

Notes from the Vale

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Welcome from Mr Lewis-Cole

As we edge closer towards half term, we are all feeling the effects of a busy few months along with darker mornings and evenings. I feel it is safe to say that we are looking forward to the break that half term will bring. School life has continued to be jam-packed and there has been lots to celebrate this term; including our engagement with Planet Super League (we are a top 10 school), the bus nearing completion, some excellent home learning, great writing going on across the school, summer reading challenge...and lots more. This shows what great determination and resilience our pupils, their families and our school community have when faced with additional challenges (Covid, for example).

Squid Games

We are particularly concerned by the number of pupils (mostly in Years 5 and 6) who are aware of, and have said they have watched, 'Squid Games'. For those of you who don't know, Squid Games is a Netflix series that contains horrific violence and gore. For this reason, it is not appropriate for young children. Some children are telling me that they are seeing it on 'TikTok' as well. Our concerns are that the content of this program is not appropriate for children and that we are seeing an increase in pupils copying the games on the playground which results in physical behaviours that are hurting other children. I would advise that parents/carers are checking the parental settings on devices so that inappropriate content is blocked and please do not allow your child to watch this program. Thank you.

Parking

I have received further complaints about the parking outside of school. Can I remind parents/carers again that, unless you are a disabled badge holder, you are not allowed to park on double yellow lines, across the zig-zig markings and should not be blocking any pavements by parking your vehicle on the curb. There is limited parking around the school and, unfortunately, there is little we can do about increasing this, so I would encourage anyone that can to walk to school or park a little further away and walk the remaining journey into school. Thank you for your understanding with this.

Harvest

You will see later on in this NFTV photos showing our Harvest celebration this week. A huge and heartfelt thank you for all of the kind and generous donations sent into school. We were overwhelmed by the amount of donations we received. All of the donations have been passed onto St Paul's church who will be distributing the food out to families that find themselves in need of a little help. Your kind donations will go along way to relieving some of the pressures felt by others - THANK YOU.

Parent Support Advisor

Just a quick note to say that we were successful in our recruitment for a PSA to take over from Mrs Bromhead. We are now in the process of getting everything sorted so that they can start. I hope to be able to introduce them to you officially very soon.

Parents Evenings next week

I hope that you have been able to book an appointment with your child's class teacher next week. We are really looking forward to being able to share with you how your child has started their new year off and how we are supporting them in school.

Have a wonderful weekend.

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Congratulations



Harris Cup

Emmanuel Dann

McIver Cup

Lucas Bresland

'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	94.0
Coral	89.2
Seahorses	95.7
Oysters	86.0
Mussels	90.7
Starfish	90.4

Key Stage 2

Turtles	92.1
Sunfish	97.7
Otters	86.7
Dolphins	96.2
Anglerfish	93.1
Orca	95.3
Angel Sharks	97.7
Rays	95.0



Attendance Matters

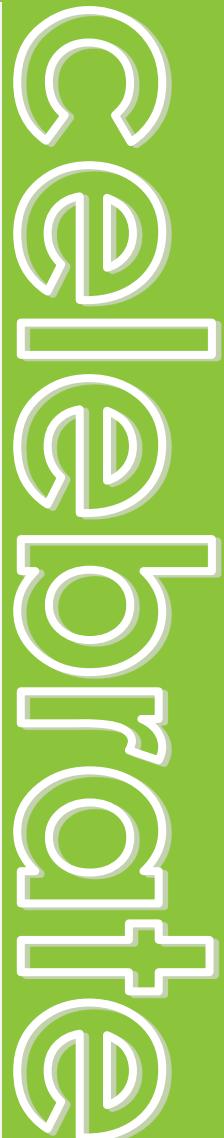
Every student. Every day.

The highest class
attendance last week
goes to...

