



# A Royal Celebration

What a truly Royal half term we have had! We have had a brilliant half term and one of the highlights was our celebration for the Coronation of King Charles III. To mark the momentous occasion, the children prepared for the event by making their very own regal crown. A special thank you to Sheard Packaging who supplied some amazing cardboard crowns for the children to decorate. We then celebrated in style with a Royal picnic fit for a King, with a special Coronation cake to finish off. Children enjoyed garden games on the playground and it was enjoyed by all! We also joined in with 'Children in Need's Royally Big Portrait' competition- thank you to everyone who took part. Finally, to support King Charles III dedication towards nature our very own West Vale nature club planted seeds in the planters around the playground and we can't wait to watch them grow!





## Curriculum news

What an exciting curriculum we have at West Vale! This half term we have been blown away with the children's knowledge in the foundation subjects and the high quality work that we have seen across the curriculum. An external reviewer visited school and he commented that the work across the curriculum was 'impressive', which we were really pleased with!

In Donaldson this half term, the children went on a school trip to 'Eureka'. The trip was linked to their 'All about me' unit that they learnt about earlier in the year. The children explored the museum and found out all about their bodies and they even got to go inside a giant mouth!

Attenborough class have been busy learning about plants in their Science topic. Our children have had the opportunity to label a real plant as well as looking at different vegetables and sorting the parts that are edible.

Seacole class have explored the digital world during their computing day by focusing on the program Scratch to produce time tables challenge quizzes for other members of the class.

During Design and Technology, our Year 6 children have designed and made playgrounds. This was a difficult challenge as the children had to build structures for parts of their playgrounds. There were some amazing designs. Grace blew Miss Vincent away with her monkey bars! Year 6 have also been focusing on the text 'The Arrival' and created some amazing origami birds with farewell notes written on them.

Ennis- Hill class visited the 'Science and Media Museum' in Bradford. The trip was linked to their Science topic of 'Astronomy'. Miss Binns was blown away with the children's amazing behavior and said that they were a credit to West Vale Academy- well done Ennis- Hill.

Finally, a huge well done to our fantastic Year 6 children who showed our school value of resilience throughout SATS week. Some of the tests were challenging and our children were exemplary the whole week – determined to succeed, positive and focused until the end of each test. Well done Year 6!



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## Outdoor learning

At West Vale we are proud of our outdoor learning offer. During the half term Seacole class have impressed us week on week with their team work and resilience skills during their forest school sessions. Mr Garland their instructor has commented on the fantastic progress that they are making with their sessions! Well done Seacole class. Mrs Midgley has also been working very hard with nature club in order to get the secret garden and playground planters ready for the summer season. Our children have been hard at work weeding and planting and we can't wait to see their work grow!



We have been extremely lucky to have had some amazing drone photographs taken of our beautiful Academy. The architecture of the building is magnificent and truly showcases our Halifax heritage. Look out for these shots in our 2023- 2024 Academy Prospectus!



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## We are Scientists!



Our half termly green time reward had a scientific focus and was one not to be missed. In every class lots of experiments and scientific inventions were taking place such as create slime, lava lamps, bubbles, volcanoes and many more!! The children had a fantastic afternoon and I think Mrs Midgley and Miss Taylor looked like they were having a great time too! Well done to all our green superstars!



## Movie night extravaganza

A huge thank you to our amazing PFA who organised a fantastic movie night for our children. The children enjoyed spending the day in their pyjamas and watching a film with their friends and a treat of popcorn, crisps and a drink. The night was a huge success so a big thank you to all the PFA volunteers and staff who made it possible. We can't wait for the Father's Day shop next half term.

## Upcoming events

This half term we have got our Father's Day breakfast, parent Art morning and Sports day to look forward to. Not to mention our Year 6 show. What another busy but exciting half term we have coming up!



