



# Vallis First School

## Newsletter

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### Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2022



It's been another busy week for all the staff and children and Vallis! You may have noticed that there is a new storage unit in our top playground – this is going to house all the new equipment and playground games we have bought for the children to enjoy at lunchtimes. The lunchtime council put together a list of games they would like after getting feedback from their classes and soon the children will be able to enjoy playing with a large Connect 4, large dominoes and draughts, skipping ropes, table football, large chess, den building, hopscotch and a quieter area for reading and drawing – this is all in addition to the sports led activities in the court area of the playground. On Monday, I will be leading an assembly with the lunchtime council on how to use the equipment in a respectful and responsible way and they will also be involved in organising the games along with an additional sports coach.

Our Eco Council have been busy too over the last couple of weeks. We will be introducing some new recycling routines to the already existing ones which hopefully will support the efforts we are all doing to reduce our footprint on the planet. We are going to invite some students from Selwood Academy into an assembly next term too to talk about some of the initiatives they are doing.

On Wednesday this week, many of the children took part in a cricket festival run by the Somerset Cricket Foundation. The day started with an assembly where information about how the children can get involved in cricket was given and then during the day, they took part in a range of fun activities led by an experienced cricket coach - they all had a great day and hopefully, it will have inspired some to get involved in the future.

The weather forecast for next week is looking good so I hope all the Year 4s have a fantastic time at Osmington.

Nick





Our Star Powerful Learners this week were:  
Rudy from Sun; all the children from Moon;  
Niah from Jupiter; Oliver from Saturn;  
Mason from Neptune; Shea from Apollo;  
Adam from Galaxy, Ava O from Milky Way  
and Freddie from Mars. Great effort from all  
of you - well done.

### 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> May – 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

### URGENT!

If you have any old magazines for the children to cut  
up please can you send them into school on Monday  
morning May 9th.

Many thanks,

Kirsten Molloy

Assistant Headteacher &  
KS1 Phase Leader



The Frome charity Active and in touch need more volunteers to befriend vulnerable people. Sara Edwards (Neptune's Class teacher) would be happy to talk to anyone who might be interested.

<https://www.activeandintouch.org/>



### VSA Summer Fair

If you are a keen gardener and could contribute or grow some seedlings or cuttings for the Summer Fair, please could you start germinating them now? Our Eco Council and Forest School team are hoping to have a plant stall at the Fair.

### Reminders

- It is the Osmington Bay Trip on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May.
- The Lifebeat Project will take place for Y2, 3 and Y4 children not going on the Osmington Bay trip on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May – please could children come to school in sports clothes or their PE kit.
- The Book Fair is here until Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May from 3pm in the School Hall.

