

Notes from the Vale

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Welcome from Mr Lewis-Cole

Hello to all of our families. Can you believe that this is the last Notes from the Vale of this academic year? Where has the last year gone? This has been a year that has posed many new challenges for the school and community, but we have continued to respond to these challenges with hope and resilience. Most importantly, we made it through together. Thank you for your continued support and understanding. Good luck to all pupils leaving us at the end of school year. Keep in touch and don't be strangers.

Transition

This week was the first opportunity for pupils to meet the adults that will be looking after them next year. On Wednesday afternoon, all pupils moved into their new classrooms to begin the 'getting to know you' process. They were able to explore their new classes and get to know their new adults. We were really pleased to be able to welcome Miss Yelland and Miss Cusack to Team Lipson Vale for the first time. I know that they loved meeting their new classes and are really looking forward to getting started in September. I hope that all pupils came home excited to tell you about the time they spent in their new year groups and share something new to expect when they move up in September.

Pupils will have another opportunity to move up into their new year groups again next Wednesday. This will be for a slightly longer period of time and will enable them to get to know their adults a little better.

Parents Survey

Thank you to those families that have already completed the survey. The information that is provided on this survey helps us to understand what we are doing well and what we can be focusing on in the coming year. There are some interesting trends emerging from this already and I would welcome further contributions. If you haven't done so already, please complete the survey [here](#).

Sports Day

It was wonderful to have a fully inclusive sports day reintroduced again this year. All pupils took part in a range of sporting activities and worked collaboratively as part of a team throughout. Mr Peacock and Mr Shrimpton carefully designed the days to ensure that all pupils, from all sporting abilities and interests, could take part and enjoy the experience. Activities range from archery and quick jump to ball press and assault race. As pupils completed these activities they collected points for their team - the winning team will be announced in Celebration Assembly today so your child will be able to come home and let you know. For KS2, they also took part in running races; again all being able to take part successfully. I hope that the families that joined us would agree that this was a successful event enjoyed by all. If you have any feedback about sports day we would like to hear from you.

Although it is a week away yet, let me take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful summer break. I hope it is a time that you can enjoy as a family and take a moment to pause the business of everyday life. Take care of yourselves and we will see you all in September. The last day of the summer term is 26th July.

Together we are inspiring a community with a bright future.

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

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Congratulations



Harris Cup
Olivia Tippin
Evaleigh Evans



Reading Cup
Caleb Jenness
David Peto



'H' Cup
Charlie Andrews
Oscar Slater

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.



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

Foundation & Key Stage 1

Puffins	92.5
Coral	93.3
Oysters	94.2
Seahorses	85.8
Mussels	95
Starfish	87.7

Key Stage 2

Turtles	93.8
Sunfish	94.4
Dolphins	91.7
Otters	91.4
Anglerfish	94.8
Orca	90.1
Angel Shark	89.7
Rays	87.1

The **highest class attendance** last week

Mussels in FS/KS1

Anglerfish in KS2

GREAT ATTENDANCE



celebrate

News & Events

Should wet wipes be banned?



Things to talk about at home...

- Do you see wet wipes?
Can you think of different examples of situations when they are often used?
- Thinking about what people use wet wipes for, can you think of any alternative products that people could use?
- Do you think that people know that you shouldn't flush wet wipes? If not, how do you think people could be made aware?

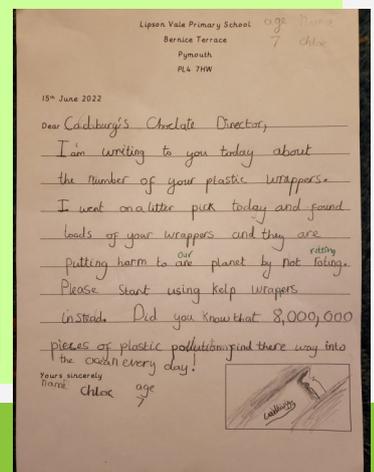


THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR ALL YOUR FANTASTIC ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCACY THIS YEAR!

What a great year we have all had caring for the environment and being advocates for helping to make changes to look after our precious planet. Here are a few photos showing some of the wonderful things we have been doing over the year.

A huge thank you also to the Eco Club for relentlessly checking classrooms to make sure we are all recycling and turning off classroom lights and projectors.

Thank you to everyone who is making a difference and for being so green! Keep up the great work and remember, 'No one is too small to make a difference.' Greta Thunberg



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This week in English, Year 2 have enjoyed coming up with actions to go with the class text map about making slime. They have come up with clear actions that go with the instructions of how to make thick, gloopy slime. Let's see if they remember these clear instructions when they make the slime.



