



Notes from the Vale

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Welcome from Mr Lewis-Cole

It has been such a busy start to the new school term. We have our year 4s out swimming every day at the Life Centre, our year 6s have been out and about across the city exploring the lasting impact of World War II, and we have had some very exciting workshops taking place in school. All of that on top of the normal day-to-day learning and curriculum!

Martial Arts and Parkour events

A huge thank you to Mr Peacock for organising these brilliant events for all pupils across the school. Last week, our Foundation and Key Stage One pupils took part in martial arts experience sessions. These experience workshops were enjoyed by all and were themed around 'focus your eyes, focus your body, focus your mind'. This week, our Key Stage Two pupils all took part in parkour workshops. Again, these were enjoyed by all and gave pupils a brilliant alternative physical education experience. Pictures of the parkour can be seen later on in this newsletter or on our Facebook page.

New play equipment

As promised, the new play equipment was installed over the half term break (with a slight extension because of the weather). This new addition has provided something extra for our pupils to complete whilst outside at break and lunch time. However, please remember that the equipment is to only be used during the school day and not before or after school.

Parking

We have seen an increase in poor parking outside of school at drop off and pick up. Local residents, understandably, are complaining to the school about the inconsiderate way that families are parking on Bernice Terrace and surrounding residential areas. Families should not be parking on double yellow lines and should never park on the zig-zag lines outside of school. Not only is poor parking causing additional congestion along the road but it also creates an unsafe environment for pupils when trying to get to school. This is a polite reminder to park responsibly outside of the school.

World Book Day

We are very excited to be celebrating World Book Day on 7th March in school. We have already sent out a few letters and reminders about this and we hope that everyone will be able to take part. This year we have themed our celebration of World Book Day, 'Bedtime Stories' and invite children to wear their pyjamas, dressing gowns or onesies to school and bring with them their favourite bedtime story book.

Comic Relief

Just a heads-up that we will be celebrating Comic Relief's Red Nose Day on 15th March in school. We will finalise plans for this over the next week and let you know what is happening in more detail.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

Together we are inspiring a community with a bright future.

Resilience, Collaboration, Responsibility, Bravery, Communication, Self-belief

Together we

Congratulations



Harris Cup
Indie P



McIver Cup
Joshua H



'H' Cup
Freya K

Each of you are excellent role models for your peers and have shown significant determination and effort to your learning.

to our weekly cup winners.

Attendance

We know that we are all having to be a little more cautious at the moment; however, for those pupils well enough, we still have high expectations for daily attendance.

Foundation & Key Stage 1

| | |
|-----------|------|
| Puffins | 90.7 |
| Coral | 94.8 |
| Seahorses | 95.5 |
| Oysters | 96.2 |
| Mussels | 96.0 |
| Starfish | 97.7 |

Key Stage 2

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|--------------|------|
| Turtles | 93.8 |
| Sunfish | 93.3 |
| Otters | 92.9 |
| Dolphins | 91.6 |
| Anglerfish | 92.3 |
| Orca | 94.8 |
| Angel Sharks | 96.3 |
| Rays | 88.6 |



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

The **highest class attendance** last week goes to...

Starfish in FS/KS1

Angel Sharks in KS2

GREAT ATTENDANCE



On Time Octopus
winning class:
Puffins

Punctuality Penguin
winning class:
Sunfish



celebrate

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Things to talk about at home...

- Talk about the actions that farmers across the EU are taking and why you think they chose to block roads as one of their actions.
- What are some of the other ways you can take action if you don't agree with something?



Thank you to our fabulous litter pickers who have been working hard to keep our school clean and tidy. They were quite surprised by the amount of litter they found in the playground today.

Please make sure you always put your litter in the bin.

Thank you everyone!



are musicians

Together we



Our year 3 and 4 recorder group tackled a new piece today. It had a cheeky one beat rest at the end of the piece before the final two notes, which we marked with a punch into the air. Great playing everyone.



This week in our music assembly we sang a lovely song in preparation for World Book Day. Great energy everyone. We also listened to a great piece performed by a number of our guitarists and our Year 4 flautist. We really enjoyed listening to the balance of chords and melodies today.



Today Anglerfish and Rays successfully made up their own pieces using a progression of three chords supported by a beat and a rhythm. Many of our musicians enjoyed playing their instruments in their performances.

