



Notes from the Vale

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Welcome from Mr Lewis-Cole

We ended the spring term in style with a brilliant Easter Fair organised by our PTFA. The event was very well attended and I was so pleased to see so many families in and around the school supporting the PFTA to raise additional money to fund projects that will improve opportunities for our pupils. The PFTA have been busy organising more events; keep an eye out for communication from the PFTA and school about these in the coming weeks.

Author Visit

We started the new term with a bang as we were visited by the wonderful author James Campbell. He was incredibly inspiring and entertaining - so much so that we had many pupils buying a signed copy of his book. Events like these are great for our pupils to continually promote a love of reading. Thank you to Mrs Low for organising this.

Earth Day

Next week, we will be celebrating Earth Day in school. We have a muffin day on Friday 3rd May when pupils are invited to attend school wearing green and blue. We are trialling donations being made via School Money and the office will email information out to you about this. As well, as supporting an enterprise project for our Eco Warriors, money raised will be donated to Surfers Against Sewage.

Sports Day

You will have received a letter from school this week about the upcoming sports day. This year is set to be one to remember as we have the exciting opportunity to hold the event at Brickfields. This venue will provide our pupils with a unique experience to take part in sporting events in a purpose built setting. Although the logistics of moving the whole school to Brickfields on the day has taken some very careful consideration by Mr Peacock, we are committed to providing this great experience for all. Families are also invited to come and see the different events taking place, (please see the letter for more information about this), but you will need to find your own travel to the venue. The PTFA have kindly offered to support families in organising car shares and Yazmin, from Sustrans, will be available to offer advice and support before the event to families regarding travel.

Polling Station

The school will be used as a polling station for the elections taking place on 2nd May. As in previous years, the school will remain open to all pupils. We have arranged for the Foundation classrooms to be used for the purpose of voting, with Foundation moving to the hall for the day. The site will remain secure and safe for all pupils throughout.

School's Challenge

Good luck to all of our pupils taking part in the Half Marathon School's Challenge this Sunday. I know that you will all be a credit to the school and will show our values of resilience and collaboration throughout. In addition, good luck to anyone in our community also taking part.

Year 6 families - keep an eye out!

With Key Stage 2 SATs week looming for our year 6 pupils, please keep an eye out for an information video by Mrs Stephens. This video will provide year 6 families with key information about the statutory assessments and a clear understanding of what to expect during the assessment week (13th to 16th May). A link to the video will be emailed out shortly.

Have a great weekend.

Together we are inspiring a community with a bright future.

Resilience, Collaboration, Responsibility, Bravery, Communication, Self-belief

Together we

Congratulations



Harris Cup
Flora B



McIver Cup
Daisy F



'H' Cup
Cierra C

Each of you are excellent role models for your peers and have shown significant determination and effort to your learning.

to our weekly cup winners.

Attendance

We know that we are all having to be a little more cautious at the moment; however, for those pupils well enough, we still have high expectations for daily attendance.

Foundation & Key Stage 1

Puffins	94.4
Coral	95.3
Seahorses	93.5
Oysters	82.6
Mussels	97.5
Starfish	95.3

Key Stage 2

Turtles	91.4
Sunfish	95.8
Otters	98.2
Dolphins	93.5
Anglerfish	96.3
Orca	93.2
Angel Sharks	96.3
Rays	94.8



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

The **highest class attendance** last week goes to...

Mussels in FS/KS1

Otters in KS2

GREAT ATTENDANCE



On Time Octopus
winning class:
Oysters

Punctuality Penguin
winning class:
Orca



celebrate

News & Events



Things to talk about at home...

- Share your experience of graffiti. Is there any in your area?
- What is your definition of art?
- Do you like creating art? If so, what type?



On Friday 3rd May, we will be celebrating Earth Day. Please donate via School Money to enable us to support the charity 'Surfers Against Sewage'. This is a fantastic local Cornish charity which campaigns for a clean, healthy and protected ocean. They fight against sewage, plastic pollution, ocean recovery and climate change. www.sas.org.uk

Please check your texts and emails for further information and remember to bring in the chosen class recycled materials to school ASAP to support the children's art projects.