Seahorses in FS/KS1

Sunfish & Angel
Sharks in KS2

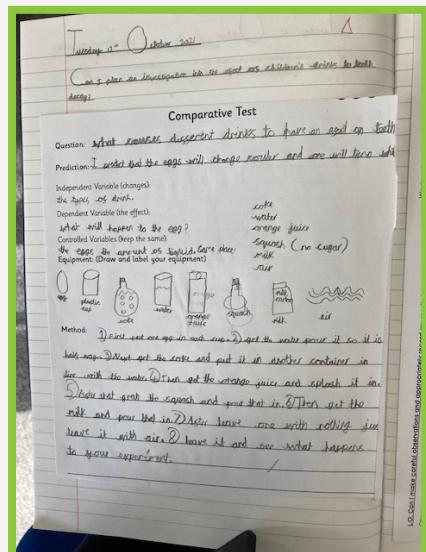
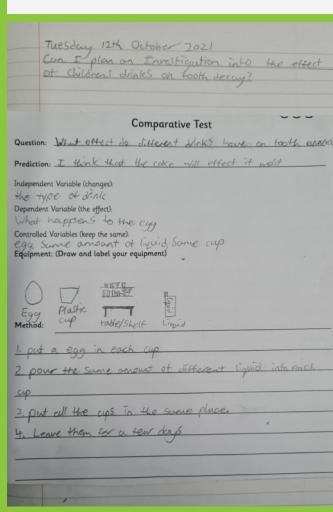
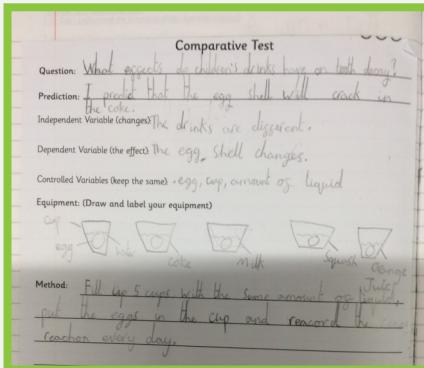
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This week Year 4 undertook an 'eggciting' science experiment! We planned and carried out an investigation into the effects of children's drinks on tooth decay by placing hard boiled eggs into clear containers and filling each cup with a different liquid from a selection of our favourite drinks (water, milk, squash, cola and orange juice). To ensure a fair test, we filled each cup with the same amount of liquid and placed all of the cups in a safe place within our classrooms so that we could observe the changes. Like scientists, we made predictions and look forward to seeing the results.

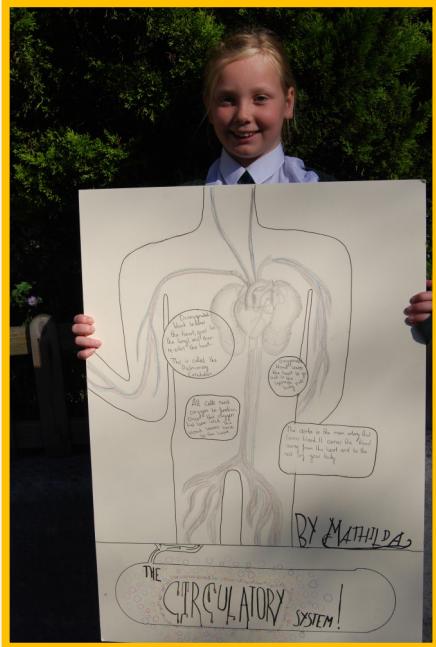


Year 1 enjoyed their field trip of the local urban area around their school. We followed a simple map out of school and up the local roads and enjoyed reading the map to see where we were. We observed the roads, houses, shops and park within our local area. We discussed how the land is hilly and also how the land has changed over time. We were able to climb up the hill and look over at the vale where the school is located. The children were interested to learn that the vale was once a part of the river and that where our school is was once water! Thora asked excellent questions and was curious about where all the people were in those days before our school was built.

Everyone behaved fantastically and we all enjoyed our first geography field trip.

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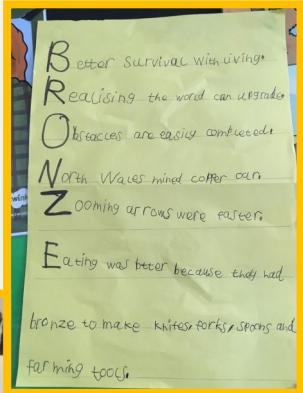
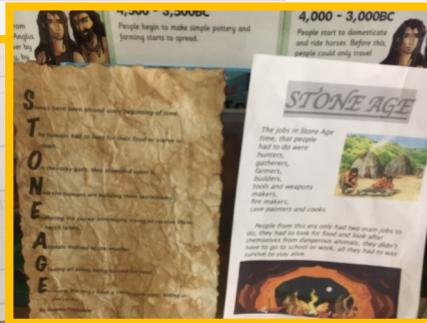
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Mathilda produced some outstanding homework this week on the circulatory system which was informative and showcased her artistic skills.