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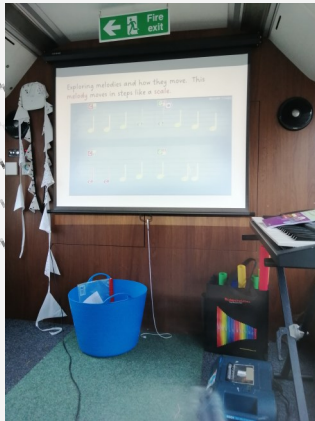
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Mr Renouf brought in a different instrument, the euphonium, to join our brass section this week. Our brass and woodwind musicians have a crucial musical line in the introduction of one of our pieces.



Year 4 confidently used the boom whackers to play a melody that moves in steps, Ode to Joy, as an ensemble today. They made a great start to their new musical focus, pitch and were able to understand how melodies are made using a song from the music hall theatre.



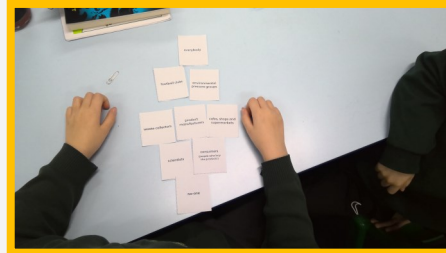
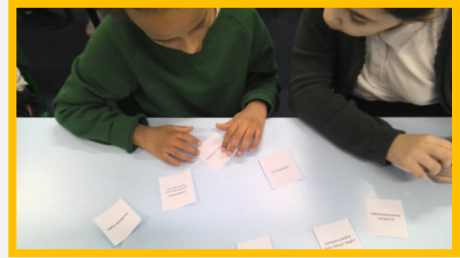
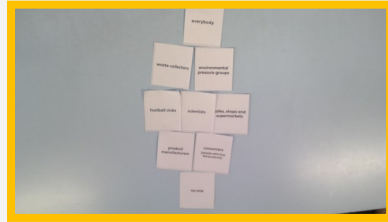
Year 3 have made a great start at using notation to help them in their performance of rhythm patterns. Next week they will have the opportunity to write their own.



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This week in RSHE, the children discussed who is responsible for plastic pollution in the world and how we can help to reduce the amount of plastic entering our oceans.



Year 3 have been amazing in their maths lessons this week, really getting the hang of division, including division with remainders. They used lollypop sticks at first, creating shapes with the same number of sides they were dividing by, such as triangles when dividing by 3. They found that when solving $16 \div 3$ for example, they could make 5 triangles and had one lolly pop stick remaining. They also used base ten/place value counters to help them divide by sharing them into equal groups, exchanging when needed. They have also been busy in art, where they have been colour mixing with acrylics to create secondary colours, tints and shades.

Together we

The rain did not stop Year 1 from doing their dance lesson this week. We became pirates for the afternoon and enjoyed creating our own dance sequences. Our actions included scrubbing the decks, pretending to be a parrot, digging for treasure, steering the boat, climbing a ladder, and rowing to shore with a partner. We even practised our dance sequences with music, counting to the beat in 8s.



In Year 4, the Dolphins and Otters classes had great fun creating a storyboard to help them plan to write a journey poem inspired by, 'A River' by Marc Martin. Together, they worked in learning partners to choose images to help them to describe the scenes they could describe in an imaginary journey.



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Year 4 children have thoroughly enjoyed their swimming lessons at the Life Centre! We are so impressed by the maturity, bravery and resilience they have shown as well as the great progress.



Magnificent Magnetic Discovery!

This week in science, our curious students embarked on a thrilling exploration into the world of magnetism. Armed with magnets, they ventured into the realm of discovery, investigating which everyday objects around them were magnetic. The excitement was palpable as they made their way through a variety of objects, predicting and testing the magnetic properties of each.

The highlight of the lesson was the moment our young scientists discovered that not all 2p coins are created equal - some are magnetic, and some are not! This surprising discovery led to a buzz of questions and theories.

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Year 6 enjoyed their walking trip this week as part of the World War II learning this term. As well as a trip to The Box, they walked around the local area to explore the lasting memories of this war.



KS2 Takes on the Parkour Challenge!

This week, our KS2 students had the opportunity to dive into the exhilarating world of parkour, an activity that combines running, jumping, and climbing over obstacles. It was a heart-pounding adventure that tested their courage, physical agility, and resilience.

