



Vallis First School Newsletter

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The children have started to really engage with their topics for this term. I have been really impressed with the KS2 children this week and their enthusiasm and knowledge about Odysseus and the Greeks - I have seen some well-written playscripts which have been based on facts from the story. KS1 children have been talking to me about the moon and they are full of facts and information - they will be going on to learn about explorers. In EYFS, they are focusing on the great outdoors and some of the children have been telling me about Spring and why they like this time of year.

Next Tuesday, Jenna Herman will be visiting us in school to share with the children her books and love of reading. Jenna, who is also a parent, is part of a duo who write lovely books and do creative projects - read all about her on their website: <https://www.doodlesandscribbles.co.uk/aboutus>. There will be an opportunity to buy her signed books - see information elsewhere in the newsletter.

Last Friday, Galaxy class shared their learning with the school. It was lovely to see how they had used drama to help understand the ideas of solids, liquids and gasses. The children also sang some songs accompanied by Mr Summers which all sounded great. Thank you Galaxy class and well done to all of you.

Enjoy your weekend.

Nick



Frome Kindness Festival

Don't forget that the Frome Kindness Festival starts this weekend with the Treat People With Kindness flash mob at The Independent Market. There are 3 flash mobs planned:

- 11am at the market stage in front of Oxfam,
- 12 noon at the village Green disco and
- 1pm on Paul Street opposite "Moo & Two" cafe.

There is also a Swap Not Shop event on Thursday 9th March – see the poster at the end of this newsletter.

We are Family

One of our lovely parents, Jenna Herman, is coming in to the school during the Kindness Festival to read her story *We are Family*, which is all about family diversity in the animal kingdom.

If you would like to purchase a signed copy of her book, at a discounted price of £8, please email or pop into the office by Friday 10th March and we will organise this for you.



Severe Weather Tree

Despite the fact we are now in Spring, we thought it might be worth a quick reminder of this year's snow tree. Should we have any inclement weather that may close the school, we will make a decision by 7:30am and post on our website, the Somerset County Council school closures page and will send texts and emails to all parents/carers as soon as possible. If you are still unsure, after 7:30am you may also contact the following people:

- EYFS – Finola Bevan on 07813 633656
- Year 1 – Kirsty Chapman on 07919 096293
- Year 2 – Merry Russ on 07801 336746
- Year 3 – Claire Beale on 07870 795786
- Year 4 – Helen Loughlin on 07740 463973

World Book Day

We are celebrating World Book Day on Friday 10th March. As a slightly different way of celebrating, we are inviting any Grandparents/Grandcarers to come in and read to the children throughout the morning. Anyone wishing to take part should come to the school hall, via the main Office entrance for 9am on Friday. Children from across the school will then come down at intervals between 9 and 11am to read in groups.

Grandparents/Grandcarers will get the chance to read with their own grandchild as well as many others.

Green Gang Day

Unfortunately we had no volunteers to help with the Green Gang day planned for 10th March so this has now been cancelled.

Frome 1st & 7th Scout Group – new recruits needed!

The 1st and 7th Frome Scout Group are looking for new Beavers (6 to 8 year olds) and new Cubs (8 to 10 year olds). For more details see the poster at the end of the newsletter

Coronation Fundraising

Children will be bringing a sheet home this week on which they can design their own mug or tea towel to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III. If your child/family would like to take part, please bring the completed form with the design on the reverse back to the office by 24th March. The school will get a percentage of the money raised from any purchases.



Dates for your Diary

Next Week:

- Thursday 9th March – 9.05-9.30am KS1 Information Meeting
- Friday 10th March – Green Gang Day - CANCELLED

Looking Ahead:

- Tuesday 14th March – Whole school science morning
- Wednesday 29th & Thursday 30th March – Parents' Evenings
- Friday 31st March - Last day of Spring Term