



# The Valley Primary School Newsletter



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Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024.

## Our Weekly Winners!

Here are the names of our shiny stars, crowned winners in our celebration assembly over the last two weeks. Well done to you all

### Stars of the Week



**Class 1: Ted and Edi.**  
**Class 2: Barnaby and Mason.**  
**Class 3: Max and Scarlett.**



**Our Dojo Champions are:**

**Class 1: Edi.**  
**Class 2: Nirad and Ethan.**  
**Class 3: Ester and Arthur.**



**Our Dojo Runners Up are:**

**Class 1: Eliza and Orla.**  
**Class 2: Joel J and Joel G.**  
**Class 3: Noah and Scarlett.**



**Head teacher Award:**  
**Marlie and Johanna.**



**Lunchtime Award:**  
**Archie, Louis and Mason.**





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## Attendance.

Geraldine the Giraffe is always looking for a classroom to rest in. As an incentive towards our attendance in school, the class who has the highest percentage fortnightly will have Geraldine spend two weeks with them.

**Our winning class this week is Class 2 - well done!**

## Lateness.

Please may we remind you that our school day begins at 8.45am when the doors open to children. They remain open until 9.00am. Children should arrive at school between these times, to ensure that they are marked present and do not incur 'late' marks. Lateness is recorded on children's attendance and it is important that they are on time.



## Mini Medics – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024.

This week, we were very lucky to welcome [ASM Sports](#) into school. This wasn't just for our weekly P.E sessions, but to teach us how to be 'Mini Medics!' Their unique program provided our children with the essential skills needed when dealing with a potentially life-changing situation.

Our children now know how to identify hazards and risks, when to call 999, understand Dr ABC, are confident when putting someone in the recovery position and our older children also learnt the vital skills of CPR. Our children had lots of fun!





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## Keeping Children Safe Online.

**Skips Safety Net** Keeping children safe online

### A Parent's Guide to Fake News

scan the QR code with your phone's camera for Parent Guides on how to help keep your children safe online

**Don't believe everything you see online!**  
Young people can very easily be dragged into things without parental guidance and support.

**Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.**

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.  
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## Valentine's Craft Afternoon – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

Many thanks for joining us in our Valentine's craft event. It was lovely to see you all making things for your loved ones.





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## World Book Day – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024.



World Book Day takes place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March and we hope you'll join us to celebrate. We are celebrating World Book Day this year in the setting because we support the charity's mission to change lives through a love of books and reading.

We are aware that the cost of living crisis might make this difficult for some families, so we have organised the events to make sure that our World Book Day is fun and inclusive for all. Therefore, we ask that you wear your favourite set of **pyjamas or onesie** to school for the day. You can bring slippers to change into, if you wish, and also your favourite snuggly teddy or blanket too.

We'd love to include you in our celebrations by coming along to our **bedtime reading session at 3pm** on the day. The children will be in their 'teams' so siblings will be placed together.

As part of the World Book Day activities, we would love it if you could send your child's chosen book in with them on the day so we can read it to them and their friends.

We'll also be hosting a very special book swap. Drop off any unwanted books in the box in the entrance foyer by Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024 and we will then ask the children to browse. If they are interested in a particular book, they are free to take this home with them.

To continue our celebrations, the staff will take part in 'The Masked Reader,' where staff will read a section of a book 'masked'. The children will have the task of deciding which member of staff is under the mask and what text they are reading. What fun!

## Teddy Bear Hospital – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March (N-Y2) and Junior Health - Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March (Y3-6).

We are very excited about upcoming programs that will be run by Keele University: Teddy Bear Hospital, which is for Nursery to Year 2, and Junior Health, which is for Year 3 to Year 6. The children are asked if they wish to bring a teddy bear or other stuffed animal. Below is information about what learning the children will be receiving:

### Teddy Bear Hospital

\*Operations: Get dressed up as surgeons and make Fluffy the unicorn feel better!

\*Smiley Faces: Learn all about how to brush our teeth and keep our smiles healthy!

\*Emergencies: All about what to do if we ever encounter an emergency!



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\*Healthy Minds: An introductory session about minds, moods and maintaining our mental health!

\*Disabilities and Injuries: Learning all about different disabilities and how they can impact individuals!

## **Junior Health.**

\*Asthma: Learn a bit more about this common condition!

\*Dementia Awareness: Get a deeper understanding of how dementia affects people's lives and how we can help!

\*Healthy Eating: Talk about nutrition and balanced diets!

