



Vallis First School Thursday Note

Spring Term - Thursday 23rd January 2020

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Every Monday morning I do a whole school assembly and the themes are wide and varied. I am always keen to welcome visitors to talk to the children and so far this academic year we have had a vet come in and share their experiences and a representative from a dog's for the blind charity. Others are planned for the year ahead but if you would like to come in and share something with the children that you do or have done please let me know e.g. you may have travelled somewhere interesting or unusual; your job role and what it involves; an interest you have or an organisation you work for/with.

Last Monday I talked to the children about some exciting ideas about our school library - watch this space as more details to follow. Next Monday, I will be talking about the importance of reading and sharing a few of my favourite books. If your child has a favourite book, it would be great if they could bring it in to the assembly.

In Celebration assembly last Friday, we celebrated our Star Powerful Learners who were: Genevieve in Sun, Oscar in Moon, Elodie in Jupiter, Flo in Saturn, Ella in Neptune, Quinn in Apollo, Jago in Galaxy, Dylan in Milky Way and Mia in Voyager. Well done all of you.
Nick Firkins, Headteacher

BLACK SWAN YOUNG OPEN 2020

Black Swan Arts in Frome is proud to announce the launch of the **Black Swan Arts Young Open** competition for 2020.

Entries to the 2020 competition will be judged, curated and displayed in one of the region's leading **contemporary art galleries** and, as in previous years, prizes will be awarded in three age-group categories. These unique prizes will be in the form of **creative workshops** with practising and successful artists as well as individual prizes and certificates, to the winners in each category.

So, if you are between 8 and 19 years old, would like the opportunity to have your work exhibited at the **Black Swan Arts** gallery, as well as judged to win a prize, get creating NOW because the deadline for entering your artwork into the competition is **28th February 2020**.

We want to see original artwork in any medium or process that our artists can think of. The more unique the artwork, the better: painting, ceramics, modelling, drawing, inks, photography, video, animation, textiles, collage, linocuts, screen-prints, lithographs, collagraphs, mono-prints, sculpture, waxwork, graphic design, illustration, glass blowing, mosaics, stained glass, metalwork, woodwork, 3D printing and much more! For more information and to enter go to www.blackswanarts.org.uk

Anti-Bullying at Vallis First School: Before Christmas Vallis' Anti-Bullying Ambassadors conducted a survey with KS1 and KS2 children.

We found out that most children know what bullying is, children enjoy making new friends and in class kindness certificates and hearts are given out to recognise kind and friendly behaviour. At the end of term we will have another Anti-Bullying week. This will include ensuring that children know what bullying is. At Vallis our Anti-Bullying weeks focus on promoting positive behaviour and so this term we will also play team building games, children will spend time in class thinking about what words and actions make us happy and sad and children will be encouraged to give each other compliments throughout the week.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 7th February - Disco 3.15 to 4.45pm
Friday 14th February - last day before half term
Monday 24th February - back to school
Monday 16th - Wednesday 18th March - Year 4 Trip to Osmington Bay
Friday 3rd April - last day before Easter Holidays
Monday 20th April - INSET Day
Tuesday 21st April - back to school