



Notes from the Vale

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Welcome from Mr Lewis-Cole

Where has the last term gone! Our amazing team here has packed so much great learning in this term and have provided our pupils with meaningful experiences - even right up to the last minute with Year 5 holding a Viking Day this week!

Staffing update

Sadly, we are saying goodbye to Miss Parkins today. After many years of serving the Lipson Vale community she has decided that it is time to try something new. I know you will join me in thanking Miss Parkins for her many years of dedicated service to our community and for helping so many pupils reach their potential.

In exciting news, Miss Jones is getting married over the Easter break. She will be returning to school as Mrs Barnes after the break. We wish Miss Jones luck for her big day and a lifetime of continued happiness.

Big walk and wheel

Thank you to everyone that was able to take part in the Big Walk and Wheel this year. As a school we made 2,209 active journeys to school over the 10 days of the event. This meant that, on average, 61% of the school travelled to school in an active way! Brilliant. Anglerfish were the class that made the most active journeys in total and the school, overall, came 4th from all the Plymouth schools that took part. Excellent effort everyone.

Spring concert

It was an absolute privilege and pleasure to attend the Spring Concert this week. It was a wonderful celebration of the musical talent that we have here at Lipson Vale Primary School and captured the pure joy of performing from our orchestra and choir. I reflected how events like this concert are living examples of our values. As well as being a real collaboration from all involved, each performer showed such bravery and resilience to get to being performance ready and great responsibility in being committed to practising and rehearsing. The venue was filled, which shows a great sense of pride for our wonderful community. Huge thanks to all involved in putting it together, with special thanks to Mrs Fice for inspiring pupils to take part and for ensuring all pupils have many exciting musical opportunities.

PTFA

I do hope that you will all be able to support the PTFA today during the Easter themed event. As a newly formed group, they have been working very hard to plan, organise and deliver many events over this term. I am very appreciative for their enthusiasm and commitment to raising funds (which will be able to go towards whole school projects).

Sporting Events

This week, we held our termly whole school sports event. This term it was themed around tennis. All pupils took part throughout the day and were able to participate and develop their sportsmanship. As well as this event, many pupils took part in a very muddy Landrake Run a few weeks ago (and they really did get **very** muddy!) and we have been able to take part in events with our neighbour school, Laira Green, and St Peter's from the city centre. Thank you to Mr Peacock for organising these great inclusive events for pupils across the school.

I hope you all have a wonderful Easter break. We look forward to welcoming pupils back to school on 16th April for the summer term.

Together we are inspiring a community with a bright future.

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

Together we

Congratulations



Harris Cup
Olivia T



McIver Cup
Nawazul H



'H' Cup
David P

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	90.0
Coral	90.3
Seahorses	93.8
Oysters	93.2
Mussels	94.7
Starfish	96.9

Key Stage 2

Turtles	92.8
Sunfish	90.0
Otters	89.3
Dolphins	88.4
Anglerfish	90.7
Orca	91.0
Angel Sharks	94.7
Rays	83.4



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:
Oysters

Punctuality Penguin
winning class:
Sunfish



celebrate

News & Events



Should there be a limit on how rich one person can become?

Things to talk about at home...

- Share your thoughts on this week's story. Are you surprised to learn that there will likely be a trillionaire within ten years?
- Can you name any billionaires? Do you know how they acquired their money?
- Do you think more should be done, e.g. by governments, to reduce the gap between the world's richest and poorest people?



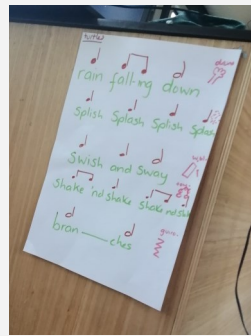
Thank you to the fabulous Iris and Emily for organising and preparing their first Lipson Vale Primary Eco mug. There has been much work over the months to design the logo and prepare and print on to a mug. Emily has also been busy crocheting bookmarks, which is a wonderful alternative to using laminated bookmarks and so much kinder to the planet.

