



# West Vale Academy News

## Spring is in the air

Wow what an amazing spring term we have had! Despite it only being a 10 week term we have certainly managed to squeeze a lot into spring term 2024! It began with our memorable Young Voices experience and ended with our annual Easter bonnet parade – with many memorable moments in-between. In Attenborough, the children made rockets and wrote instructions about how to make them based on their class text 'Whatever Next'. Hawking class have loved their French lessons this term and have worked hard to learn how to say a range of animals and say what their favourite animal is. Well done Hawking class! In Ennis- Hill, the children loved their History themed trip to Chester to experience being a Roman for the day. They have also wowed us with their amazing art work based on the painting 'The Scream' by Edward Munch. Luther-King class continued our aspirations theme by visit our community neighbours at 'Sheards Packaging'. The children had a wonderful experience of industry life and got to take home some cardboard cut outs of what they made! A memorable day for all!







# West Vale Wellbeing Ambassadors



During the Spring term we were lucky to have the opportunity to work with Calderdale's Mentally Healthy School's Team to train a group of our KS2 children as wellbeing ambassadors. The children spent two afternoons completing their training and will be working with Mrs Burgin to promote the importance of wellbeing through school. The children have already had their first meeting and we have got an assembly planned for the summer term to introduce their role to the rest of the children and share some of their ideas. We can't wait to update you on their successes!

## Leading the way with DT creations



We are extremely proud of our DT curriculum at West Vale. The children love their DT lessons and create some fantastic outcomes! Here are just a few of the creations from the spring term!





### Sporting Superstars



We've been non-stop sport this term, despite some very wet (and sometimes snowy!) weather. We loved having Halifax Town visit school and share their journey to Wembley and show their trophy. We have also had children from West Vale represent school at several sporting events, including boccia, football, new age kurling and the inclusive panathlon event. We are extremely proud that the children came 3<sup>rd</sup> place in both the kurling and panathlon events. We can't wait for more competitions this term!

### World Book Day

As ever, World Book Day was a roaring success. This year we invited children to come as their favourite word and there were some amazing costumes! We held our second book fair of the year and we loved seeing so many families purchasing books to support a love of reading at home. On World Book Day the children also enjoyed a book themed assemblies where our staff shared their favourite books. Finally, the children enjoyed celebrating the day by completing some story based activities in their classes.







# Family Fun

Wow, what a busy term it has been with parent events! Families had so much fun at our Easter family craft sessions. It was wonderful to see so many parents in school, enjoying these activities with their children. The children were thrilled with their Easter creations! This half term we have also enjoyed Ennis- Hill's curriculum showcase event. The children talked through their learning throughout the half term and shared with parents and carers everything that they had learnt. It was definitely worth the wait even though the first date was snowed off! We have also welcomed families to our Mother's Day breakfasts where family members were invited into school to enjoy a tasty breakfast whilst enjoying playing games with their child. If you have not seen our parent event calendar for the year please go on our school access to find dates of these events:

<https://www.westvaleacademy.org.uk/parent-events/>



# Easter Extravaganza!



Our annual Easter bonnet competition was a huge success. There were some fabulous entries and the children loved showing off their creations in our annual Easter bonnet parade! You can see by the huge smiles that fun was had by all. Choosing winners was tougher than ever for our PTFA members –what an incredible array of bonnets there were. We were blown away! A huge thank you to the PTFA for organising 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place prizes for the winners to enjoy!



# Comic Relief's Red Nose Day



We got into the spirit on Red Nose Day with many children coming into school dressed in red. There were some amazing outfits that we shared during assembly. During assembly we also watched a video to show how Red Nose Day donations support people around the world. We held a joke competition where children got to tell their favourite joke and the winner was chosen by our school council. We finished the day off with a bake sale and the children loved buying a tasty treat to support Comic Relief. We raised a fantastic £130.60! What a brilliant day!

## Important dates

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April

- Start of summer term

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April

- Year 6 SATS information session

W/C 13<sup>th</sup> May

- KS2 SATS

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May

- Attenborough Curriculum Showcase

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May

- Close for Spring Bank

Have a look on our school website for all the term dates for academic year 2023- 2024 and 2024- 2025

<https://www.westvaleacademy.org.uk/diary-news/>



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