



Villiers Primary School Newsletter Spring 1



Upcoming Dates

Monday 19th February
Term Starts

Extra Curricular clubs to restart

Wednesday 21st February
International Mother Language Day - Non - School Uniform

Tuesday 27th February
KS2 Science Workshop

Thursday 7th March
World Book Day - Non-School Uniform

Friday 15th March
Red Nose Day - Non -School Uniform

Friday 22nd March
Easter Service at St Leonard's Church
Break up (early finish)



Work Hard. Be Kind.

Safer Internet Day

Thank you to all of the children, staff and parents for getting involved with #SaferInternetDay which was held on Tuesday 6th February. The whole school considered aspects of online safety and the positive use of technology.

Across the school we shared online safety stories and scenarios, looked at how we maintain privacy online and shared ideas about what we would like the government and internet companies to do to improve the use of the internet.



Numbers Day



NSPCC Number Day is celebrated annually in February. It is a special day dedicated to raising funds for the NSPCC while having fun with numbers. During the day children had the opportunity to complete a range of number based activities involving different areas of maths.

Chinese New Year

During this half term we have had some really exciting days, one of which was Chinese New Year. As a school, we celebrated this festival by taking part in some creative tasks surrounding this year's animal—the year of the dragon. We all learnt about the festival, the importance of its celebration and the story behind it.

Year 5 also dedicated a lot of time over the last few weeks to practising for their Chinese New Year Assembly. We would like to say a huge thank you to all who attended.

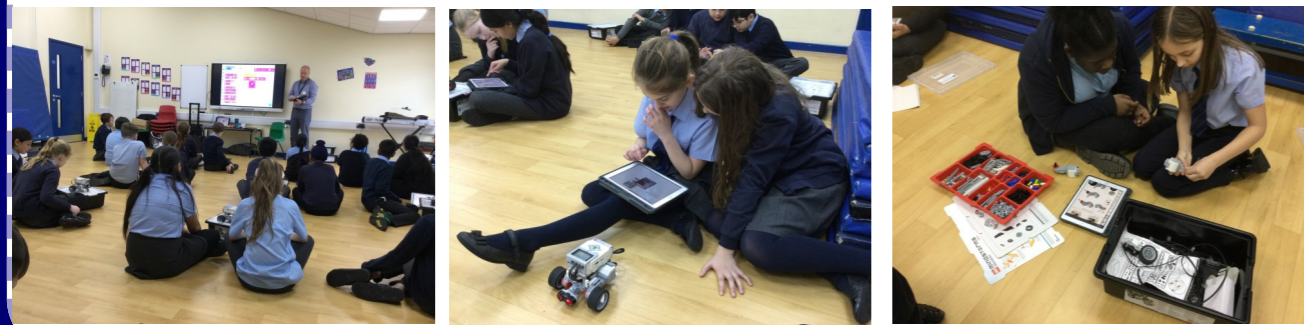


Animal Lady

On Friday 2nd February, we were all very excited to be visited by the animal lady. They brought lots of interesting animals for us to see including **an owl, gecko and two snakes!** Children were also able to touch some of the animals if they were feeling brave enough and enjoyed getting close to the animals and asked lots of questions.

Year 6 Robotics Workshop

Year 6 were immersed in the world of robotics today, as we welcomed Mr Ashton from Engagedu, exploring different ways of programming the EV3. The children were fantastic at recalling their knowledge of block coding and debugging to get the robots moving, repeating and sensing. We are looking forward to using our experience in our writing lessons over the next couple weeks. Well done Year 6!



Art Week

From 4th-9th February this year, Villiers held its much anticipated annual Art Week. The focus this year was Contemporary sculptors, to continue the wonderful work the children began last year. The aim of the week was to educate the children on Contemporary artists, broaden their idea of what art can be and encourage all pupils to see themselves as sculptors!

The children spent the week studying diverse and important contemporary women sculptors including Rachel Whitread, Michelle Reader, Barbara Hepworth and Rana Begum, using their artwork to inspire them to design and make. A great time was had by all and you will see a sample of the excellent work displayed around school in the coming weeks.



Sports Update

Since the start of the Spring Term, we have seen a huge amount of sporting activities taking place with pupils from across the school representing Villiers.

The resumption of both the mixed and girls football teams' seasons saw some great performances in the league. Our girls team continued their impressive form to make it 3 wins from 3 in the league by beating Stowhealth Primary School 2-1 in a nail-biting game. Also, our mixed football team continued their 100% start with a stunning 4-1 victory against Fallings Park. Super performance all!

In addition, our girls football team competed at The Premier League Girls Football Tournament with a chance to represent Wolverhampton Wanderers nationally and regionally. Against 30 schools, they did amazingly well with some exceptional performances. Well done all! Also, some pupils represented Villiers at Aldersley in a SEN football competition, where they won three, drew three and lost one. Great work!

In other news, our year 2 pupils participated in a multi-skills competition where they represented their school very well by completing a range of fundamental skills through a variety of activities in a competitive environment. Some of our year 6 girls participated in a dance festival and workshop at The Royal School: first of all showcasing their dance, before then working collaboratively with other schools. Finally, our boys and girls cross country team represented in the relay at Fordhouses Cricket Club. Given this last event has happened after we have collated our sports update, we will bring you an update on the results of the cross-country team in the next edition.

Attendance

We are responsible for every aspect of an Ofsted inspection but we cannot control the attendance of your children, which is a major part of the final judgement, so your support is greatly appreciated.

