

**Mr Singh's weekly message**

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a brilliant couple of weeks here at The Vale Primary Academy - with lots happening and plenty of things to celebrate.

Firstly, I would like to thank all the parents for their support and understanding on Wednesday. I respect the teachers' right to strike in the dispute they have with the Department of Education. I also recognise the strike day had some effect on the normal day to day running of the academy – and we greatly appreciate the support and understanding from our parents/carers.

Please see below for this week's key messages:

**KEY MESSAGES**

**SPANISH DAY**

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February – we will be celebrating all things Spanish. Children will be learning about cultures around the world where Spanish is the main language, they will have opportunities to explore Spanish music and art, take part in Spanish lessons and enjoy a Spanish themed lunch!

**HOUSE GAMES ROUND 3 – MATHEMATICS**

Well done to everyone that participated in the Mathletics house games  
 The winner of Mathletics Y1 – 3 is Swale.  
 The winner of Mathletics Y4 -6 is Derwent



On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, we celebrated NSPCC Number Day.



**DINO VISIT Y1**

Last week children in Year One enjoyed an educational visit to Willow Green Academy. At Willow Green Academy the children worked as palaeontologists to explore the different fossils of herbivores, carnivores and different sea creatures. The children in Year One were mixed to promote a development in social skills as both academies collaborated to learn new knowledge. The group facilitators were incredibly impressed with the children, and we got to meet three 'real' dinosaurs.



Have a safe and restful weekend.

Kindest regards

J Singh

<b>Attendance</b>	
CATERPILLARS	80%
BUTTERFLIES	80.8%
PANDAS	80%
TIGERS	89.3%
GAZELLES	95.8%
ELEPHANTS	94%
PENGUINS	95.1%
SNOW LEOPARDS	94.2%

<b>PUPIL OF THE WEEK</b>	
CATERPILLARS	Hallie B & Cayde M
BUTTERFLIES	Harrison W
PANDAS	Olivia B
TIGERS	Jude R
GAZELLES	Isla D
ELEPHANTS	Kai B
PENGUINS	Isabelle H
SNOW LEOPARDS	Zach B

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Key dates for your diary</u></b></p> <p>10.02.23: Spanish Day          10.02.23: End of Spring 1 (School closes for half term)          20.02.23: School re-opens for Spring 2</p>	<p><b><u>Twitter</u></b></p> <p>Please follow us on our twitter feed:</p> <p><a href="https://twitter.com/Vale_Primary">@Vale_Primary</a></p>
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<b>HOUSE POINTS</b>			
WHARF	SWALE	DERWENT	AIRE
109	103	112	108

