



Villiers Primary School Newsletter Spring 2



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Science Week

On the 14th March, we took part in National Science Week. All classes undertook 3 different full investigations, focusing on different enquiry types. All our children really enjoyed Science Week and it was clearly a huge success. During the week, we had our first 'Dress as a Scientist Day'. We had a live Science Week assembly, with all the schools from Shine Academies. We got to share all the amazing work completed by our children. Many of our children represented their houses in our Trust House Science Quiz. We also held a Science Project Competition for all children to enter across the school. We were extremely impressed with all the hard work that went into completing these projects at home.

World Autism Acceptance Week

Last week, we celebrated World Autism Acceptance Week. The children discussed how we can be inclusive of people with autism .



This year the National Autistic Society celebrates its 60th anniversary. We have come a long way and today almost everyone has heard of autism. At Villiers, we have been developing our empathy towards people with autism and developing our understanding of what it is like to be autistic. Our children have worked hard to create over 600 pieces of art which will be displayed in our school showing our support of Autism Acceptance.

International Mother Language Day

On Thursday 10th March, we celebrated International Mother Language Day. The aim of the day is to raise awareness of languages, cultural diversity and multilingualism around the world. Children and staff came to school dressed in traditional clothing to celebrate their culture. We enjoyed seeing all of the colourful clothing and loved learning about the different languages and cultures that we have in our school. As part of the day, Mrs Edwards and Mrs Rainey transformed the New Hall in to a French café. All KS2 children visited the café where they had the opportunity to read, write and speak in French in a real life setting. We finished off the day with a delicious croissant that was enjoyed by all, even the teachers. We look forward to celebrating again next year.

Maths Challenge

Four pupils from Year 5 were given an opportunity to go to Wolverhampton Girls High School to go and compete at the Year 5 Maths Challenge. The four pupils competed against schools all across the local area. During the afternoon, the pupils were in pairs and had to complete a variety of problem solving activities which included working with dice, pentominoes, playing cards, dominoes, tangrams and broken calculators. The pupils had to complete the mathematical tasks against the clock, gaining points for being the quickest to complete each task. Both our teams did a superb job and really enjoyed the afternoon with everyone receiving a challenge certificate and pack for solving all the problems. Excellent work Jaskaran, Shaan, Olivia and Priya. Well Done!



Sports Update

It has been a busy term of sporting competition and events.

Our Year 2 Multiskills team performed brilliantly at Alderley Arena after qualifying through to the City Finals. They clinched top spot with confidence and will now progress to the Black Country Games as Wolverhampton Champions.

We have also had success with our Cross Country team who finished 3rd (Boys) & 2nd (Girls) in the recent Bilston Area Championships. A select team also represented at the City Final at Alderley where we enjoyed a fast-paced event with all children showing determination and resilience - great qualities indeed. Both boys' and girls' teams finished in the top 5.

Success has also been shared by our Football Team who finished joint top of the Bilston League - a great achievement after a few seasons out due to COVID.

Congratulations also to our Year 6 Dodgeball Team, who enjoyed a SHINE Academies Trust sporting event held at Lodge Farm, finishing in joint first place.

Our swimming lessons continue at BWLC and it is great to see the ability and confidence of our swimmers build week-on-week. We have welcomed back our Year 4s this term and they are making great progress in the pool.

And finally, at the writing of this newsletter, we anticipate another final as our Hockey Team go in glory of gold having qualified through the In2 Hockey Tournament.

Attendance Race

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. Please remember the Department of Education has increased the persistent absentee rate to 90%

We are currently running an Attendance Race for all classes. Classes have the opportunity to win a variety of prizes with the eventual aim of winning a pizza party for their class.

Here are the current top three:



Family Liaison

Hello from the family liaison team, we are pleased to introduce two new members of the team – Miss Trowton and Mrs Ryder. After Easter there will be a family liaison newsletter with further information about team members and support that can be offered to yourselves and your children. A big request that will help us out, if you have any unwanted board games/activities that can be donated this will be greatly appreciated so we can use them during break and lunch times. Thank you in advance!

Artist visit and Easter Bonnet Parade

Wolverhampton Art Gallery are in the process of creating a new learning space at the Gallery for 2022, which will be used and enjoyed by schools, families and communities.

On Thursday 31st April, 30 Year 4 worked collaboratively together with the artist Rob Conway, to design dioramas to include what they wanted to see in the new space at Wolverhampton Art Gallery. The next phase is to visit the Gallery exploring a carousel of activities including augmented reality, projection, experimental drawing and curating artworks to give pupils the opportunity to express their creativity using various media and to consolidate their ideas about the Making Space design, whilst actually in the space.

To celebrate Easter the children of Villiers had an Easter Bonnet Parade in KS1 and made Easter table decorations in KS2. As usual the competition was hotly contested and winners were very difficult to choose! Well done to Ava B, Kristof R (N), Kaison P, Annie P (R), Jaxson W, Ianna G (Y1) and Luanna A, Harry N (Y2), who won the Easter Hat competition!

KS2 Easter Table Decorations were highly imaginative and included Egg Super Heroes, Vegetables and even an X Factor with Egg Sheeran! The winners were Alfie W, Madison (Y3), Ava-Pearl H, Zak G (Y4), Oliver E, Kyla—Jo (Y5) and Jack W (Y6).

A fantastic well done to you all!



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