We are very proud of the independent work the children are completing at home in Year 3 to continue their research and learning about the Stone Age to the Iron Age. Darcy and Summer have created interesting fact files, Isabelle has made an authentic shield, Maisie and Summer have written excellent acrostic poems, Bella has created a wonderful Stone Age scene and Alfie has created a fantastic model of Stonehenge, using stones collected on a walk! Well done!



Year 3 are really enjoying their instrumental lessons, Nini and Isabella wanted to share their new musical skills with their class at the end of their music lesson.

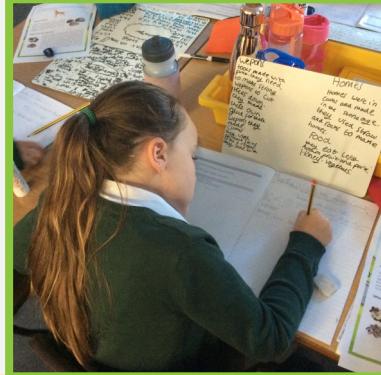


Year 6 used an adapted snakes and ladders game to help them understand the Hindu concept of Moksha. They enjoyed confirming their understanding of behaviour which would give good karma and the behaviour which would give bad karma, the snakes.

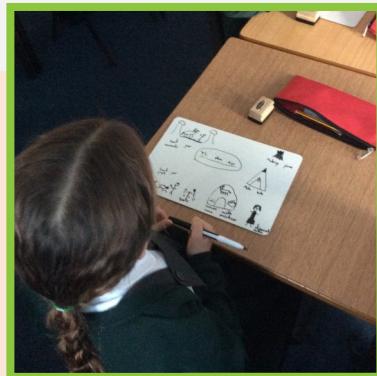
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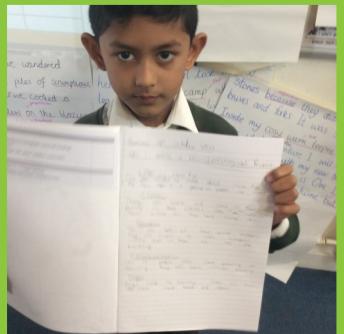
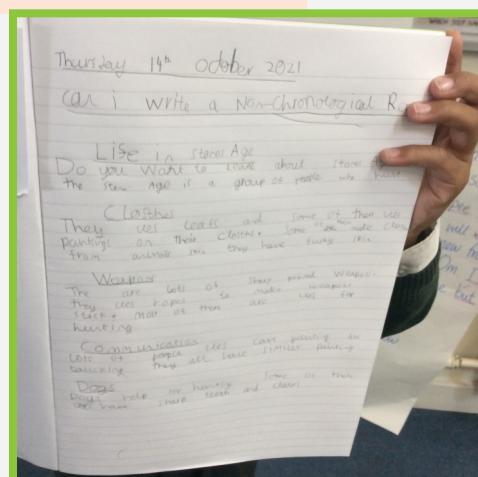
Year 3 had a very successful group planning session for their stone age animal compositions. They selected instruments, focused on musical elements and created an animal action.



Year 3 have spent this term learning about life in the Stone Age. From our own research and finding out what archaeologists have discovered, we now have lots of information about this time in prehistory, which we have begun to record in non-chronological reports. In particular, we have included facts that we have learnt about how Stone Age homes were different to ours, about weapons in the Stone Age, as well as food and clothing.



Today the Orchestra played the Harvest Polka for the last time at their weekly rehearsals. . A recording of this Polka is going to be used in the services throughout the day.



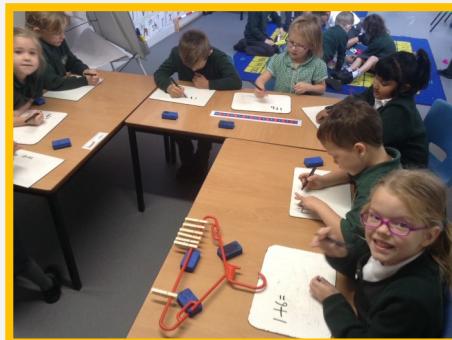
These Year 3 pupils took part in the summer reading challenge and are proudly wearing their reading challenge medals.



