

# Notes from the Vale

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## Welcome from Mr Lewis-Cole

Welcome back. I do hope that you all had a wonderful half term and found the time to relax and enjoy quality time together with your families. This half term is already proving to be a busy one with many school events taking place, including Year 4 taking part in swimming lessons for the next few weeks, World Book Day and many more trips being planned.

Last term ended with a bang as we had special visitors from Ofsted come and evaluate the quality of education here at our school. The outcome of this will be published in the coming weeks and I will share this with you all as soon as I am able to do so. Before then, I would just like to thank those families that took the time to complete the parent survey and talk to the inspectors whilst they were here with us.

The long awaited completion of the bus has finally arrived. This week saw the start of music lessons taking place in this purpose designed space. The pupils who have experienced this new space this week have been very excited to take their learning into an area dedicated to the subject. We also had a visit on Thursday from BBC Radio Devon who wanted to celebrate the success of this project with us. They have told us that we will be featuring on the radio as well as a potential appearance on Spotlight. How exciting for Lipson Vale Primary School.

It was wonderful to see the varied and creative costumes that pupils wore to school on Thursday as part of World Book Day. There was a wonderful buzz across the school as pupils recognised the different book characters and words on show throughout the day. The whole school took part in DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) throughout the day, each time the bell rang. The school fell silent each time as pupils opened a great book and immersed themselves in reading. We even had special appearances from familiar faces as part of 'The Masked Reader'. Pupils loved guessing who was behind each mask reading.

### **Covid Update**

You will all be aware that further restrictions have been eased across the country as part of the national effort of learning to live with the virus. Whilst the legal requirement to self-isolate has been removed, this remains strongly recommended until the 1st April. As such, it remains the schools position, for pupils and staff, that anyone who is positive with Covid-19 should not come to school until they have had 2 negative lateral flow results on day 5 and 6. Whilst I know this will be frustrating for some families, this decision has been made with the acknowledgment that schools are vulnerable places for the quick transmission of infection because of the number of people in close proximity to each other. We are not, at this point, removing any measures that we have in school to keep everyone safe. We will continue to inform families of any confirmed cases that we have in school so that you can remain vigilant of any symptoms and test your child, if necessary. Thank you for your continued understanding and support with this. Our ultimate aim is to keep our pupils safe and healthy.

Have a wonderful weekend. Lets hope that the sun shines brightly as we enter spring. Take care. Stay safe.

**Together we are inspiring a community with a bright future.**

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

# Together we

## Congratulations



**Harris Cup**  
Emily Garbett



**McIver Cup**  
Kai Fealey



**'H' Cup**  
Indie-Rose Boutwood

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	87.4
Coral	96.2
Seahorses	94.8
Oysters	89.3
Mussels	88.7
Starfish	98.7

### Key Stage 2

Turtles	94.0
Sunfish	96.5
Otters	91.4
Dolphins	97.4
Anglerfish	91.4
Orca	93.5
Angel Sharks	94.6
Rays	98.3



## Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

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

**Starfish** in FS/KS1

**Rays** in KS2

**GREAT ATTENDANCE**



# celebrate

# News & Events

Whose responsibility is it to help endangered animals?



Things to talk about at home...

- Do you know any other animals that are at risk of extinction?
- Can you think of ways that we can help animals that are endangered? E.g. raising awareness or giving donations to charity.
- Currently, do you think enough is being done to help, when a species becomes at risk of extinction?

EASY  
ECO  
TIPS



Congratulations to **ANGEL SHARKS** for winning the Classroom Energy Saving competition last term! Enjoy 'Hope the bear' and your extra playtime.

Well done for always switching off lights when no one is in the classroom and also your projector. You have also been brilliant at recycling properly and are a great example to the rest of the school.

Thank you for always considering the planet and being great Eco Warriors!

Remember to keep showing great energy saving everyone and keep checking your classrooms daily. I wonder who will win next term?