This week, Year 4 enjoyed a trip to the Plymouth Guildhall for an author event with writer Philip Reeve and illustrator Sarah McIntyre. The Dolphins and Otters had great fun listening to the authors read from their new book in the Roly Poly Flying Pony series, discussing different types of unicorns, drawing unicorns and creating a snake and ladders type game. George from Otters class was chosen as a team captain and won the game with some confident dice throwing! Many children bought signed books and have been avidly reading them ever since! We were so impressed with the resilience of the children in taking a considerable and brisk walk from school to Plymouth city centre in hot temperatures and their engagement with the event.



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The Year 5s had a fantastic day on Monday. As part of their geography fieldwork, they spent the day on Dartmoor. We were accompanied by 3 fantastic guides from Dartmoor National Park. The trip was challenging at times as we walked 5 kms (in hot temperatures) following the source of the Meavy river to NORSWORTHY BRIDGE. We spent time measuring the stream, firstly at its source and then taking further measurements, which we then compared. It was interesting to learn how a stream broadens and the depth increases as tributaries feed into the main stream, finally culminating in a river. The children were fantastic and embraced this challenge, despite the hot sun, and had a brilliant day. Well done to Year 5 and thank you to everyone who was involved.



This week the children in Foundation have enjoyed being outside in the fresh air, whilst keeping cool in the shaded spaces we have. Storytime is a favourite for our children and today was no exception, as they all came to listen to Mrs M read a story.



Our musical theatre group really enjoyed visiting the Academy today to watch the dress rehearsal of High School Musical delivered by the older students. They were delighted to see how the songs and dances they have been practising fitted into the musical. Next week they are performing some of the songs to their parents and their friends.



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Year 5 have had an exceptionally busy week, not only have they been to Dartmoor, but also to a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) workshop at City College Plymouth! They had a fantastic time taking on different responsibilities, such as 'Transport Manager' and 'Project Manager', and used Lego to compete against each other to build cranes.



Year 6 have received their Junior 10 Tors t-shirts! They have all definitely earned these shirts and we hope that they will wear them with pride for many years as a reminder of the time they walked over 18 miles in 30 degree heat! Congratulations on your fantastic achievement to the Y6 team!

Recently, we had two ex pupils join us for their work experience. They certainly got stuck in. Dolphins enjoyed working a new musician in their composition and really pushed their piece on.



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In Year 6, we have been thinking about life's ups and downs. We understand that life doesn't always run smoothly and so we have created a few, 'Life is like...' quotes to help us when we face tougher times.

Life is alike a boat - you can steer it in any direction.

Life is like a computer - there's sometimes an error.

Life is a mystery - you never know what will happen next.

Life is like a maths equation - it won't necessarily be right all the time.

Life is like a lighthouse - there is always someone to guide you.

Life is like football match - it doesn't always go your way.

Life is like an onion - there are lots of layers.

Life is like a jewel - it's too precious to lose.

Life is like a cup of tea - you can either make it strong or weak.

Life is like a wave - it has its ups and downs.

Life is like a Rick Astley song - you've never got to give up!

Year 1 have been making the most of their remaining time in Year 1! In maths they have been exploring measurements and comparing lengths using rulers and spoons! In DT and art we tried pomegranate and blackberries and used clay to make our smoothie cup holders! We have loved developing our product and experimenting with different designs! We can't wait to see what they look like once they have been fired in the kiln! Next week we will be making our final smoothie with our chosen fruits! This was our first sports day with our parents - we loved all of the support and showed incredible sportsmanship and teamwork both on and off the field!

We are so proud of our year 1's and how far they have come this year!



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SPORTS DAY 2022

Here is a selection of Sports Day 2022 photos. It was great to get back together again after many years to celebrate together.



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We are Readers

Word Millionaires

We are extremely proud to announce that 3 more pupils have become Word Millionaires: Ellie from Angler Fish, Jacob from Rays and Michael from Orcas, bringing our total number of Word Millionaires to 14 this year. In addition, we have our first Word Multi Millionaire as Hermione from Orcas has impressively read more than 2 million words this year which is an extraordinary feat. Congratulations to all of the children who have achieved this accolade!

Summer Reading Challenge

On Tuesday, children in Key Stage 1 and 2 enjoyed a visit from the Schools' Library Service to learn about the Summer Reading Challenge, Gadgeteers. This year's challenge has a science and innovation theme that aims to inspire children to use their imagination and creativity. To join the Gadgeteers, children need to read 6 books or online books over the summer and collect stickers to complete a special Gadgeteers poster. It's fun and FREE to take part!

Your child can sign up for the challenge online or at any Plymouth library from Saturday 16th July.

[Summer Reading Challenge](#)

This is a fantastic way to encourage your child to regularly read as well as visit the library over the holidays. We will recognise the efforts of all of our Lipson Vale Gadgeteers when they return in September.

Happy Reading!



Collective Worship

As we approach the end of the school year, we have continued to think about 'change' and moving on. We have been preparing all pupils to move on by thinking carefully about what we are uncertain about and how we can embrace this uncertainty by finding answers. We also thought back to our value of collaboration in preparation for Sports Day.

How did you show collaboration during Sports Day?

Dates for your diaries:

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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