



# Notes from the Vale

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## Welcome from Mr Lewis-Cole

Hello! It seems quite a while since our last 'Notes from the Vale' and so much has happened since. We have had 2 different residentials (one to the Isle of Wight and the other to REACH). These residentials feature later in this edition but, as you will be able to see, the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were well entertained by these carefully planned experiences. I had the privilege of accompanying pupils to the Isle of Wight. I was exhausted by the end of the week so I am sure they were too. The pupils were a credit to the school throughout the week and we had many members of the general public comment on their behaviour and politeness. I know the pupils who went to REACH were a credit to the school as well.

### Introducing 2 new teachers

As you will know, Miss Kett and Mr Shrimpton are leaving Lipson Vale Primary at the end of this academic year. I am pleased to be able to introduce you to 2 new teachers that will be joining the team here. Miss Yelland and Miss Cusack were the successful candidates after a rigorous interview process. They are both incredibly excited to be joining the team and cannot wait to meet you all and become part of our community. Later in this newsletter, you will see a picture of them and a quick introduction written by themselves.

We have already started planning out the staffing for September and will be in touch in the next few weeks with information about who your child's teacher will be in their new year group and which class they will be in.

It was so lovely to welcome in our new families too this week. Parents/carers of pupils joining the Lipson Vale family in September were invited in for their first information session. Mr Whittaker discussed life in Foundation with them and discussed how to support their child in preparing them for 'big school'.

### Lateness

We have seen a significant increase in lateness over the last few weeks. Pupils are expected to be in school on time every day. Being late, even by a few minutes, can mean that they miss out on key learning and are not getting the same start to the days as their peers (often causing them anxiety). All pupils are expected to be in school between 8.45am and 8.55am. After this time they are considered 'late'. We regularly monitor late marks and are always here to support families with ensuring their child is in school on time. Please can we all set ourselves the personal target of getting to school on time.

### Sunshine

The weather is warming up (Yay!). We want all pupils to be sun-safe during these summer months. Please make sure that your child comes to school well prepared for the warm weather with a sun hat, sun cream (different arrangements in Year 1) and plenty of water in their bottles.

Have a wonderful weekend and thank you for your continued support.

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

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

# Together we

## Congratulations



**Harris Cup**  
**Tianna Parker**



**McIver Cup**  
**Ellie Stockdale**



**'H' Cup**  
**Taslim Alhamadah**

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	89.7
Coral	88.7
Seahorses	92.8
Oysters	95.3
Mussels	93.7
Starfish	90.7

### Key Stage 2

Turtles	94.1
Sunfish	90.3
Otters	88.6
Dolphins	96.3
Anglerfish	90.7
Orca	98.6
Angel Sharks	98.6
Rays	98.0



## Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

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

**Oysters** in FS/KS1

**Orca & Angel Sharks** in KS2

**GREAT ATTENDANCE**



celebrate

# News & Events

Does sport have a part to play in making the world a fairer place?

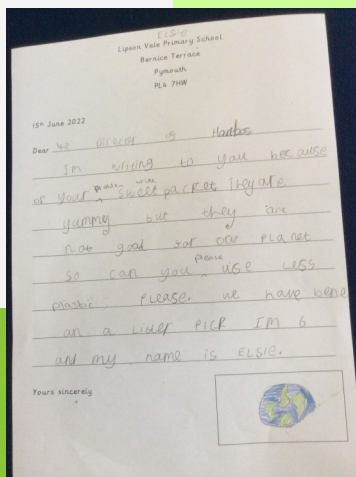


Things to talk about at home...

- Have you ever played or watched a football game? How important do you think the role of a referee is?
- What skills do you think a good referee needs to have?
- Were you surprised to hear that this is the first men's World Cup to have a female referee?



The children in Year 2 had a super morning learning about the impact of single use plastics on our local environment and what they can do to help solve this problem. First of all they went on a litter pick to our local park and playing field and did a great job of tidying it all up. They found lots of crisp packets, plastic lids from take away cups and wrappers from Maoam sweets. We then returned to the classroom and watched a very powerful film called 'The Albatross', which showed the impact of plastics on these beautiful birds. Finally, we wrote letters to Costa, KFC, Walkers and Maoams telling them about the litter we found and suggesting they consider using more environmentally friendly materials in order to look after the animals and care for our environment. The children all wrote persuasive letters and we hope that we will receive a reply from these companies soon. Well done everyone for this great work today! Remember you are never too small to make a difference!





