



Vallis First School Newsletter

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This week has been the Frome Kindness week and along with the many activities that have been going on across the town, the children have also participated in some in school. I have seen and heard some lovely things during the week.

Snow days and deciding whether to close the school or not are always tricky as there are many things to consider. We need to ensure the site is safe; that staff are able to get in so we can safely staff the school for the day (many do not live locally); that the school kitchens are open in the Middle School where we have meals delivered from... We have not in the past generally sent an email out to confirm we are open, only if the school is closed. In the future, if you don't hear otherwise, please always assume the school is open as usual. If we are going to be closed or open later, we will try to make the decision as early as possible and we will always send a text and notify Somerset Council - they then notify local radio stations and the closure will appear on their school closure web site. Please always update the office if you change mobile numbers.

Last Friday, Mars class celebrated their learning with us. They are learning about the Greeks this term through the story of Odysseus and we were treated to a short play of the story - this was linked to their writing in English where they have been looking at playscripts. They also showed us their linguistic skills with some French. Thank you Mars class for a lovely assembly.

Have a lovely weekend.

Nick



Competition Winner

Congratulations to Mabel from Voyager class who has won Highly Commended at the Black Swan Arts Young Open Art competition for her piece 'Rainbow Jungle'. Her artwork looks amazing; Mabel's work along with lots of others can be seen at the exhibition at Black Swan Arts until 16 April so go along and have a look if you haven't had a chance.



We are Family

Hopefully your child/ren will have told you how much they enjoyed the visit from Jenna Herman who read her book, We are Family, as part of Frome Kindness Festival. 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 Monday morning and we will organise this for you.



Dates for your Diary

Next Week:

- Tuesday 14th March – Whole school science morning

Looking Ahead:

- Wednesday 29th & Thursday 30th March – Parents' Evenings
- Friday 31st March - Last day of Spring Term

REMINDERS

- Parents evening – please return your slip indicating which times you are available for parent's evening as soon as possible if you haven't already.
- Year 4 Residential Trip – please ensure we have the completed medical form and any outstanding payments for the Osmington Bay Trip by 24th March.

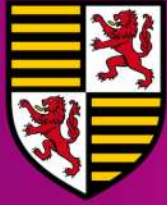
World Book Day

Thank you so much to all the Grandparents/Grandcarers who came in this morning to help us celebrate World Book Day. It was such a lovely morning and all the children really enjoyed themselves – we hope the Grandparents did too! It was absolutely fantastic to be able to welcome you all into the school.

We are always looking for volunteers to come in and hear readers for short periods each week – if anyone is interested please pop into the office or email office@vallisfirstschool.org.uk.

In the meantime, here are some pictures of the morning...





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Warminster School

WARMINSTER WORKSHOPS

We have been thrilled with the response to and interest in our curriculum enrichment outreach sessions. All our sessions have sold out, and have therefore added another 'Young Composers' music session for those interested in music, taking place on 13th May.

Our workshops are aimed at pupils in Years 3 and 4 and take place on Saturday mornings at Warminster Prep. All sessions are fun, interactive and with a focus on a variety of subjects including Art, Drama, Music, Science or Sport – if any of your pupils/families might be interested please do forward the information. Your school will have first refusal before it is then listed on our social media channels.

This workshop is free and can be booked directly by parents using this link:

<https://www.trybooking.co.uk/BZQG>

Best wishes,

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