



## Vallis First School Thursday Note

Spring Term - Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020

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Eco-Schools  
Silver Award

Last Thursday, we celebrated World Book Day by dressing up with something stripy and launched our library project. Thank you to everyone who contributed 50p to start our fundraising off. Hopefully, you will have received a brief summary of what we are trying to achieve in our school library. If you would like to know more, we will be putting up a display in the school entrance by the VSA board - this has some drawings, kindly done by Louise Bastable and Andy Bell, which show some of the ideas and what it may look like. On the VSA board, there will be a thermometer showing how we are getting on in terms of raising money. Thank you to those people who have already offered their services to help - if you would like to be involved, please let the office know.

We also welcomed Karen Boswell from the Carymoor Environmental Trust to Vallis last Thursday. She did a great assembly on recycling and reducing the amount of food waste going to landfill sites. KS2 then worked with Karen in workshops looking at these issues.

Tuesday was amazing - the whole school took part in a Science day. Mrs Plumridge, (Science Leader) started the day with a great assembly and then the children had science sessions throughout the day in mixed groups. Each session touched on a different element of science knowledge. The children were fantastic in the way they worked and supported each other and there was lots of science skills being used.

Finally, in Celebration Assembly last Friday, we said well done to our Star Powerful Learners who were: Elody in Sun, Sophie in Moon, Ava in Jupiter, Logan in Saturn, Ryley-Jay in Neptune, Vinnie in Apollo, Bea in Galaxy, Ashton in Milky Way and Heath in Voyager.

Nick Firkins  
Headteacher

**Coronavirus:** Please see a letter overleaf regarding Coronavirus. At the moment the school remains open until such time that the Government and Department for Education decide to close schools and colleges across the UK. We will keep you fully informed of any updates on this situation by letter, text or website notification.

### VSA News

**Cake Sales:** Apollo Class raised £42 last week, well done! It is the turn of Neptune Class this week, please bake or buy some nut free treats for sale. If you can help pack or sell, please see Mr Smith.

**Hundred Club:** Our March winners were:

1st prize: 17 - James Derrick

2nd prize: 5 - Lindsay Downes

3rd prize: 47 - Susie Hannam-Maggs

**World Book Day:** Big thanks to everyone who took part. Winners of the competitions will be announced in assembly tomorrow and the total raised announced next week.

Thank you for your continued support.

### Window

**Wanderland:** Claire Beale would like to say a huge thank you to all the pupils and parents who took part in this hugely successful event. We hope you had a chance to follow the Frome trail of well adorned windows 😊

### Dates for your Diary

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March - Year 4 Trip to Osmington Bay

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April - Parents' Evening

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April - Parents' Evening

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April - last day before Easter Holidays

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April - INSET Day

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April - back to school

### Donations for our

**allotment:** Mrs Lucey is asking for any donations of chitting potatoes, tomato plants and seeds etc for our allotment. If you are able to help her, please let the school office know 😊