



Message from Mr Pawson

- ◆ What a busy half term it has been so far! Since returning, our children have taken part in a multitude of learning experiences including World Book Day, Number Day and Red Nose Day whilst also welcoming a range of visitors into school including Musicians, Construction workers, Poets and Artists! Classes 4, 5 and 6 have enjoyed participating in Bush Craft activities in P.E and Class 4 became Scientists for the day at the National Media Museum.
- ◆ It has also been fantastic to see that many children have accessed our wide range of after school clubs and the feedback from the children has been extremely positive.
- ◆ Thank you to those of you who contributed to our new school values, the input from parents, staff and children has been combined and we will shortly be sharing our new school vision and values with the whole school community!
- ◆ We have continued our refresh in school. Following the decorating of our communal spaces in February half term, we will continue with our plans by decorating more areas of school in the Easter holidays.
- ◆ We have welcomed Mrs Nichola Broadbent into the school office. She has quickly become part of the West Vale Team and has been instrumental in helping us to switch to our new Management Information System.
- ◆ Whilst we have been enjoying ourselves in school, we are of course still conscious of the plight of the Ukrainian people. Many children in our school community have found the events quite upsetting and worrying. As a school, we have responded on an individual and class basis where issues have been raised or worries shared and where children need to talk about the War. We will look to support local efforts in the future when Ukrainian Nationals begin arriving in the UK.
- ◆ We hope you found parents evening to be a positive and informative experience. It was lovely to welcome you all into the building after such a long time away.



Thanks to our wonderful PFA for organising our Mother's Day shop and to all of you who supported it by purchasing gifts. We raised £151.14



We raised £184 from buying noses, wearing red and telling jokes. Well done Mrs Clarke and the School Council for organising such a brilliant event.



THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to our ever-supportive neighbours at Sheard Packaging who have funded 3 "Parking Buddies" who have already made their debut appearance outside.

Thank you for your commitment to helping us keep our children safe on the way to and from school.



Dates for your Diary

Weds 6th April	PFA Design an Easter Egg comp closes. Last day for raffle tickets to be entered into the PFA hamper draw.
Fri 8th April	Raffle tickets drawn for PFA hamper and "Design an Easter Egg" winners announced.
Fri 8th April	Break up for Easter
Mon 25th April	Return to School
Mon 2nd May	May Bank Holiday
Thurs 5th May	Polling Day (school closed to children)
Mon 9th May	SATS week for Year 6 children
Fri 27th May	Break up for half term

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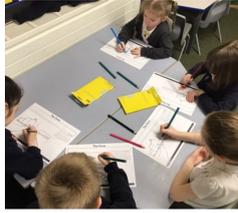
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Class 1



Class 1 have had a busy half term. The children started their new art topic based on the artist Miro who based some of his paintings on real life images. The children chose different items and drew them in the

style of Miro. In P.E, Class 1 have been learning and practising the skill of dribbling; both to a partner and around cones. They then became defenders and then attackers to try and score and defend goals against each other. They did a fantastic job.



Class 2

In Class 2, the children have been busy designing and making their own felt pouch. After their initial design, the children learned to thread their needle, tie a knot in their thread and then practised and perfected a running stitch to use in their creation. The children all tried really hard and thoroughly enjoyed the sewing. Keep your eyes peeled on Seesaw for their final products.



Class 3



In Class 3 the children have started their unit of work on textiles. The children started the process by designing their own cushions taking into consideration the purpose and audience. After creating their designs, they practised a range of stitches as well as reverse applique. They have begun to bring their designs to life ensuring that they match their original designs. They are thoroughly enjoying this unit
Well done Class 3



Class 4

Class 4 have been having lots of fun in their Science lessons over the past few weeks. They have learnt all about sound: how we hear, how to manipulate sound and the different mediums it can travel through. They have created their own box guitars and changed different elements, including the size of the strings the size of the box and how they use the instrument to impact on pitch and volume. Class 4 also enjoyed their trip to the National Science and Media Museum to take part in exciting sound workshops, visit the "Wonderlab" and learn about how sound is used in the movies.



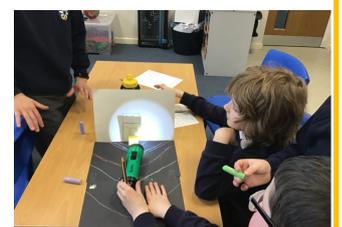
Class 5



Class 5 have thoroughly enjoyed their Bushcraft sessions in P.E. They particularly enjoyed making bows and arrows out of the resources they found in the woods and have shown teamwork, resilience and problem solving skills in all sessions. In music they have continued to learn how to play the glockenspiel along to hip-hop track and sing The Fresh Prince of Bel Air.

Class 6

In Class 6, we have been learning about Light in Science. We have been investigating how light is reflected and refracted and discovered how we can see. In R.E we learnt about how Jews remember Kings and Prophets. As part of our topic we learnt about the different festivals Jews celebrate. Whilst finding out about Purim, we made some traditional biscuits known as Hamantaschen.



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