

Notes from the Vale

Friday 19th November 2021

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Welcome from Mr Lewis-Cole

It was a proud moment for the school last week to see our pupils voicing their feelings about COP26 and the importance of taking action to save the planet. One of our values in school is communication and we actively look for opportunities for our pupils to have their voices heard in a clear and concise way. If you were able to see the placards placed outside of the school, I am sure you will agree that our pupils were persuasive, thought-provoking and clear of their views.

Flu Vaccinations

We have had a number of families ask about when these will be taking place in school. We have confirmed a date with Virgin Care for the start of December and have recently got back in contact with them to firm up the details of these and get some more information out to you all. I just wanted to reassure you all that we are on the case and will hopefully have more information for you soon.

Book fair

We are really excited to be able to bring the book fair back into school. You are invited to come along next week on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday to peruse the selection of books we have on offer to buy. As well as getting hold of a brand new book for yourself, you will be helping the school to obtain a new selection of books for everyone to enjoy and each purchase will give you the chance to be entered into a book prize raffle.

Disco

We are also looking forward to welcoming pupils attending the discos next week on Thursday. Thank you to the PTFA for organising these for us. I know there is a lot of excitement across the school about coming along and all the details about these were sent home last week. Check out the letters if you need to remind yourselves of any of the details.

Baby news

I am so pleased to let you all know that Miss Kaar has had her baby! Little Maeve came into the world last Friday weighing in at 7 pounds 14 ounces. Mum and baby are doing incredibly well. Congratulations Mrs Kaar on your gorgeous family growing a little bigger. We cannot wait to meet her!

Parking

Parking outside of school seems to continue to be a problem for local residents and families. Recently, we have been sent photos from local residents of school families parking over their driveways and making it difficult for them to get their cars out. With all the recent local press on safe parking and safe journeys to school, I ask that families only drive to school if necessary and park responsibly if you do need to drive. This is something that we need to work together on. Thank you.

Wishing you all a wonderfully relaxed and enjoyable weekend.

Together we are inspiring a community with a bright future.

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

Together we

Congratulations



Harris Cup
Ruby-Anne Gilmour



McIver Cup
Thomas Sinclair



'H' Cup
Akeelah Nungirai

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	96.0
Coral	90.1
Seahorses	87.7
Oysters	91.8
Mussels	97.7
Starfish	85.9

Key Stage 2

Turtles	93.1
Sunfish	97.4
Otters	96.9
Dolphins	96.9
Anglerfish	95.9
Orca	91.7
Angel Sharks	93.7
Rays	98.0



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

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

Mussels in FS/KS1

Rays in KS2

GREAT ATTENDANCE



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Together we

Today in International Club we learned about how they celebrate Christmas in Ghana. They have huge festivals with lots of music and drums. We made our own Christmas cards which we are going to post to our partner school in Ghana. We told them about what we do to celebrate in the UK!



In PE this week, Mr Luongo led Anti-Bullying Week focused activities. The children in Year 3 thought carefully about the Theme 'One Kind Word' and worked hard to make relevant links both in the classroom and during their PE sessions in the hall too. After the session, the children reflected on what they had learnt and the importance of kindness. They chose to share 'One Kind Word' with Mr L too!



On Wednesday we had a visiting musician, Mr Renouf, who joined in with the brass section of our orchestra and played the bass notes on the tuba.



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This week, Year 5 received a video message from our Local member of Parliament, Luke Pollard. Mr Pollard sent a rousing message to inspire our young learners to write him a persuasive letter surrounding an issue close to everyone's hearts, Climate Change. The children are now enthused and motivated to write their letters and we look forward to hearing Luke Pollard's response.



On Tuesday, Year 4 explored the Giant's Garden in search of invertebrates in our local environment. We searched in grasses and soil, under leaves and logs, and unturned rocks for any and all signs of creepy crawlies and other minibeasts. When we found them, we used our classification keys to identify which species of invertebrate they were and chose one each to carefully brush into our petri dishes and bring back to class to study.



Year 1 have been exploring long and short sounds and linking them with a picture of a play room. They used these to accompany a song. Great work Year 1.

This week in Orchestra, it was the Year 6 Violinists who took the, 'Instrument of the week' slot'. We all really enjoyed their performance.