As part of a sustainable World Book Day, Year 3's had a visitor from TRP who read us a fantastic book called, 'The Adventures of Scout.'

The book told an engaging story all about where litter can end up and how it is destroying our cities and oceans. Some of the responses given can be seen below.



# love to learn

Together we

Year 3 loved celebrating World Book Day this week. During DEAR time (Drop Everything And Read) they spent some quality time with their noses in a great book.



Year 5 enjoyed using trundle wheels to measure the perimeter of the playground. From these measurements they were able to calculate the area using their knowledge of compound shapes.



Our High School Music performers were delighted to begin their rehearsals again with Miss Price from Lipson Academy. She was really pleased with their energy and enthusiasm.

Today some of our school performed a short section of one of their pieces for a recording for Radio Devon. They answered a series of questions with confidence about music and the new music bus.

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Year 4 have been loving their swimming lessons this week at the Life Centre. Everyone is making brilliant progress and the children have been a credit to the school and themselves.



Year 3 have been continuing their Roman Dance sessions with Mrs Lucas, perfecting their battle formations and working on marching sequences, holding still positions for the count of 8 (which is quite a challenge!).

We have also been really lucky to begin a sequence of gymnastics with Mrs Law from LCA. In the first session, the children focused on balance.



Today our Year 5 and 6 choir, enjoyed singing but as soon as the bell rang, they stopped to read as a support for World Book day.



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Year 1 have settled back into the swing of school and hit the ground running with their learning!

We have started a whole new topic. This half term 'We are trail blazers!' We will be learning all about the Mayflower and the amazing history right on our doorstep (we will even visit the steps on a trip!)

In English we have started a new text called 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley'. We are learning all about how a naughty plastic bag ended up meeting so many animals.

We have been really lucky to be one of the first classes in the brand new Music Bus with Mrs Fice. We loved exploring the amazing bus and have been learning lots of call and repeat songs.

In PE, we are focusing on our communication and team work skills. We have been working in pairs and learning to copy our partner.



Year 5 also enjoyed taking their music lessons onto our new music teaching space—The Lipson Bus. We have really created a wonderful space to explore and enjoy music learning.

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# love to learn

In Year Six, we have been learning about the Holocaust and Anne Frank as part of our history learning. Everybody was very shocked and moved by the awful events and shared some personal reflections.



The fact that Jews were abused, bullied and pushed away from society shocked me at first. Then my emotions were that I felt sorry for Jews and angry with Hitler for his horrible actions against innocent victims.

**Kaitlyn**

Anne Frank's horrific experience will always be remembered because of the heart-warming diary she called her friend, which her father published after she died.

**Riley W**

We are all people and we are all equal. Everyone has the right to believe in what they want to believe. Nobody should discriminate against people because of what they believe.

**Ben**

What happened to the Jews was disgraceful. How would you feel if you were Jewish parents and your children died because of your faith?

**Kai**

I hope that Anne's story of her life during the Holocaust is passed on for generations to come. People must remember and pay tribute to the millions that suffered because of the devastating actions of Hitler and the Nazi Party.

**Leila**

Imagine having to stay in a room for over two years, not being able to see your friends and family and having to hide just because of your beliefs.

**Kara**

I think the Holocaust would have been petrifying. It is important to learn about the horrific events, as a result we can prevent it from happening again.

**Eva**

The concentration/extermination camps were some of the cruellest concepts devised in history and, after learning about them, I'm shocked that someone could initiate such evil. Children of my age need to help prevent the coming generations from discriminating unfairly like the prejudiced Nazis.

**Jesse**

Anne's story has inspired millions and her diary is on display now. When listening to the translation of Anne's diary, it made me feel that she was a sweet soul who now lives in heaven with her loving family.

**Mia**

Anne Frank was just a young girl who should not have been treated that way. No-one deserves to be treated that way.

**Daisy-May**

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As part of a sustainable World Book Day Year 3's had a visitor from TRP who read us a fantastic book called, 'The Adventures of Scout.'