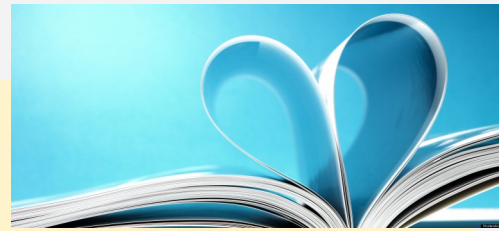
From the get-go, there was a mixture of excitement and nervous anticipation. Parkour is not just about physical skill; it's about overcoming fear, pushing personal boundaries, and developing confidence. And that's exactly what our students did. With each leap and hurdle, they not only navigated the physical landscape but also their personal limits.



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We are Readers



Word Millionaires

We are delighted to celebrate Jack and Maddox in Angel Sharks class becoming our first two word millionaires this year. This is particularly impressive as it is the fourth consecutive year that both Jack and Maddox have achieved this accolade. Congratulations to you both!

World Book Day

A reminder that this year we have themed our celebration of World Book Day, 'Bedtime Stories' and invite children to wear their pyjamas, dressing gowns or onesies to school and bring with them their favourite bedtime story book. During the day, children will be given a paper plate to decorate with their favourite book character for the chance to win a book voucher as well as taking part in other fun book themed activities. Before the event, every child will be given a free £1 book token which can be exchanged for an exclusive, free £1 World Book Day book OR used to get £1 off any ANY book or audio book costing £2.99 or more.

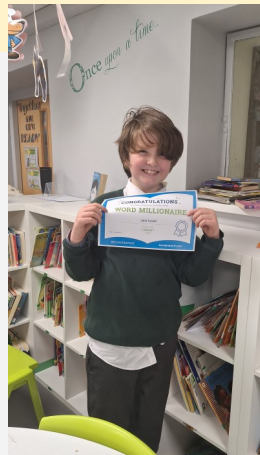
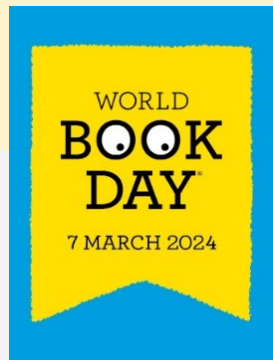
We would also love you to celebrate with us by joining your child's class before the end of the school day for a bedtime story. Thank you for your support of this important celebration to promote a love of reading.

Reading for pleasure

We love seeing children reading for pleasure and spotted an eager reader doing just this in the playground this week! The benefits of reading for pleasure are enormous and research proves that children who read regularly are more likely to be happier, healthier, and experience better mental wellbeing and self esteem.

If you are looking for a children's book recommendation, there is a fabulous selection of books for primary age children as voted for by primary teachers, TAs and librarians on this website: [Reading for Pleasure on BooksForTopics](#) | [Recommended children's booklists sorted by age or topic...](#)

Happy reading



News & Events

CATERed
WORLD BOOK DAY
 CELEBRATE THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF LITERATURE
THURSDAY 7TH MARCH 2024

HORRID HENRY'S GREEDY CRISPY BUN
 (CRISPY CHICKEN BURGER IN A BRIOCHE ROLL)

BFG FINGER BURGER
 (VEGETABLE SAUSAGE IN A BRIOCHE ROLL)

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WORLD BOOK DAY

Efford Library
Thursday 7 March, 3pm to 5pm

Join us at Efford library for a World Book Day celebration!

At our party, you can enjoy games, colouring-in, a treasure hunt around the library and selfie props.

Dress up as your favourite character. Every child that takes a library book out on the day will be entered into a free prize draw to win some brilliant books!

Aimed at children and their families. Find out more information by speaking to library staff.

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 www.plymouth.gov.uk/libraries

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- ✓ Swimming daily (where possible)
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TIMINGS & COST:

- ⌚ 8:15am - 5:15pm
- 💰 £35 per day / 10% OFF Week
 Childcare vouchers accepted (Easter onwards)

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PTFA
Parents, teachers & friends association



Bling Your Ride!

Thursday 14th March
3.30pm-4.15pm

Sustrans and Lipson PTFA are working together to bring you a 'bling your ride' session. Families are invited to bring bikes, scooters, wheelchairs, mobility scooters or any other form of active travel into school to decorate. Location likely to be the staff room or if sunny, by the bike hut, tbc. There will be bells stickers reflectors and more.