**EARTH DAY
2024**



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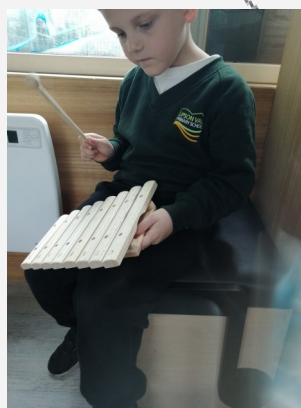


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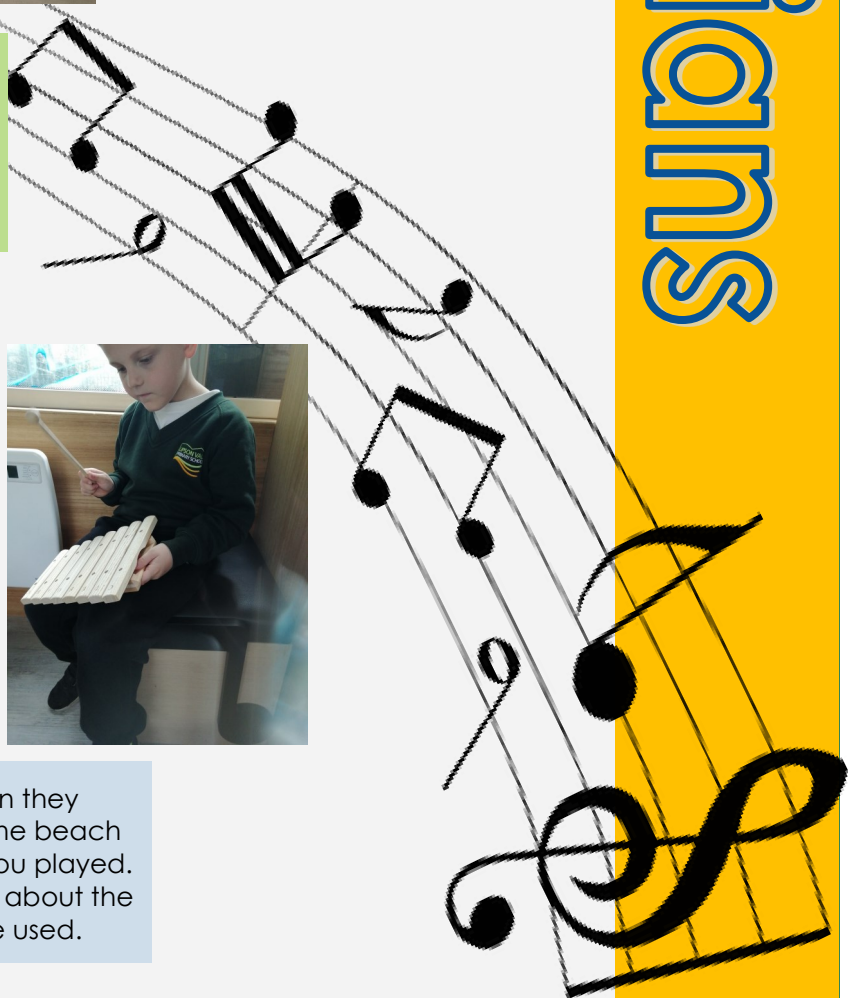
This week the Orchestra learnt a new piece using swing rhythm. We think it's already going to be one of our firm favourites. Great energy everyone.



Our Year 4 and 5 recorder group performed a new piece they have only worked on for two weeks in our music assembly. Wow, you all played beautifully! Secure control of the tricky melody line.



Year 1 enjoyed focusing on dynamics when they accompanied their song about a journey to the beach today. You responded well to the symbols as you played. We loved listening to your answers to questions about the Orchestra and why different instruments are used.



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What an incredible day we had today! Our Summer Term History topic on The Romans kicked off with a thrilling visit from a Roman Soldier. It was both exciting and educational as we dove into the beginnings of the Roman Empire and discovered fascinating details about their armor, weapons, and daily life.

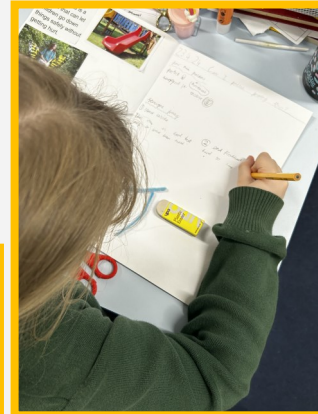
We delved into Roman Numerals to unlock a trove of facts and even cracked a challenging code together. Roman Rummy kept us engaged with its wealth of historical information, and we had a blast playing a dice/card game to construct Hadrian's Wall!

The afternoon was filled with more adventures—throwing (foam!) javelins in mock battles, engaging in spirited marches, and constructing a battle wall to defend our Year 3 Roman Soldiers. What an immersive and hands-on way to explore history!



Together we

Year 5 have continued their DT unit this week. Our outcome is to design, make and evaluate model adventure playground equipment so we spent time exploring different ways to join straws to create frame structures. We are very excited about making swings, climbing frames and slides and will be planning our playgrounds next week!



This week, Year 4 started a new science unit learning about sound and how sounds are made. We discovered that sounds travel through any medium containing particles, such as solids, liquids and gases but that sounds travel more efficiently through solids than the air around us. We then tested this idea by creating paper cup telephones using paper cups and string.

How does it work?

Use the key words to fill in the gaps to explain how your string telephone works.