\*Emergencies: Learn about how to help people who are unconscious!

\*Healthy Minds: Talk about different ways we can keep our minds as happy and healthy as possible!

We are sure you'll agree that this is a wonderful opportunity for our children and we look forward to welcoming Keele University in to school.



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## Diary Dates

### Spring 2.

- 28.02.24 – Y6 Maths Quiz at The Cheadle Academy.
- 05.03.24 – R.E Retreat Afternoon x6 KS2 children to be selected.
- 05.03.24 – Cross Country Relay @ Oakmoor Cricket Ground.
- 04.03.24 – PTFA Special Person Event 3.30pm-5pm. **\*\*NEW DATE\*\***
- 06.03.24 – CADSSA Gymnastics Festival @ Uttoxeter Gym Centre. **\*\*POSTPONED\*\***
- 06.03.24 – Teddy Bear's Hospital – Nursery – Year 2.
- 07.02.24 – World Book Day.
- 07.03.24 – World Book Day – Bedtime Reading Session 3pm (parents welcome).
- 07.03.24 – Stoke's Gotta Sing – Selected choir members.
- 11.03.24 – British Science Week.
- 12.03.24 – Cross Country League @ Oakmoor Cricket Ground.
- 13.03.24 – Teddy Bear's Hospital –Year 3 – Year 6.
- 14.03.24 – Last day of Science Reading Challenge.
- 14.03.24 – The Valley Science Day.
- 15.03.24 – PLT Dance Festival @ The Cheadle Academy.
- 15.03.24 – Comic Relief.
- 15.03.24 – Reports Sent Out.
- 18.03.24 – Language Day.
- 19.03.24 – Cross Country League @ Oakmoor Cricket Ground.
- 20.03.24 – CADSSA Y5/6 Football Tournament.
- 21.03.24 – CADSSA Gymnastics Festival @ Uttoxeter Gym Centre **\*\*NEW DATE\*\***
- 21.03.24 – Year 5 Bikeability.
- 22.03.24 – PTFA Easter Egg/Bonnet Parade 2.30pm. **\*\*NEW DATE\*\***
- 22.03.24 – Easter Egg Hunt.
- 22.03.24 – 9.30am Easter Service at The Holy Trinity church (parents welcome).
- 22.03.24 – Break up for Easter.

### Summer 1

- 09.04.24 – PTFA Meeting 3.30pm at school.
- 12.04.24 – PTFA Spring Disco.
- 16.04.24 – Archery and Speed Stacking Event @ The Cheadle Academy.
- 17.04.24 – Y5/6 Football Tournament.
- 18.04.24 – Y2, Y5 and Y6 NSPCC Workshops.
- 24.04.24 – Y3/4 Football Tournament.
- 02.05.24 – Class 2 Trip to National Justice Museum, Nottingham.
- 13.05.24 – Year 6 SATs Week.
- 22.05.24 – Y5 Maths Quiz.
- 14.06.24 – Euro's Football Tournament.
- 20.06.24 – Sports Award Evening.
- 21.06.24 – Y6 Sports Transition.
- 24.04.24 – Y3/4 Swimming Gala.
- 01.05.24 – Y3/4 Tag Rugby at St Werburgh's.





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## Diary Dates continued:

- 03.05.24 – Non-uniform – Chocolate Donations.
- 10.05.24 – Non-uniform – Chocolate Donations.
- 09.05.24/16.05.24/23.05.24 – Girls League Football.
- 17.05.24 – PTFA Chocolate Bingo.
- 17.05.24 – Y5/6 Tag Rugby at St Werburgh's.

### Summer 2

- 10.06.24 – PTFA Special Person Event 3.30pm-5pm.
- 12.06.24 – Y3/4 Cricket Tournament at Oakamoor Cricket Ground.
- 19.06.24 – Y5/6 Cricket Tournament at Oakamoor Cricket Ground.
- 20.06.24 – Rounders Tournament.
- 22.06.24 – PTFA Summer Fayre 2pm-4pm.
- 03.07.24 – CADSSA Athletics Event at Northwood Stadium.
- 06.07.24 – Cheadle Carnival – The Valley will have a stall.
- 08.07.24 – Dress Rehearsal for end of year production.
- 10.07.24 – End of Year Production **\*\*Provisional Date\*\***
- 12.07.24 – Sports Day **\*\*Provisional Date\*\***
- 19.07.24 – Y6 Leaver's Assembly.
- 19.07.24 – Year 6 Leaver's Evening at Oakamoor Cricket Ground.