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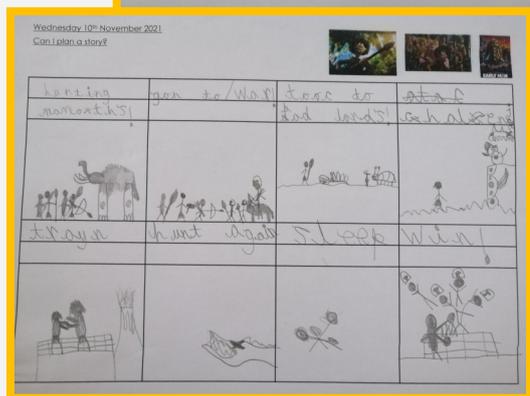
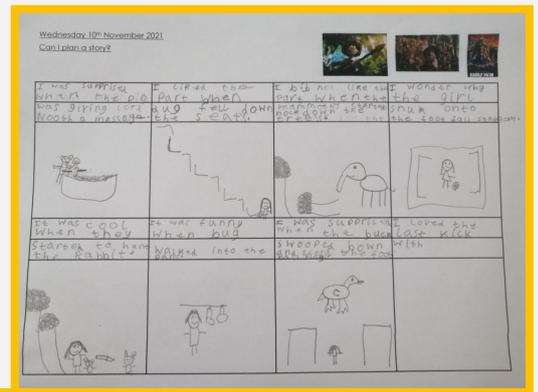
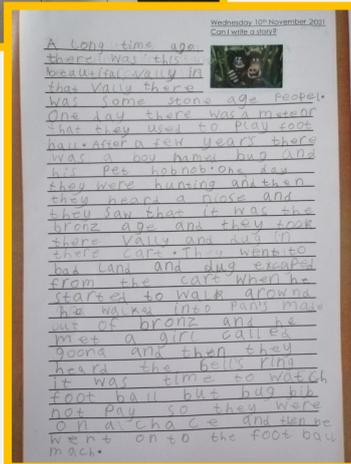
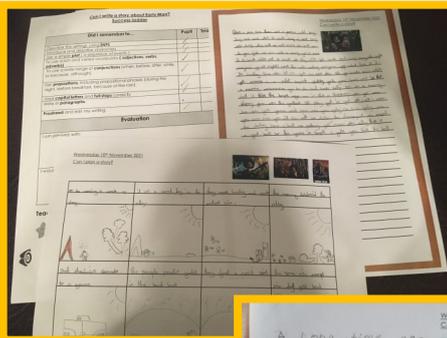
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Miss Welsh's morning group were invited for a two week course of cookery lessons with Mrs Jones at Lipson Co-operative Academy. The first week they made pastries - apple and cinnamon, as well as chocolate and strawberry. The second week they made creamy, stuffed jacket potatoes. Lots of skills were learnt and practised... including washing the dishes. Everybody had a great time but the best bit was definitely the tasting!



Last week, Year 3 visited the Plymouth Arts Cinema, where they enjoyed a viewing of the Stone Age film 'Early Man'. It was a fantastic experience, with all children, and accompanying adults, thoroughly enjoying the film and exclusive use of the cinema. We were well looked after by the team at the Plymouth Arts Cinema and grateful for the opportunity provided by the INTO Film Festival.

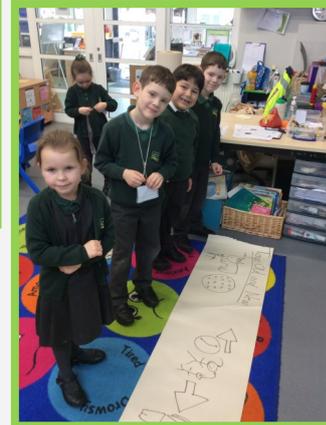
After our walk and some lunch, the children created some excellent storyboards and made a really good effort to retell the story of 'Early Man' in their own words, some with exciting twists and changes of their own. Well done Year 3: you represented the school brilliantly!



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Year 1 have been immersed in their new story! We drew our own story road and retold the text by jumping along each picture! It helped us remember all of the important parts! On Friday, we were visited by a very special visitor - our very own toy expert - Mr Renouf! He taught us all about the old toys he used to play with. We even learned a new game you can play with cards. It really brought our learning to life and we are beginning to understand that history isn't always from that long ago!



On Friday during our ICT lesson the children had to instruct Miss Jones and Miss Kett on how to brush their teeth... needless to say it got very messy (when they say squeeze the toothpaste, we squeezed, when they said brush before opening your mouth, we brushed...) This morning our children had the opportunity to put their own instructions in order to brush their teeth (with their own new tooth brush provided by school!).



News & Events



Need to talk? 

urgent mental health support for adults living in Plymouth

First Response 01752 434922

Livewell Southwest



Thank you to all of our families for the generous donations today in support of Children in Need.

We are very happy to announce we raised a grand total of £345.67

Thank you for your continued support.

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LIPSON VALE PRIMARY SCHOOL **SECOND HAND SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP SALE**

We are delighted to invite you to the latest **UNIFORM SHOP SALE**, taking place after school on **THURSDAY 25th NOVEMBER**. Come along to purchase items of second hand LVPS uniform at reasonable prices & enjoy a complimentary cup of tea or coffee:

- JUMPERS/ CARDIGANS - £2-£3 (depending on logo)**
- SKIRTS/ PINAFORES/ TROUSERS/ DRESSES - £2**
- SHIRTS/ POLO SHIRTS & PE KIT ITEMS - £1**

PLEASE NOTE: We also have a selection of coats and shoes, which can be purchased for £4.00 each.



