



Message from Mr Pawson

Dear Parents & Carers,

In starting this newsletter I would first like to take the opportunity on behalf of the West Vale Community, to express how saddened we all are to hear about the recent arson attack on Ash Green School. We send our love and support to the Ash Green School community and our PFA have kindly agreed to donate half of the funds generated from the forthcoming Valentine's Disco, to help the Ash Green recovery programme.

In more positive news, it's been a very busy week here at West Vale, kick-starting with National Storytelling Week and ending with NSPCC Number Day. The children have enjoyed a variety of stories read by staff from across the Great Heights Academy Trust schools and had great fun today participating in a range of creative number related activities. This included; Treasure Hunt, Musical Numbers, Measuring Mayhem, Maze Adventures, Battle of the Robots, Fractions Frenzy and Baking. Thank you to Miss Ingham for co-ordinating a super day!



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Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 8th Feb	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 10th Feb	Money Workshops (Classes 1 & 2)
Friday 11th Feb	PFA Valentine's Disco
Monday 14th Feb	Artworks KS2 Mural
Friday 18th Feb	Break up for half term
Monday 28th Feb	Back to school



Don't forget!
Tickets are still available for the Valentine's Disco



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Class 1



This week the Animal Club Company visited Class One. The children observed a range of animals such as Bearded Dragons, Chilean Rose Tarantulas and Royal Pythons. They discovered what the animals eat, how long they typically live and if they have exoskeletons or endoskeletons.



Class 2

In Class 2 the children have started their unit of work on poetry. The children listened to and wrote their own poems about elephants. We have also started listening to poems by Michael Rosen which the children have absolutely loved 😊🌟 Keep working hard Class 2



Class 3

The children in Class 3 have really enjoyed studying artists who create insect art and creating their own in our Art lessons. They have drawn their own observational drawings, used oil pastels to focus on the detail in a snapshot and used newspaper and papier-mâché to create their own insect sculptures. In English, they have been learning how to use inverted commas and they have used practical resources to support them with this. Well done Class 3!



Class 4

The children in Class 4 have been very busy learning all about rivers in Geography. They had a special visit from Yorkshire Water, who came to explain all about how we clean and use water. Class 4 have learnt about the role of the water cycle and created their own versions in school. They have also learnt about the different features of a river and created some models, which identify the key features. They also used their science knowledge of the water cycle, and identified the role that rivers play in this cycle. Well done for being super Geographers, Class 4!



Class 5

Class 5 had an amazing time at the Boiler House over the last few weeks. They challenged themselves and zipped, leaped, climbed and caved. They worked as an amazingly supportive team and encouraged and cheered their fellow classmates to literally greater and greater heights! Mr Baker was super proud of them.

Meanwhile back at school, we have been celebrating National Storytelling Week. We have also been studying the tragic poem 'The Lady of Shalott', and we

have begun a new topic, titled 'Can we survive a natural disaster?'. Exciting times in Class 5!



Class 6

Year 6 have enjoyed taking part in the Artists workshop and visit from Michael Powell. They've also enjoyed creating the base of their Egyptian Death Masks.

In English they have been writing excellent diary entries as Macbeth and impressive persuasive speeches as Lady Macbeth. In Maths the class have started their new Algebra topic with enthusiasm.



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 Mr Pawson or Mrs Scott