The PTFA would like to ask for a minimum contribution of £1.50, cash on the day.

100% of monies raised will be used for future events for the children of Lipson Vale Primary.

As this will be taking part just after pick up, please be conscious of others when wheeling through the playground.

See you there!

This event will be taking part during the Big Walk and Wheel 2024, the UK's biggest Active Travel Challenge, where families are asked to walk, cycle, scoot or use a wheelchair/any other mobility aid, to get to school.

Schools then log how the children travel, and the schools with the most children arriving actively win a big prize. In Plymouth, there are six BMX stunt shows up for grabs!

This year's Big Walk and Wheel takes place 11-22nd March, so please join in. Last year Lipson Vale Primary got 67% of the children travelling actively, let's see if we can beat that this year!



Plymouth Parkour

Kids sessions at Lipson Co-operative Academy on Wednesday from 5-6pm.

Further information can be found on Facebook or at the website below.

<https://www.plymouthparkour.uk/booking/>



Easter Trail

Come and follow the clues around the garden which will lead you to a yummy home made Easter biscuit and an **Easter Activity Pack** which is full of fun things to do.

Enter our Easter egg colouring competition to win a **chocolate egg**.

Can you work out the clues? Will you spy any other Easter items in the garden?

Running from Saturday 30th March to Sunday 14th April.



www.thegardenhouse.org.uk



PTFA

Make-it with Mummy (or Carer or Grandma!)

Mother's day is coming soon!

The PTFA invites all mums, carers and grandmas to come along to a craft session with your child/the child you care for, to get creative together on;

7th March 3.30pm-4.15pm
Location within the school to be confirmed.
This activity is free.

If you have any spare crafting items at home which can be donated for the session please drop them into reception!

In June we will run a daddy, carer or grandad session. Thank you!

PTFA team

PTFA Lipson Vale
WhatsApp group



Developing Your Behaviour Toolkit

At the Child Development Centre, we offer a workshop entitled 'Developing Your Behaviour Toolkit'. The workshop is suitable for parents and carers of young people with a range of needs, regardless of whether they have a specific diagnosis. This could include young people with an autism spectrum condition, ADHD or learning difficulties. However, a diagnosis is not required to access the workshop.

Within the workshop, we aim to –

- Develop understanding of behaviour and, importantly, the reasons young people may use behaviour as a form of communication.
- Share strategies which can be used to promote positive behaviour. The focus is very much on just this – promoting positive behaviour – rather than how to respond to unwanted behaviour, although this does form part of the workshop. We do this because there is wide-ranging evidence which shows us that promoting positive behaviour is far more effective in creating sustainable change.

This workshop is currently available as an online offer. If you would like access to this, please email the CDC via plh-tr.CCPlymouth@nhs.net

Collective Worship

This term we have been revisiting our value of **communication**. We started by considering the many different ways that we communicate with each other - including verbal and non-verbal communication. We also compared how communication might have changed over time (for example, do we communicate the same way now as our grandparents did?)

Moving on from this we then begun to consider the importance of listening as a form of communication. Using a stimulus from 'Inside Out' we analysed how to listen empathetically.

How would you rate your listening skills from 0 to 10?

Dates for your diaries:

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|----------|----------------------------------|
| 04.03.24 | Year 4 swimming lessons continue |
| 07.03.24 | World Book Day |
| 07.03.24 | PTFA Make it with Mummy @3.30pm |
| 13.03.24 | KS1 RWI Meeting @2:45pm |
| 15.03.24 | Comic Relief Red Nose Day |
| 25.03.24 | Years 1-6 Tennis/Pickleball Day |
| 26.03.24 | Spring Concert @2pm & 5.30pm |
| 28.03.24 | Last day of school before Easter |
| 29.03.24 | First day of Easter holidays |
| 15.04.24 | Non pupil day |
| 16.04.24 | First day of summer term |



School Meals



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FEEDING AMBITIONS

A promotional graphic for school meals. It features the text 'School Meals' in green, a QR code, and a 'SCAN ME' button. Below the QR code is the 'CATERed' logo with a cartoon chef and child, and the tagline 'FEEDING AMBITIONS'.

School Money



SCAN ME



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A promotional graphic for School Money. It features the text 'School Money' in green, a QR code, and a 'SCAN ME' button. Below the QR code is the School Money logo, which consists of a green circle with a white wave inside, and the text 'schoolmoney' below it.

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