Together we

It has been another very busy week in Year 1! We are all getting a bit tired but we can't stop just yet... we have the most exciting things planned for next week!

This week in maths we have been making number sentences and learning all about 7, 8 and 9. We found that we can write our number sentences in different ways and still get the same answer. In science we are learning about our senses, we had lots of fun using feely bag and exploring using our hands!



This week we celebrated Harvest in school. We were all amazed by the generosity of our families with their kind donations. All donations were given to St Paul's church to support families in greater need than us. St Paul's church were so thankful!

It was wonderful to be together in the school hall to celebrate together.

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News & Events

Need to talk?

urgent mental health support for adults living in Plymouth

First Response 01752 434922

Livewell Southwest



LIPSON VALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Starting school in September 2022?

Come and see what Lipson Vale

We will be hosting tours for prospective parents for the September 2022 intake throughout November 2021. Please call the school office on 01752 224801 to book yourself onto a tour. Numbers are capped so booking is essential.

Wednesday 3rd November @ 11am
Thursday 4th November @ 4pm
Tuesday 9th November @ 9:30am
Monday 15th November @ 4pm
Saturday 20th November @ 11am

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Plymouth Science

Spooky Science Camp

Venue: St Peters Primary School, Brentford Ave, Plymouth PL5 4HD
Days: Mon 25th-Fri 29th
Timings: 9am-3pm
Age: 6-11 years

£20 per day (bring your own lunch)
£23 per day (lunch provided)

Scan here to book your place



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Web: www.plymouthsciencecic.co.uk Email - plymouthscienceteam@gmail.com

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News & Events

Special Thanks



A very big thank you to Friary Mill for their generous donation of the beautiful Harvest Loaf for our Harvest Festival.



Year 3 Swimming

A reminder that all year 3 children will be taking part in swimming lessons at the Life Centre every day next week.

Please ensure they bring a towel and swimming costume/shorts with them everyday.

You may wish to also include a healthy snack for them to eat afterwards.

Holiday Club Fun Day

“The Lost Stories” at Salisbury Road Baptist Church

Wednesday 27th October 10.30-3.30pm

Registration at 10am

For children aged 5-12 years

News & Events

Picture News at Home

11th October 2021
What's going on this week?

11th-17th October
What does a good role model look like?

Things to talk about at home...

- Who are your role models?
- What qualities do you think make a good role model?
- Can you ask someone else who their role models are, are they the same as yours?
- Do you think you can be too old to have a role model?



Last week we all enjoyed the 'Planet Super League Day of Action'. We came to school dressed in Argyle colours and green to show our support of how the planet needs serious help to become cleaner & greener.

Many children shared with their classes the planet saving activities they have been doing & continue to do.

Some children had a veggie meal - **Meat and dairy cause 15% of global greenhouse gases. Going veggie is good for you and gives the planet a break.**

Some of us made posters to remind our friends and families to turn off the lights - Over 30% of us admit we sometimes leave the light on when we leave a room.

Some of us had some screen free time - this can help us to save electricity & have fun doing something different. Some of us went on a litter pick.

We also made a pledge to ask world leaders to support climate action when they work together at COP26, the world's best last chance to get runaway climate change under control.



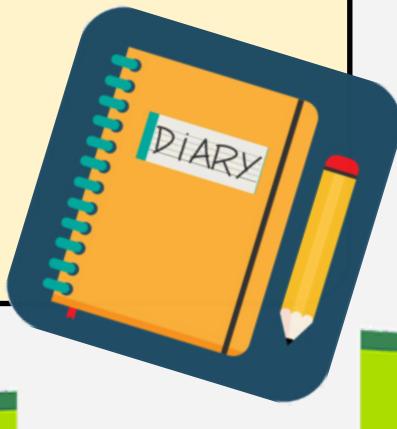
Collective Worship

Last week, we continued to focus on our theme of tolerance

What are you thankful for?

Dates for your diaries:

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| 22.10.21 | Last day before half term break. |
| 23.10-21-31.10.21 | Half term holiday. |
| 01.11.21 | First day back to school. |
| 02.11.21 | Tempest Photography: individual and family groups. |
| 17.12.21 | Last day before Christmas break. |
| 04.01.22 | Non pupil day. |
| 05.01.22 | First day back. |



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