Well done to you both for this inspirational eco work and we look forward to finding out how we can earn a LVPS Eco mug or bookmark. Watch this space!



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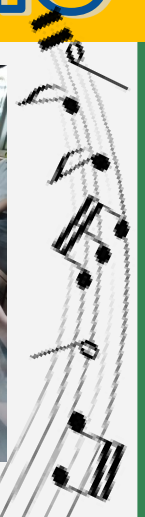
Year 3 had a musical afternoon putting their rainforest raps together. This week their confidence and skill in using rhythms allowed them to hold play rhythms alongside other rhythmic phrases. Great musical team work Turtles and Sunfish.



A special congratulations to all of our 6 musicians who have given so much over their primary career to the music at Lipson. They were delighted to receive a certificate at the end of the concert.

Emily and Faye G were awarded the John Knight performance award in recognition of their musical input and generosity of skills. Emily is an amazing violinist and Faye uses her musical keyboard skills both in our Orchestra and music lessons. Her understanding of chords has helped others in her class.

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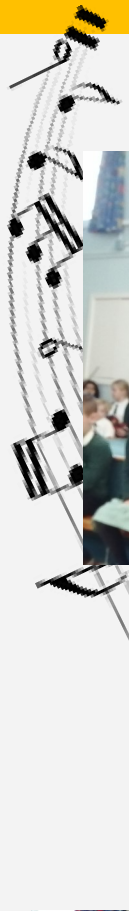


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Congratulations to every single musician who performed at our annual spring concert. This is always a very special event in the music department's calendar. You all performed with confidence, bravery and determination. We are all so proud of the effort and energy you gave, to bring the concert together.



love to learn

Together we

In year two this week, we learnt different skills with tennis rackets and balls. We had to balance the tennis ball and aim the ball into the hoop. We had lots of fun gaining points and using these skills.



Year 5 finished their Viking topic with an amazing Viking-themed day! We had lots of fun learning about the end of the Viking era in Britain, playing a game called Nine Men's Morris (which the Vikings enjoyed playing) as well as practising our shield formation skills. It was a fantastic way to consolidate our learning and also learn some new facts too!

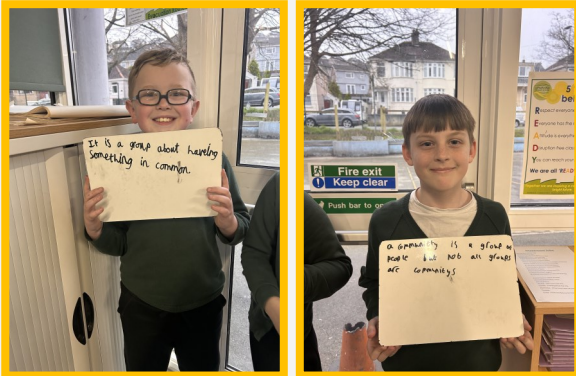
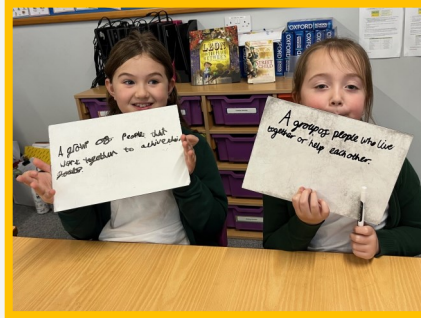


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In RSHE this week, Year 4 discussed what makes a community. We talked about what a community is and our roles and responsibilities within our school community. We also made a pledge to undertake one thing to improve our classroom community.



Celebrating Easter with Year 3!

This week was an extraordinary journey for our Year 3 students as they delved into the essence of Easter. From Jesus's triumphant entry into Jerusalem to the solemn events of the Last Supper and the Crucifixion, our young learners embraced the Easter narrative with boundless curiosity and enthusiasm.

The week brimmed with creativity as our budding artists poured their talents into crafting exquisite Easter cards and intricate spinners. The spinners allowed the children to vividly retell the events preceding Easter Sunday. With each spin, the story unfolded, captivating their imagination and deepening their understanding.

