



# Vallis First School Newsletter

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## Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022

This week has been our languages and diversity week and it has been lovely to welcome in so many visitors to school who have been sharing stories and other experiences with the children. We have 12 different languages spoken in the school and having some time this week to celebrate this has been lovely.

In Monday's singing assembly, the children started to learn the new Vallis song that was written by the children along with the wonderful staff from the Lifebeat project last week. We are planning on working on it some more next term when hopefully we will be able to record it and put it on our web site for you all to hear.

Tuesday saw the children using pedal power in a range of fun activities out on the front playground. The sessions were organised by Frome Town Council as a result of our amazing efforts during the walk to school week earlier in the year. I think their favourite was the duck race where the children were using pedal power to move the ducks along a course.

Hope you all have a lovely half term.

Nick





Our Star Powerful Learners this week were: Olivia from Sun; Obi from Moon; Oliwia from Jupiter; Luna from Saturn; Isaac from Neptune; Andrew from Apollo; Freddie from Galaxy, Phoenix from Milky Way and Isabella from Mars. Well done to all of you for your great efforts.

## Dates for your Diary

Monday June 13<sup>th</sup> – Sports Day

Tuesday June 14<sup>th</sup> – Reserve Sports Day

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June – VSA Summer Fair

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July & Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July – INSET DAYS

Thursday 1st September 2022 – INSET DAY

Friday 2nd September 2022 – INSET DAY

Tuesday 3rd January 2023 – INSET DAY

Monday 17th April 2023 – INSET DAY

Friday 26th May 2023 – INSET DAY

## Reminders

- We are holding a coffee morning on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 10.15 for parents and carers of EYFS, Y1 and Y2.
- Supporting children with Dyslexia is on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June from 1:30-3.30pm
- There is an Autism Awareness Course on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July from 9-11am.



## 30 Days Wild

In June, the Wildlife Trusts are running 30 Days Wild, an annual campaign to put people back in touch with nature. Vallis First School has signed up and children will be taking part during their Forest School sessions but families and individuals can sign up too. It is free and you get seeds and activity packs with lots of ideas for getting back to nature. Please use the link below if you are interested and have fun!

<https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/30dayswild>



## Yoga Club

There are still some spaces on the Yoga After School Club starting on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June. If your child/ren would like to take part please email or pop into the office.

## Parent Helpers

We are arranging a premises day to do some small jobs around the school like painting, weeding etc on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June. If any parents/carers are able to help please email or stop by the office to let us.

## Reading in EYFS

Thank you to all the parents/Carers of the EYFS children who were able to join us to talk about reading in class and how to support them at home.

We will post information on the website for your to refer to as well as the questions that were asked and the teachers' responses.

We hope the session was useful. Please do talk to your child's teachers if you have any additional questions.



## Pedal Power @ Vallis!

Vallis First School pupils (and staff!) had fun this week with pedal powered equipment in celebration travelling actively to school. Using only the power of their legs they danced at the bubble disco using a pedal powered speaker and bubble machine, made spin-paint pictures and took part in a duck race by pedalling as fast as they could to blow their duck along the water. The fun day was their prize for taking part in the Active Travel Challenge in September and being joint winners with Hayesdown First School by recording the biggest increase in active journeys to school. This means more families walking, cycling and scooting to school or parking further away and walking the rest of the journey. If you'd like to try out the pedal powered equipment for yourself it will be out and about in Frome next week at the Jubilee Celebration on Thursday 2nd June, 2-4pm at the Old Showfield and at the Frome Independent on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June to raise money for [Frome's Missing Links](#).

Emma Parker

Frome Town Council



Milky Way before our Jubilee Party at lunchtime today. Thank you to everyone who came along and have a great half term.

