

# A week in the life of



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This week Mr Daines (from Premier Sport) held an assembly to tell us about Mini Mudder which is a 1 mile obstacle course mud run designed specifically for adventure-seeking children. The course gives children the chance to work as a team, get muddy, and experience the thrill of adventure. Children must be between the ages of 7 - 12 and over 1.1m (3.5 foot) tall to participate.

To find out more information, follow the link below:

<https://toughmudder.co.uk/mini-mudder>



## Clubs for the following week:

Monday	
Reading Buddies	Lunchtime – Mrs. Hatton
Homework Club	Lunchtime – Mrs. Hatton
Colour & Chat	EYFS & KS1 – Mrs Hanly lunchtime
Drama	3:30-4:30 (Mrs Hatton)
Tuesday	
Premier Sports	Playground games (all ages) 8am – 8:45
Reading Buddies	Lunchtime – Mrs. Hatton
Netball	(Years 2 – 6) 3:30-4:30 Mrs Clark
Wednesday	
Choir	12:30 – 1 (Mrs Shearwood & Mrs Owens)
Mindfulness	Whole school – Mrs Britcliffe
Thursday	
Premier Sport	Athletics (Years 1 - 6) 8am – 8:45am
Drama Club	12:30-1 Mrs Hatton
Mindful colouring & Chat	(KS2) 12:30 – 1 – Miss Toner
Running club	(KS2) 3:30-4:30 - Parent volunteers
Gardening Club	Years 1 – 6 3:30-4:30 Mrs Otty
Friday	

## Attendance

The safeguarding of children is always a priority of the academy. Following a tragic event last year in which a 4 year old autistic boy passed away, we have amended our attendance policy.

The coroner who dealt with the case sent a "Prevention of future deaths" statutory report to the Education secretary. This report included guidance for schools as detailed below:

- Schools should hold at least 3 phone numbers for different adults
- Schools should immediately send a member of staff when contact cannot be made by phone with the parent of an absent child.
- If there is no answer when staff visit the family home, the police should be called immediately.

Our policy has been updated and is currently with the Governors. As soon as this has been ratified a copy will be made available to you. In the meantime if you have any concerns, please contact the school office.

## Class 1

We have had a really enjoyable week here in Foundation.

Thank you for providing your child with sun cream and sun hats during our official heatwave!

This week in Maths we have been learning more about patterns and have been experimenting with making patterns with numbers, shapes and colours. Our challenge in Maths has been to create more complex patterns, the children have all really enjoyed this- well done everyone.

The children are progressing brilliantly with the learning of their high frequency and tricky words, thank you for your support with this at home.

Please remember our reading competition is still running. Your child will need to read to an adult three times over the week (recorded in their reading record) at home in order to move up the competition board.

In PE this week we have been practicing for sports day. Skipping with a rope and hopping have been our focus. These skills are quite difficult for children of Foundation age but the challenge hasn't deterred the children. The children have shown great resilience, well done.

On Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June at 1.15pm Dr Katherine Hastings, Dentist at Campbell Dental Health in Scunthorpe will be visiting us to talk about the importance of cleaning teeth. Please can children bring their toothbrushes in for this in a small labelled bag/tooth brush holder? Thank you!

Here's to another exciting week... have a great weekend!

## Class 2



Our time on African safari has gone, the safari tent, campfire and African savannah at sunset, have made way for our underwater extravaganza, exploring what lies beneath the waves! The children each painted and decorated their own underwater sea creature to hang in our underwater world. They will find a treasure chest, complete with numbered coins to use for maths challenges. In science this week the children have extended their work about animal food chains, using creatures from under the sea. In English we have been identifying and using rhyming words and even challenging ourselves to create some short rhyming poems. The children completed their designs for this half term's DT project and **shoe boxes will be gratefully received** in order that the children can 'make' their design. We located the world's oceans and have enjoyed some music on our theme, using instruments to follow the beat. I won't tell you the song, you can find out during our class assembly, but I'm sure it's one you will know! The children have been practicing for our class assembly and will bring words home to practice saying them fluently (even if they don't learn them by heart). We hope you can join us on Thursday 29th June to find out more about our class from this year.

## Class 3



This week in Class 3 we have been continuing our investigation into the development of our runner beans. Some of them have gotten rather smelly, particularly those that are being fed things like ketchup or mustard rather than water but they are still able to grow on this diet!