# News & Events

**ARGYLE COMMUNITY TRUST**  
**SATURDAY**  
**TURN UP & PLAY**  
**£4 PER SESSION**  
**9AM - 10AM**

**Manadon Sports Hub**  
**Every Saturday**

**Mini Kickers**  
**(Ages 18 Months - 4 Years)**

**Turn Up and Play**  
**(Ages 5-11)**

**Girls Only**  
**(Ages 5-11)**

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<https://argylecommunitytrust.co.uk/our-regions/regional-course-bookings/plymouth-booking/>

**VISITS FROM MINI PILGRIM PETE**



## Wrong Trousers Day

Friday 1st July

We will be taking part in Wrong trouser day to help raise funds for Bristol Royal Hospital for Children.

Wear your weirdest, wackiest and most wonderful wrong trouser s. Suggested donation of £1 please.



**SPORTS FESTIVAL**

6 A Side Football Tournaments (FA Affiliated)  
 Adult Male (16+) & Female (16+)  
 Youth Boys U8 U9 U10 U12 U14 U16  
 Youth Girls U10 U12 U14

**FAMILY FUN DAY**

Live Performances  
 Bands & DJs  
 World food & Stalls  
 Community Dance  
 Live Theatre Play

Bubble Football  
 Arts & Crafts  
 Graffiti Workshops  
 Drumming Play  
 Table Tennis

Bouncy Castle  
 Bungee Run  
 Sumo Suits  
 Hair Braiding  
 Henna Tattoos

Art & Craft  
 Children Play  
 Face painting  
 Fire Engine  
 Boxing

**Event Sponsors**

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## **Plymouth Science Summer Camp**



Scan here to book your place

<https://forms.gle/ByLapGSLUfm5kg9>

**FREE for children who are eligible for Free School Meals\***

or

**£20 per day**  
 (bring your own lunch)

**£23 per day**  
 (lunch provided)

**Venue:** St Peters Primary School, Brentford Ave, Plymouth PL5 4HD

**Days:** Mon 25th July - Friday 2nd September (not including bank holidays)

**Timings:** 9am-3pm

**Age:** 6-11 years

Each day of the camps will have a specific theme although these are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances such as the weather.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Engineering*	Science* Mysteries/Lego	Forest* School/Lego	Food* Science/Lego	Space themed*

\*Activities are subject to change depending on staffing. Table above gives general themes.



Constellation Lights



Bug Hotels



Pinhole Camera



Foil Leaf Art



Wind Turbines



Aeroplanes

To book your place visit our website and click on the poster or scan the QR code above  
 For any questions, please email us (bookings cannot be done via email).  
 Web: [www.plymouthsciencecic.co.uk](http://www.plymouthsciencecic.co.uk) Email: [plymouthsciencecic@gmail.com](mailto:plymouthsciencecic@gmail.com)  
 Tel: 07933 055 506 (only during camp dates)  
 \* Eligibility for free places is for children who receive Free School Meals. This DOES NOT include children in Foundation/Key Stage 1 who receive Universal Free School Meals. If you are unsure of your status, enquire with your school office. Eligibility will be checked by Plymouth City Council, and full payment will need to be made for sessions if your child is ineligible for Free School Meals.



# News & Events

## INTRODUCING

Hello! My name is **Miss Yelland** and I am super excited to be joining the Lipson Vale family. It will be my eighth year of teaching and, over the years, I have become passionate with teaching art, English and R.E. When I'm not teaching, you'll find me going for long walks on Dartmoor (where I usually end up walking for hours because my navigation skills aren't great!) with my two rescue dogs, Kobe and Miska, baking yummy treats, and playing football for my local women's team, Shaldon Villa. I absolutely love teaching because I can help shape the future and get to help children to become confident and proud. I look forward to meeting you all!



### Gardening

I love spending time in the garden planting new plants. This Spring, I have planted strawberries, peppers and lettuce. I have also planted some sunflowers as a symbol hope. In my garden, I have also included a bug hotel to try and help all of the wonderful insects which call my garden a home.



I can't wait to see you soon!



All about Miss Cusack

### Films

I love spending time watching new films with some popcorn on the sofa! My favourite films are Inside Out and The Little Mermaid.



### Animals

To me, cats are my favourite animal. I love watching them play and seeing all of their different personalities.

### Historical Sites

I love visiting historical places in Devon in Cornwall. My favourite places to visit have been St Michael's Mount and Morwellham Quay. I find it fascinating to learn about the past.

### Cooking

Recently, I have enjoyed cooking new recipes and baking cakes. I really enjoy learning new recipes and discovering new ingredients and flavours. I have recently made banana bread, turkey and sweetcorn meatballs with a dip and blueberry muffins.



### Reading

I love books and enjoy spending time either outside in the garden reading or in a cosy corner of my house!



