



WEST VALE ACADEMY



June 2021

Message from Mrs Gardiner

Well we are in the final half term of the year. It has been very challenging times and we are incredibly proud of how the whole school community have worked together. Numbers are still increasing in Calderdale and we all need to be vigilant in the fight against Covid. Please do keep your child off school and get a PCR test if they display any symptoms. We do not want to send children home and rely on parents and carers to put all precautions in place. Please remain 2 meters away from each other at collection and drop off and wear a face covering. Once again consider parking, ensure you park away from school and walk towards the gates. The Police have asked for any persistent offenders registration plates so they can make a house call to educate them on safe parking. Please pass these onto the school office if you see people parking irresponsibly near school. Some children are arriving late for school so do ensure that you allow plenty of time for your journey. We have an exciting term ahead of us and let's hope the sun is here for the summer.

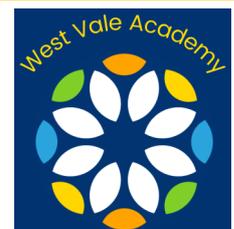
Eco Warriors are back!



We have been overwhelmed with how many children wanted to be part of our Eco Warriors team this time. It's great to know that our children have high values and care about the environment around us. Our team comprises of one representative elected from each class in Years 1 – 5 and two representatives in Year 6. The team have met up and have produced a reward system where each class will try and earn as many points for undertaking tasks that will help make the school eco-friendly, for example, making sure the smartboard is switched off, lights are off in the classroom when no one is in and only paper and card are in the recycling bins. The class with the most points at the end of the week will receive a class marble that will help them to reach their goal of having a class treat. Every project undertaken at school takes environmental consequences into consideration as we try to minimize the impact on our environment.

School Uniform—Logo update

From September the logo on our school uniform is to change to the new school logo. Any uniform ordered now via School Trends online will have the new logo. Please place School Trends orders for September asap to ensure items are received in time for the new school year as they are extremely busy. Very soon Shaw Hardcastle in Halifax will also have our uniform in stock with the new logo and you will also be able to order from them online. We will advise when this is up and running.



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Class 1



Class 1 worked fantastically last half term. The Year 1 children wrote their own version of “The Three Little Pigs” and edited the characters in the story. The reception children also wrote sentences about the story too. It is lovely to see how independent the children are becoming. The Year 1 children did some fantastic coding on the chrome-books and are all becoming more confident using them. Well done Class 1; keep up the brilliant work.

Class 2



In Class 2 the children have been very busy. In Maths the Year 2 children have been learning to tell the time. In PE, the children have been practicing their ball skills and have had great fun using the new goal nets ⚽ In Science, they have been learning about plants. Can they tell you what they have learnt?



Class 3



Recently in English, Class 3 have been looking at poetry. They studied poets such as Michael Rosen and analysed his performance techniques such as reciting it off by heart, actions, facial expressions and using volume and tone. They had great fun performing their poems! Here are some of our performances in progress. Class 3 have also been completing dance as part of PE. They had weekly sessions practising expressive dance while learning routines as well as choreographing sections themselves.



Class 4



Class 4 have really enjoyed learning all about the Romans. They have had a go at building their own aqueducts, learnt all about Hadrian's wall and researched different forms of Roman entertainment. They also learnt about why the Roman army were so successful in battle and had a go at designing and making their own Roman shields and came up with their own Roman motto. Class 4 have loved learning about why the Romans were so powerful.



Class 5



Over the last few weeks, Class 5 have been very busy investigating what happened when Phillippe Petit, an aerialist, walked on a wire between the Twin Towers. They practised interviewing bystanders and created a newspaper article to share all of the key information. They have also started dance sessions, which are inspired by our current Geography topic - South America. We are all very excited to see the completed dance routines!



Class 6



In year six the children have really enjoyed using their historical enquiry skills and pretending to be archaeologists in their new history topic. They have also had the first visit from the teachers at Brooksbank School. The children thoroughly enjoyed asking questions and seeing the faces of some of the adults that they will be with in year 7. As the residential visit to Robinwood draws closer (only a few weeks to go) Class 6 are also getting very excited about spending the weekend away. Well done class 6.

Need Support? - Numbers you may find useful

Women's Domestic Violence – 0808 2000 247 Men's Domestic Violence Helpline - 0808 801 0327 Childline - 0800 1111
NSPCC 24 hour free phone service - 0808 800 5000 Police (if not urgent)- 101 Women's refuge – 0845 155 1485
Social Services – 01422 393336

Safeguarding Children—If you are ever concerned about any child please speak to Mrs Gardiner or Mrs Lawrence