When one person talks into their cup, the cup vibrates. The sound particles of these vibrations passes along the string. The string is a solid, so the particles are very close together, and the vibrations can pass quickly and easily along the string. The vibrations pass from the string into the second cup, which also vibrates. These vibrations pass through the air energy into the second person's ear, who can then hear the sound of the first person's voice. The sound of the person's voice is louder through the string than it is through the air over the same distance.

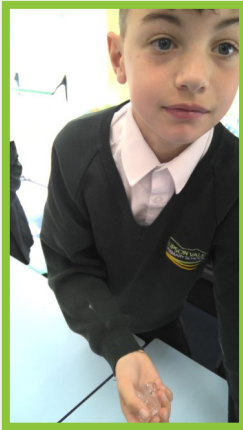
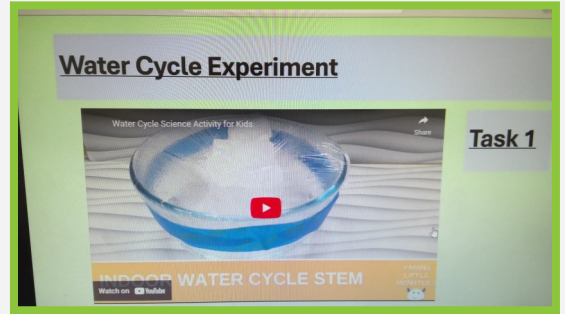


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This week, in geography, the children have been conducting a water cycle experiment in class. The children used warm water, cling film, and ice to show evaporation, condensation and precipitation.



This week Year 2 were able to select specific instruments to create pictures of different weather. They focused on using rhythm and control in their performance.

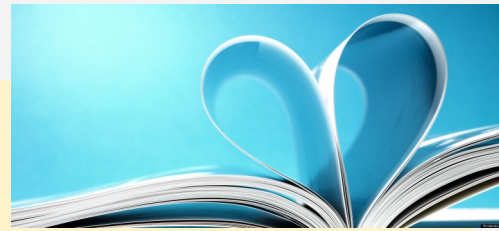


Our Year 3 and 4 recorder group enjoyed using a new rhythm in their piece today. They are preparing for an assembly performance.

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We are Readers



Word Millionaire

We are delighted to celebrate our fourth 'Word Millionaire' this year as Emily from Angel Sharks has read an impressive 1,000,215 words. Well done Emily! This is a fantastic achievement.

Author visit

On our first day of the new term, it was a pleasure to welcome author James Campbell to our school. Children and adults throughout the school were entertained and inspired by James's funny stories.

Thank you to everyone who has ordered a signed copy of one of James's books. The order has been placed and we will pass the books to the children as soon as we receive them.

Reading diaries

Children have been given a new reading diary for the summer term and your regular communication through these diaries is highly valued. Research consistently shows that reading with your child at home is invaluable for boosting pupil outcomes and wellbeing. With your support, we can nurture lifelong readers.

Happy reading.



News & Events

Bike Bus

The children did amazingly well, and we are looking forward to next time! All welcome to join! Please see the forthcoming dates.



Bike Bus

Family-run Bike-Bus to Lipson Vale Primary School!
Cycle, scoot, walk or wheel with us. This a slow and fun ride to school.

Please wear a helmet. All welcome!

Meet at Trefusis Park at 8.25am

Friday 26th April

Friday 17th May

Friday 14th June

Friday 19th July

(Please check Lipson Vale mums and dads Facebook page for confirmation in case of bad weather!)



Jeremiah's Joy

in collaboration with La La Choirs

A free choir for those who have been bereaved as a child or young person including adults who were bereaved as children.

Jeremiah's Journey are offering this free to join choir as a way to bring people together, who have suffered a bereavement as a child or young person, and spread a little joy.

You do not have to have used the charity's services in order to join and it is open to all age groups, including any adults who were bereaved as children (regardless of your age now).

Under 12's will need to be accompanied by an adult (who is welcome to be included in the choir too).

Where: Mutley Baptist Church
When: Mondays 5.45-7pm (term time only)

To sign up or for more information email us at hello@jeremiahsjourney.org.uk



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Collective Worship

Unfortunately, we have not had a collective worship since returning from the Easter break. Next week, we will be introducing Earth Day and how the school will be celebrating this in the coming weeks. We have a team of passionate Eco Warriors who are courageous advocates for this cause and are working closely with Mrs Hardy to raise awareness.

What are you passionate about improving?

Dates for your diaries:

03.05.24	Earth Day: Blue/Green Muffi Day
10.05.24	Class Photos
13.05.24	KS2 SATS week
20.05.24	Year 1-6 Cricket/Rounders Day
21.05.24	PTFA Quiz Night 7.30pm Tap & Barrell
22.05.24	Sports Day @Brickfields
22.05.24	PTFA Meeting 7.30pm Tap & Barrell
24.05.24	Last day of school before break
27-31.05.24	Half term break
03.06.24	First day back to school



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