

27th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We had another great week in school last week and I saw some fantastic learning across all year groups. This year classes have been named after an inspirational person and it has been great to see the work that has been created displayed on classroom doors and corridor displays. If you don't already, follow us on Facebook to have a look at some examples. Here are some updates for the week ahead.

Robinwood

Our Year 6 children had an amazing time at Robinwood last week and made memories that will last a lifetime. Myself and the staff team were extremely impressed with how all the children worked together, supported one another and showed lots of resilience during the activities. The children were fantastically behaved and were excellent role models for West Vale Academy. A big thank you to all of our fantastic Year 6 children and our Robinwood 2022 staff team who made the adventure possible.

Harvest

The harvest season is fast approaching and we will be celebrating this in school by having harvest themed assemblies week commencing 3rd October. During the week, a visitor from Calderdale Smart Move will be coming to talk to the children about how harvest donations are used to help and support families across Calderdale. Smart Move is a fantastic charity that support homeless and vulnerable families across Calderdale and help by providing food and supplies to those who need it. To support this cause, we are inviting families bring any tins or packet food into school on Friday 7th October. Any donations will be very much appreciated by this very worthy cause.

Celebration assemblies

Every week in school we hold a celebration assembly to acknowledge and reward the excellent achievements of the week. There are awards to celebrate a range of achievements including sports, reading, Maths and even one for the tidiest classroom. Well done to Luther- King class who won the award this week! We also award a 'Star of the Week' for each class and this award acknowledges a child who has demonstrated excellence all week and has been a brilliant role model, upholding our school values throughout the week. For this award we would like start inviting the chosen star's parents/ carers into school for the assembly to acknowledge this brilliant achievement with us. The class star's parents will be contacted by the class teacher via Seesaw on a Wednesday and invited to our celebration assembly on a Friday at 2.45pm. We ask that only one parent/ carer attends per child, due to limited space in the school hall. The children do not know who the star is until it is announced in assembly and we want to still keep this a surprise for them. Invitation messages will be sent out from this Wednesday for Friday's assembly.

Sending my very best wishes

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