The book told an engaging story all about where litter can end up and how it is destroying our cities and oceans. We were asked a number of questions and these were some of our replies:

### **What happens to litter which is dropped on the ground?**

James suggested that the litter goes through a pipe into the ocean.

Alfie explained that people drop litter and the wind blows it into the drains.

Bella said that the bins get knocked over and the seagulls take the rubbish.

### **What can you do to stop the litter getting into the oceans?**

Emmie suggested people stop dropping litter. Jayden felt that people should pick up their litter and put it in the bin.

### **What can we do to stop people from dropping litter?**

Nini & Chloe suggested that we make posters and put up signs.

### **Why is it important to recycle?**

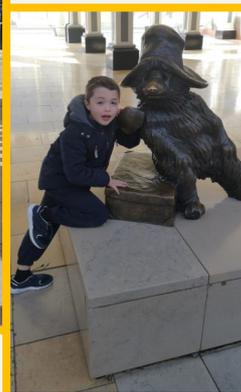
Maisie said that if people don't recycle they will ruin the planet. Andra talked about how animals can die when they eat litter because they think it is food.

### **Do you recycle at home?**

Many of the children said that they do recycle at home and Thomas reminded us that, you must wash your recycling before you put it in the recycling bin.

Finally, Akeelah said, "You need to be responsible yourself to help the planet."

Thank you Year 3's for fantastic responses and for all being great planet savers. Keep spreading the word!



We have loved welcoming pupils back this week after half term and hearing about their half term adventures. Adam was Year 3 has been very excited to share his trip to London.

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## We are Readers

### 'Ready Steady Read';

Thank you to everyone who has taken part in our sponsored read, in partnership with Usborne Books, to raise money for brand new books for our school. The Ready Steady Read finishes at the end of today and we would be most grateful if any sponsorship money along with the sponsorship form could be passed to the school office by Friday 11th March.

We look forward to having lots more books for your child to read, share and enjoy!

### Word Millionaires

Well done to our third and fourth Accelerated Reader Word Millionaires - Hermione from Orcas class and Jack from Dolphins class. This is an incredible achievement and one that both of these keen readers have achieved before. Very impressive!



WORLD  
**BOOK  
DAY**

3 MARCH 2022

25 YEARS



# News & Events



## Wear a Hat Day 2022: Friday 25th March 2022



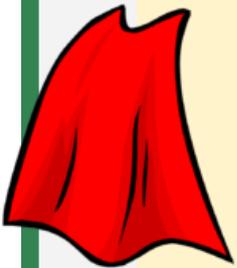
We will be taking part in Wear a Hat Day to raise funds and awareness for Brain Tumour Research. Children may wish to design and make their own creations to wear to school, or just wear a hat of their choice. Children should still wear their school uniform as normal.

We hope you will be happy to take part in this to raise funds for a cause that is very dear to our school.

Monetary donations to class please. Thank you.

## Red Nose Day - Friday 18th March

In support of Comic Relief 2022 we will be encouraging all students to dress up as a Superhero. This could be Superman, Wonder Woman, a superhero of your own creation, a local hero in your community or someone you know and admire. Monetary donations to class please. Thank you.



# Collective Worship

This week we paused our normal themed Collective Worship to acknowledge the conflict that has broken out between Ukraine and Russia. Many pupils had heard about what was happening and had many concerns and questions. We looked back over the recent history between the 2 countries and explored how, even in these worrying times, we can see hope in the actions of others. We particularly looked at the support being given to refugees by other countries as being a strong sign of hope.

**What signs of hope can we see throughout this conflict?**

## Dates for your diaries:

- 18.03.22 Red Nose Day.
- 25.03.22 Wear a Hat Day.
- 01.04.22 Tempest Photography Class Photos and Year 6 photos.
- 08.04.22 Last day of school before Easter break.
- 25.04.22 Non pupil day.
- 26.04.22 First day of summer term.



**School Meals**



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