



Vallis First School Newsletter

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Welcome back to Term 4 - I hope you all had a lovely half-term break. The children have had a busy week with most starting new topics. On Tuesday, EYFS had a family learning event - thank you to all of you who were able to come in. There were some great activities - I think from talking to the children, the pancakes and the fruit smoothies seemed to be the favourite.

Next Tuesday afternoon from 2:15pm, I will be holding an informal Heads Afternoon Tea in the Community Room where everyone is invited to come along for a chat and some refreshments. Please come into school via the main reception, Sue and Jacky will then guide you to where we are if you are unsure.

There is due to be another strike day next Thursday (2nd March) - you should have received a separate email detailing which classes are closed. Please contact reception if you have any questions.

Milky Way class shared some wonderful learning with us in our Friday assembly before half term. We saw their great books that they had created based on the Mousehole Cat and the art work was brilliant. Well done Milky Way for some great learning!

Have a great weekend.

Nick





Whole Science Morning

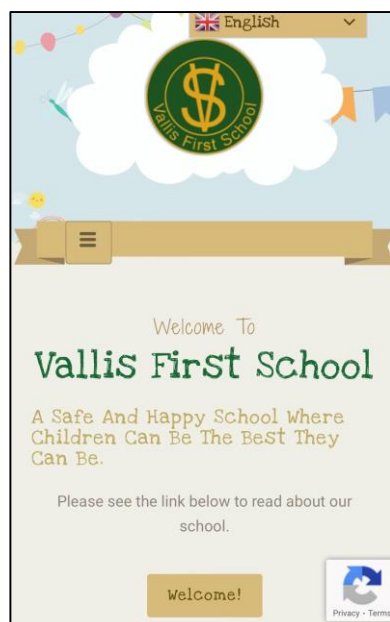
On Tuesday 14th March, the whole school will be taking part in a science morning, where all the children will be doing fun experiments and activities. In previous years, parents/carers who work in STEM roles have also come in to talk to the children or run experiments in the hall. If you would be able to offer any time on the 14th March please email office@vallisfirstschool.org.uk and our science lead, Ali Plumridge, will be in touch.

Green Gang Day

Some of you may know that we regularly hold a Green Gang Day to have a tidy up of our school grounds and facilities with help from volunteer parents and carers who have time to spare. We would like to give the grounds a bit of a freshen up ready for Spring on Friday 10th March. We have a list of areas that need a coat of paint, some weeding and general tidying up of the shrubbery that we would really appreciate some help with. If you can help in the morning, afternoon or for the whole school day, please email office@vallisfirstschool.org.uk. Thanks in advance for your help.

Help – website testers needed!

Those of you who look at the school website regularly might have seen that we now have a tab at the very top which allows you to translate the site into a different language. We would be really grateful if anyone who speaks one of the additional languages on the tab could do a bit of sense testing of the translation. We've decided to use a simple, free translation program initially, but appreciate that at times this can confuse things so if you have a chance to look at the site please do let us know how you get on by popping into or emailing the office.



Vallis @ Winstone Books

Some of our Year 3 and 4 children's books on display at Winstone's Book shop on Cheap Street. We are so proud of their writing and that it will be seen by a real audience. Some of the children took their books up to the town hall, where they also had their photos taken with the mayor. You can also find some examples on display in the town hall if you get the chance to take a wander round town. The children know at which venue they can find it their own work.



Vallis School Choir

Are you a musical person who loves to sing? Would you be interested in helping to run a Vallis First School choir alongside staff? If you are interested and would like to find out more, please contact the office.

Frome Kindness Festival – MoJo Moves Flash Mob on Sunday 5th March

If you are in town for the Independent Market, please stop by and take part – see the poster at the end of the newsletter for more info.

Dates for your Diary

Next Week:

- Tuesday 28th February – Headteacher's Afternoon Tea – 2.15pm in the Community Room
- Wednesday 1st March – SEND Coffee Morning – 9am in the Community Room

Looking Ahead:

- Thursday 9th March – 9.05-9.30am KS1 Information Meeting
- Friday 10th March – Green Gang Day
- Tuesday 14th March – Whole school science morning
- Wednesday 29th & Thursday 30th March – Parents' Evenings
- Friday 31st March - Last day of Spring Term



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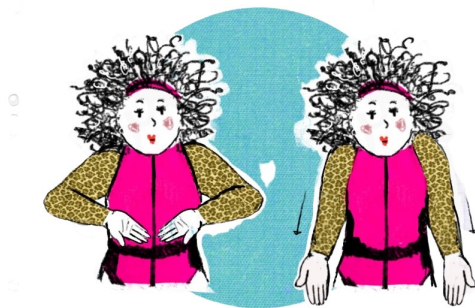
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Somerset Food Champion Training



This practical 2 day course is free to anyone working in the community of Somerset who is interested in making an impact to their local area through food.

This course will help you to expand your cooking knowledge, skills and confidence to share with others in group settings.

Training dates for 2023:

23rd and 24th March - Bridgwater

30th and 31st March - Highbridge

20th and 21st April - Glastonbury

27th and 28th April - Shepton Mallet

4th and 5th May - Taunton

18th and 19th May - Watchet

13th and 14th July - Yeovil

20th and 21st July - Wincanton

7th and 8th September - Wellington

21st and 22nd September - Somerton

Application Information

To apply please head to <https://forms.gle/byY9fL58yvRE7YbT8>
or email If you have any queries: healthierlifestyle@somerset.gov.uk.

We are looking forward to partnering with you – Better Together!

