

7th October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a busy week with different visitors in school. I was incredibly proud of how well the children listened and their thoughtful questions. All of our visitors praised the children's behaviour and focus. One even commented that we were 'the best behaved school' she'd presented to. Well done West Vale!

Phunky Foods

Our Year 5 children were visited by the team from Phunky foods and new ambassadors were chosen. The role of a Phunky Foods ambassador is to help the children of West Vale stay healthy and keep active. The ambassadors delivered a fantastic, informative assembly and I was incredibly proud of the children's confidence standing and delivering this in front of their peers.

Samba

As part of the music curriculum, the children have taken part in a Samba Music Workshop led by Lester Noel (formally part of the band Beats International) from Calderdale Music. The children were taught how to play the agogo bells, shakers, tamborims and surdos. After, the children played 'We Will Rock You' on the instruments. They were super!

Calderdale Smart Move

Two member of the team from Calderdale Smart Move came into school to talk to the children about how harvest donations are used to help and support families across Calderdale. We wanted to say a huge thank you to the families who have supported this cause by donating tins/ packet food. These donations are very much appreciated by this very worthy cause.

Head Boy/Head Girl and House Captains.

It has been an absolute joy watching the different videos created by the children as part of their applications to become Head Boy/Head Girl or House Captains. The children were very eloquent in explaining why they would be suitable for the role and I am sure it will be a tough decision to pick between them. Each class will be watching the children's videos and then voting for who they would like to elect for the role. These elections will also support the children with their understanding of the British value of 'Democracy'. We will be congratulating those elected in our weekly update next week.

Warm wishes (especially as this weather turns colder)

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