



# The Valley Primary School Newsletter



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Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023

**Welcome back to another exciting academic year!**

## **Our Weekly Winners!**

Here are the names of our shiny stars, crowned winners in our celebration assembly this week. Well done to you all!

### Stars of the Week



**Class 1: Violet and Marlie.  
Class 2: Barnaby and Mason.  
Class 3: Hettie and Noah.**



**Our Dojo Champions are:**

**Class 1: Phoebe and Violet.  
Class 2: Ella.  
Class 3: Sophia.**



**Our Dojo Runners Up are:**

**Class 1: Edi and Aura.  
Class 2: Henry and Johanna.  
Class 3: William, Scarlett and Arthur.**



**Head teacher Award:  
Iona and Arthur.**



**Lunchtime Award:  
Matthew and Rocco.**





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## Attendance

Geraldine the Giraffe is always looking for a classroom to rest in. As an incentive towards our attendance in school, the class who has the highest percentage fortnightly will have Geraldine spend two weeks with them.

**Our winning class this week is Class 2 - well done!**

## Lateness.

Please may we remind you that our school day begins at 8.45am when the doors open to children. They remain open until 9.00am. Children should arrive at school between these times, to ensure that they are marked present and do not incur 'late' marks. Lateness is recorded on children's attendance and it is important that they are on time.

## Keeping in touch.

If you have any questions or queries you can contact the class teacher directly using our class email address, we will respond during school working hours; our class email addresses are:

[Valleyclass1@tmpf.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:Valleyclass1@tmpf.staffs.sch.uk)

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## National Fitness Day – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

National Fitness Day encourages the nation to celebrate the fun of fitness and physical activity and that's exactly what we did last Wednesday. Our newly appointed Team Captains led us whilst we took part in a HIT workout and a Cosmic Kids yoga session. After, we relaxed and felt our heart rates go back to normal with some mindfulness reflection time. Our children also created posters promoting a healthy lifestyle and we talked about the importance of this. They did a great job and as always we are very proud, well done Team Valley!



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## Halloween Trail Art Project.

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, we welcomed Mr Bethel to The Valley. He came in to work with us in creating Halloween animal masks. Mr Bethel taught us the history of Halloween - originating in the Celtic times - and we looked at typical costumes.

The idea is that we will create a collaborative project to be displayed at Tittesworth Reservoir's Halloween trail in October half term.

Our work will be displayed for all to see!

The children worked so well together and really enjoyed it.





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## Macmillan Coffee Morning





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Our Macmillan Coffee Morning was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who joined us and thank you for the wonderful donations of cakes and money towards a cause that is incredibly close to The Valley's heart. So far, we have raised a huge £185.36, with more kind donations to come and we really do appreciate it. Thank you again!

## **TT Rockstars Day – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023.**

To mark the launch of TT Rockstars for our new academic year, and to highlight the importance of times tables, we will be hosting a **'Rock Stars Day' on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October**. On the day, children are invited to dress up as a rock star – fictional or real (please remember that unlike some real rock stars, our rock stars **must** be Primary School-friendly!). Children may also come dressed as their favourite number. If children are unable to dress-up, they may, of course, come to school in non-uniform.



## **Early Reading and Phonics Workshop**

'The more that you read, the more things you'll know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.' – Dr Seuss.

It is, therefore, vital that your child finds learning to read and write a rewarding and successful experience. To assist with this, we are inviting you to attend a Parent Workshop on **Monday 2nd October 2023**. This will take place between **4pm-4.30pm** and then again at **4.35pm-5.05pm**. Please contact the school office to inform us, which one of the two sessions would be most favourable for you to attend.

Throughout the workshop, we will provide you with information on our structured phonics and reading sessions, ideas on how you can support your child at home through engaging games and will introduce you to a bank of terminology that you can use to support their learning. We hope that you are able to join us.





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## Diary Dates

### Autumn 1

- 02.10.23 – RWI and Early Reading Parent's Workshop – more information to follow.
- 05.10.23 – Y5/6 A League Football @ Springcroft.
- 06.10.23 – PLT Cricket Event – chosen Y5/6 children at The Cheadle Academy.
- 11.10.23 – TT Rockstars Day – children to dress as their favourite number or a rockstar!
- 12.10.23 – Harvest Donations in school please.
- 12.10.23 – Y5/6 A League Football St Werburghs.
- 13.10.23 – Harvest Service at The Holy Trinity Church 9.30am.
- 17.10.23 – PTFA Meeting 3.30pm @ The Valley.
- 18.10.23 – Parent's Evening 3.30pm – 6pm.
- 20.10.23 – Show Racism the Red Card activity morning – all parents welcome.
- 23.10.23 – Maths Parent's Workshop (information to follow).
- 26.10.23 – New Intake Open Afternoon – all Nursery (3 and 4 year olds) and Reception 2024 intake welcome.
- 27.10.23 – PTFA Halloween Disco 6-6.45pm.
- 27.10.23 – Break up.

### Autumn 2

- 06.11.23 – INSET Day.
- 07.11.23 – Pupils back to school.
- 10.11.23 – Remembrance Service @ the Cenotaph – all welcome to attend.
- 15.11.23 Odd Sock Day – Anti-Bullying Week.
- 17.11.23 – Children in Need.
- 30.11.23 – PLT Basketball @ The Cheadle Academy.
- 07.12.23 – Christmas Jumper Day – Save the Children.
- 09.12.23 – PTFA Christmas Fayre 2-4pm – all welcome.
- 15.12.23 – Reports sent out.
- 20.12.23 – Whole School Nativity 2pm and 6pm.
- 21.12.23 – Whole School trip to the theatre (more information to follow).
- 22.12.23 – Break up for Christmas.