# Together we

# love to learn



Year 2 have been working scientifically planting sunflower seeds. We placed the plants in different places to see which ones grew taller and stronger. This week we observed to see if they had germinated.

We then compared our observations with our predictions. We were very surprised to see that the plant in the drawer had grown!



This week all the children had a wonderful time planting trees on our school field. We were fortunate enough to have a visit from Plymouth City Council, who were keen to share their sapling trees with us. We planted Cherry trees as well as Oak and learnt that trees are the lungs of the earth, as they capture the carbon dioxide, cleaning the air and of course are a fabulous habitat for insects. Thank you so much to PCC for these trees, we can't wait to watch them grow, as we grow and move on up through school. Thank you too Mr Freeman for all your hard work with this project and we know that you will be busy watering them and making sure they survive through the summer!





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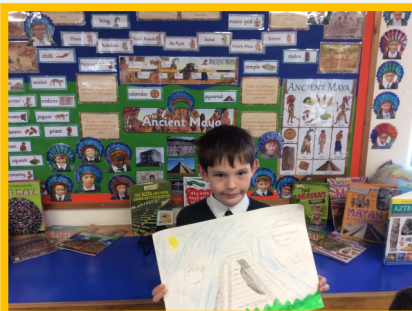
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Last week, a cluster of excitable Year 5 and 6 children embarked on their maiden Lipson Vale residential trip. During their two night stay at Stoke Gabriel Football Club, the children took part in a host of activities including: Archery, Bushcraft, Orienteering, Coasteering, Stand-up Paddleboarding and Raft Building. The group thoroughly enjoyed their stay and returned to school on Friday afternoon needing a well-rested break!



Thomas in Sunfish Class has continued to complete independent research and home learning activities about the rainforests, which we have been very interested in. Here is a photograph of his rainforest in a jar, a data analysis of the climate in The Congo Rainforest and a creative representation of the water cycle. This week we have begun our history topic about the Mayan Civilisation and after our first lesson, Thomas was keen to create his first fact file all about the Mayan ruins and temple remains in Mexico! Great work Thomas, well done: you are a great role model!

Ruby-Anne has also created a wonderful sunset skyline scene of the Mayan ruins, which is fascinating. Ruby is very proud of her work and enjoyed painting this canvas, well done Ruby!





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Additionally, Year 4 pupils have enjoyed undertaking PE lessons on the field and developing their cricket skills with the help of our coaches from the Argyle Community Trust.

2) Do not cut the school field that often. Long grass can be a paradise for bees.

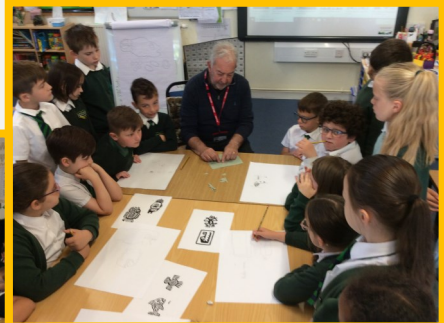




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On Wednesday, Year 3 were delighted to welcome Sean Hewitt into their classrooms to complete a number of art activities linked to our new history topic work, The Mayan Civilization. The outcome was to produce a negative print and we learnt about the layering process that creates a bold, striking printed image. The children focused well and worked hard on the different parts of the complex and challenging process and were delighted with the achievements throughout the day and their final prints. The results are just fantastic! Year 3 are artists: well done to you all!



The Military Kids club have been very busy with Mrs Searle and Mrs Watson. In preparation for Armed Forces Day they designed and made their very own posters!

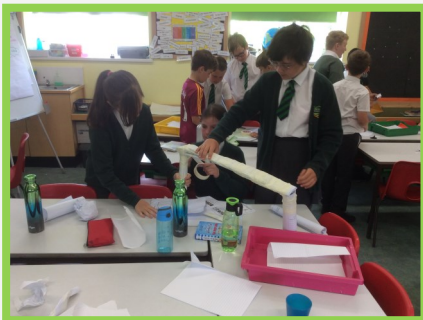
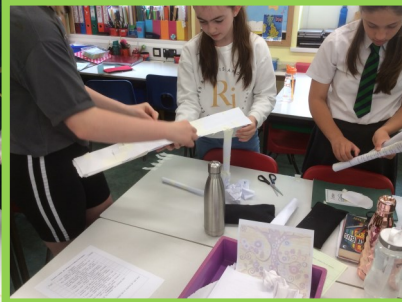
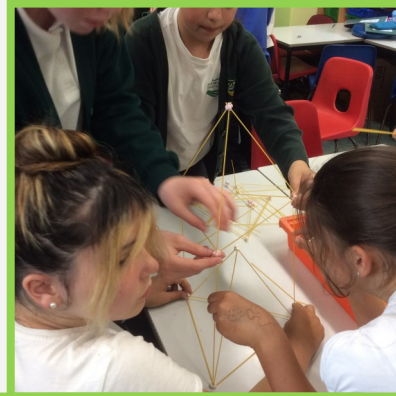




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At the beginning of Activities Week, the Year 6 children were involved in team building activities. The first task was to build the longest bridge, out of scrap paper, which would hold an egg. All the children had fun trying out their ideas and showed great teamwork.