We are immensely proud of the dedication and creativity exhibited by our Year 3 students throughout this Easter-themed week. Their eagerness to explore the significance of Easter through art and storytelling not only showcases their growing understanding of the world but also inspires us all.



Together we

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What a thrilling hockey match we had at Lipson Vale Primary! We were delighted to host St Peters Primary School for an exciting game on Friday. The children from both schools showcased incredible sportsmanship, playing with a fantastic spirit of fun, enjoyment, and fair play. It was a joy to see such enthusiasm and camaraderie on the field!

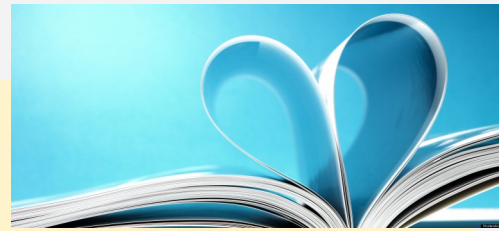
A big round of applause to all the young athletes who participated - your dedication and positive attitude truly made the match memorable. Let's continue to foster this spirit of sportsmanship and teamwork in all our future games. Well done, everyone!



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We are Readers



Word Millionaire

We are delighted to announce our third Word Millionaire this year. Year 6 pupil, Jamie from Rays Class, has read a staggering 1,420,206 words since the beginning of September which is an incredible achievement. Well done Jamie!

Author visit on Tuesday 16th April

On the first day of the summer term, we are delighted to welcome award winning author James Campbell to our school. During his morning visit, James will host two entertaining assemblies for Key Stage Two and Foundation/Key Stage One. As per the letter emailed this week, you will have the opportunity to purchase signed copies of James Campbell's books for your child by selecting a book or books you would like via School Money.

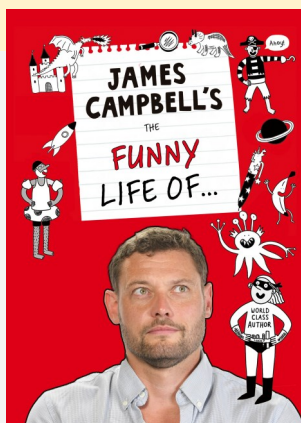
There is of course no obligation to purchase a book. We would like your child to enjoy this fun event and feel inspired to read more as well as creatively write themselves!

Reading for pleasure

This week, your child will be sent home with their new reading diary for the Summer Term. We would love for you to regularly record your child's reading at home each week and will happily support you with reading recommendations and tips.

This academic year, our AR readers have devoured an impressive 6,152 books and 33,877,034 words.

Happy reading



Lipson Vale Primary School Reads!

In this school year, students have read...

6,152 Books

33,877,034 Words

for **16** minutes/day!
(individual student average)

RENAISSANCE
Accelerated Reader™

News & Events

Attendance Breakfast Winners

KS1 & Foundation



KS2



WE UNDERSTAND...
THE COST OF LIVING AND PRICE INCREASES
HAVE BEEN DIFFICULT FOR EVERYONE.

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**THAT'S WHY
WE'VE REDUCED**
THE COST OF A HOT, FRESHLY
PREPARED SCHOOL DINNER TO
£2.75
FROM 15TH APRIL 2024



♥ **THANK YOU** ♥
FOR YOUR SUPPORT OVER THE LAST 3 YEARS

Collective Worship

Last week, we continued to focus on our value of **communication**. To build on our understanding of stereotyping (and linked to World Downs Syndrome Day), we consider how our judgements of others can be very limiting to what they are able to achieve in life.

This week, we thought about Easter and why it is an important celebration in the Christian church calendar. Alongside this we consider how Easter is celebrated across the world and traditions of others.

What traditions do you have at Easter time?

Dates for your diaries:

15.04.24	Non pupil day
16.04.24	First day of summer term
10.05.24	Class Photos
13.05.24	KS2 SATS week
20.05.24	Year 1-6 Cricket/Rounders Day
24.05.24	Last day of school before break
27-31.05.24	Half term break
03.06.24	First day back to school



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