OPENING TIMES:
Disco Day – Thursday 25.11.21
F, Y1, Y2, Y3 – 4:15 - 5:00pm
Y4, Y5, Y6 – 3:30-4:15pm

Located just off the KS1 playground in the SHOP

(CASH only please. Thank you.)

10 Ways You Can SHARE KINDNESS ONLINE

Last year, around one in five young people aged 10-15 in England and Wales admitted experiencing online bullying: most commonly being insulted or sworn at, or having hurtful messages sent about them. To someone who's being bullied, the world can seem like a bleak, negative place – but just one kind word can be a ray of hope: a turning point that brightens their day and refreshes their perspective. That's why 'One Kind Word' is the theme of Anti-Bullying Week 2021. We're supporting this year's event by bringing you ten top tips for beating online bullying by replacing it with kindness.

- 1 PRAISE WHERE IT'S DUE**
Sometimes a friend or relative might post online about something they're proud to have achieved: maybe an exam they've passed, a new skill they've learned or a task they've completed. Celebrate their hard work and determination by being kind enough to praise them for it publicly.
- 2 REACH OUT**
It's not always easy to tell what kind of mood someone is in just from what they post online. Simply dropping somebody a message to say 'hi' to ask if they're OK, or to tell them that you're thinking of them could totally make their day.
- 3 RECOMMEND FUN THINGS**
If there's something you enjoy doing online – perhaps you play a particular game, or you've found a really cool site – share it with someone you think will enjoy it. Even recommending a film or TV show you think they'll like can bring a little happiness to someone who really needs it.
- 4 OFFER TO HELP**
Sometimes you might see a friend or family member posing a question online or asking for help with something they can't do themselves. Don't just ignore it – if you can help, get in touch. Something that's difficult for them might be no trouble for you!
- 5 POST POSITIVELY**
Lots of people seem to go online purely to complain about things or be negative. Just because you're communicating online (and not face to face) doesn't mean you can't be positive, though! Post about things that make you happy and that you're thankful for. It could brighten someone else's day.
- 6 SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION**
If somebody that you know has done something positive or shown kindness themselves, go online and thank them with a message or a post. Expressing your gratitude costs nothing and showing someone that you appreciate them will really make them feel good.
- 7 BE UNDERSTANDING**
Showing empathy towards others is an act of online kindness which often gets overlooked. If you notice that someone you know is upset, drop them a message. Sometimes people just need someone else to listen to them and understand their situation.
- 8 SHARE INSPIRATIONAL POSTS**
When you see something online that inspires you or makes you feel happy, share it with people you know. A spot-on quotation, a beautiful photo or an uplifting video can lift someone's spirits and help them to feel better about life.
- 9 THINK BEFORE COMMENTING**
Thinking before we act can be just as important as acting in the first place. Taking a second to consider what you're saying in advance could stop you from posting something negative, hurtful or offensive – even if you don't mean to. It's better to post positively or not post at all.
- 10 LIKE, LOVE AND ENGAGE**
If somebody posts something that you like on social media, don't just scroll past – take the time to like it, love it or leave an appreciative comment! Reacting positively to other people's posts might seem like a small gesture but could mean a lot to them.

Meet Our Expert
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Picture News

at Home

15th November 2021
What's going on this week?



15th-21st November
Do we need to experience danger to learn how to be safe?

Things to talk about at home...

- Are there any parks close to where you live? Do you visit them?
- Talk about the importance of safety at parks, why do you think parks and the equipment at them is made to be safe?
- If you could design your dream playground, what would be in it?

EASY
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TIPS



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Congratulations to Angel Sharks for winning the classroom Energy Saving competition for last term. They are all enjoying having 'Hope' the polar bear supporting them in class as part of their prize.

Cop 26

Last week the children learnt about 'COP26' and the increasing concern around climate change. They have embraced this learning and the importance of trying to make a difference in our everyday lives and as individuals. Every class across the school made placards which were displayed outside school. What a wonderful colourful display they were with some strong powerful messages!. Thank you everyone!



Eat Less
Meat

Collective Worship

This term we will be revisiting our values of 'Collaboration' and 'Bravery'. This week was 'anti-bullying' week and we paused as a school to think about why people become bullies and how we can help them to stop. There were a lot of very thoughtful responses by pupils across the school - especially around why people are unkind to others. We revisited the difference between conflict and bullying, and discussed the importance of being kind to others through our words and actions.

How can we all work together to stop bullying from happening?

Dates for your diaries:

22-24&26.11.21	Book Fair
25.11.21	PTFA School Disco
10.12.21	Christmas Jumper Day
17.12.21	Last day before Christmas break.
04.01.22	Non pupil day.
05.01.22	First day back.



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