The second task was to build the tallest tower (which would stand without support) out of marshmallows and spaghetti. This proved tricky and very sticky! However, some groups were successful. It was great seeing all the children working together on these tasks.



Year 2 loved using the decking space outside the bus for exploring sounds and dynamics today.



## Remember!

Different foods have different impacts on our planet. This can make it confusing to know what foods we should choose, but there are things that we can all do to help, so...

**Eat well for you and the planet!**

**Have a great Healthy Eating Week!**



Our Orchestra was delighted to get back together after activities week. They made a great start at their new piece which they are getting ready for a 'busking' event soon.



# love to learn

Together we

Year 1 have been loving the sunshine and have had lots of time to run around in our garden!

All of the Y1 children have now completed their phonics screening. They all enjoyed reading the alien words and loved their biscuit treat! We are so proud of all of their progress and would like to thank our families for all of their support with the reading at home! We will be in contact soon about the results and the next steps!

This week we have been learning all about printing in art! We designed our print based on what our Dad, or special parent at home liked! We carefully marked the polystyrene and then we painted them. We used different coloured paint and carefully placed the print on the card. They look great and we can't wait to bring them home.

This week we have also had our first ICT lessons. We learned how to log on to the computer and search for a bird on google! Although most of us use tablets at home, we discovered that laptops are slightly different!

In PSHE we have been learning about road safety. We made our own road safety posters and even had some help from one of the Governors!



**Soltan**  
Sun Ready Schools

**Follow these five sun ready tips to stay safe in the sun**

In partnership with  
**MACMILLAN**  
CANCER SUPPORT



**Use 5-star rated, high-SPF sun cream**



**Drink plenty of water**



**Cover up with a hat and long sleeves**



**Wear sunglasses to protect your eyes**



**Stay in the shade between 11 to 3**





# Together we

Children from Year 5 and 6 had a lovely week in the Isle of Wight. They were based in Shanklin but travelled all over the island taking part in a variety of activities, such as learning about fossils at Dinosaur Isle and visiting Queen Victoria's summer residence (Osborne House) where they were treated like Victorian servants! They also took part in a show at the theatre, screamed on the rides at country parks, made sand models, learnt how sweets are produced in a factory and played on the beach. A great week was had by all.





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## We are Readers

### Help us win £1,000 for our school library!

Our school needs you! Please help us to win £1,000 of National Book Tokens and a membership to the School Library Association to help develop our library and encourage reading for pleasure - plus you could win £100 for yourself!

Enter here: <http://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools>

### Community Library Exchange

We hope that you and your families are enjoying using the Community Library Exchange. Just a reminder that books can be accessed before and after school and are available to all members of the school community. Thank you for your support and generosity. We hope that you enjoy reading some exciting and different books.

### Do you know an adult who can't read?

Read Easy is a completely free one-to-one service designed to help adults learn to read at their own pace, without pressure. If you know someone who would benefit from this service, please get in touch with Mrs Foster or Mrs Low and we will provide you with some further information.

<https://readeasy.org.uk/>

Happy reading!



'Decades of research show that if a child reads for pleasure they are likely to be happier, healthier, to do better at school, to vote and to be more economically successful later in life – all irrespective of background'.

**Cressida Cowell, Waterstones  
Children's Laureate**

# Collective Worship

We have welcomed in this new term by thinking about inspiration people. Our thinking started by considering what it means to be inspiration and how we would identify what makes someone inspiration. We reflected on a BGT finalist's performance and how their passion was a big part of what made them inspirational. We continued our discussions by exploring acts and actions that make individuals an inspiration in changing lives.

**When have you helped to change the lives of others?**

## Dates for your diaries:

13 & 14.06.22	Father's Day breakfast (pre-booked only).
01.07.22	Wrong Trousers Day
08.07.22	Non pupil day.
26.07.22	Last day of term.
05 & 06.09.22	Non Pupil Days
07.09.22	First day back for the new academic year.



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