughout the Forest School Programme. The children displayed a great maturity and capability when using these tools and were able to create their own decorative items to adorn your outdoor area. See if you can spot them next time you're out there.

Scavenger hunt:

All half term our activities have focused on prompting the children's communication and cooperation skills. Working in pairs, learners were tasked with locating a series of items from around the school grounds. Throughout this activity all children displayed a maturity beyond their years and demonstrated an amazing ability to work with others!



Tower Challenge:

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Nature bracelet:

Finally, since we had worked so closely with one another this half term what better way to cap it all off than creating these beautiful bracelets for each other. The children made their own sticky bracelets before exploring the school grounds for beautiful examples of nature then sticking them to a friend's wrist.

These are just a few of the many and varied sessions learners have accessed throughout the half-term. All participants have demonstrated a budding knowledge of the natural world, one we're sure will continue. The children show great maturity and responsibility when in the outdoor environment and it has been a pleasure spending time with them.

REMEMBER, REMEMBER THE 5th NOVEMBER

We wish you all a safe, happy and enjoyable Bonfire night.

Please see below a link to some top safety tips, fantastic things you never knew about fireworks and lots of other useful information.

[Bonfire Night: Top tips for staying safe - CBBC Newsround](#)



Christmas
Fair

De Lacy Academy

Saturday 10th December

10-2pm

£1 entrance
Under 5's free