We have been drawing diagrams and making initial observations after four days of feeding compared to our control bean and have drawn some interesting conclusions as to why some have grown more than others.

In Geography we have been continuing our work on Europe and have been looking at an important event in recent years, the Chernobyl disaster. We considered the sources of our electricity and whether the risks outweigh the benefits of nuclear power and we debated which of the effects of the meltdown would have had the biggest impact on the local populace.

In Maths we have been exploring weight and capacity, looking at reading a range of scales and how to measure accurately, a skill we needed when looking after our beans!

In English we have been looking at adding brackets to our explanation texts to help us explain the technical vocabulary we use in more understandable language to help our readers better interpret our work.

Last Friday we prepared our Fathers' Day cards, giving them all a personal touch. Hopefully we looked after Dads and other people last Sunday on that special day!



## Class 4



This week, we have studied what it is to be beautiful and how celebrities are often photo shopped to appear more attractive, sometimes without their permission. We decided that this was morally wrong and we should be happy with who we are and who we intend to become and not to worry too much about looking beautiful. As a class, we preferred a natural and strong look and we are now fully aware of the tricks that a digital camera can create. In maths, we ordered a variety of pizza meals and calculated the total bill for the table of seven. We discovered that it may work out to be cheaper to pay for items you actually ordered rather than pay an equal share of the total bill. The whole experience was a learning curve in finding efficient ways of gathering information and calculating efficiently. Communication is the key to successful group work. Well done!



## Dates for your diary New dates in blue



26<sup>th</sup> June – EYFS stay and play session (9:30 – 10:30)  
 27<sup>th</sup> June - EYFS & KS1 visit from the Dentist  
27<sup>th</sup> June – Year 5 Taster day at The Vale Academy  
 29<sup>th</sup> June – 9:15am Class 2 assembly  
 29<sup>th</sup> June – Year 5 Science Day at the Vale  
 30<sup>th</sup> June – School Closed - Teacher Training Day  
 Week of 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Worlaby's Got talent (auditions)  
 4<sup>th</sup> July – Session 1 for new starters  
 6<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Induction to the Vale academy  
 6<sup>th</sup> July – Move up morning at school  
 6<sup>th</sup> July – Session 2 for new starters  
 7<sup>th</sup> July – Annual reports to parents  
 12<sup>th</sup> July – Optional summer parents meeting  
 12<sup>th</sup> July – Move up day at school  
 12<sup>th</sup> July – Session 3 for new starters  
 13<sup>th</sup> July 5pm – Transition meeting for parents of EYFS children  
 14<sup>th</sup> July – Year 5 Cycling proficiency lessons (cycles & helmets in school all day please)  
 17<sup>th</sup> July – Year 5 cycling proficiency test  
 17<sup>th</sup> July – Sports & wellbeing Week  
 18<sup>th</sup> July – Drama club production to whole school  
 19<sup>th</sup> July – 1:30pm Sports afternoon  
 20<sup>th</sup> July – Drama club production to parents (5:30pm)  
 21<sup>st</sup> July – The Year 6 Sleepover (more details to follow)  
 24<sup>th</sup> July – 1:30pm Reserve Sports day  
 24<sup>th</sup> July – Worlaby's Got Talent  
 25<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 leavers assembly (9:15)  
 25<sup>th</sup> July - close for summer  
 5<sup>th</sup> September – Reopen for new term

## Behaviour - (Recorded incidents this week)

Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	
0	5	2	0	Classroom
1	3	1	0	Lunchtime

**Well done Class 4, you are showing a good example to the younger pupils. Well done to the vast majority of Class 2 - Sadly, 1 boy in Class 2 has received 5 behaviour warnings this week in class.**

## ★ ★ Stars of the Week ★ ★

**Class 1 – Mona Rose** for racing ahead on the reading competition board.

**Class 2 – Lauren** for working hard and making lots of progress in all areas.

**Class 2 – William** for working hard and making lots of progress in all areas.

**Class 2 – Freya** for working hard and making lots of progress in all areas.

**Class 3 – Jack H**

**Class 3 – Lewis**

**Class 4 – Aimee-Louise** for using excellent vocabulary when discussing the moral implications of photo shopped images.

**Class 4 – Charlie** for choosing excellent vocabulary in his Medusa story plan.

## Attendance - for the week 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4
90.77%	99.05%	94.58%	98.95%
0 Lates	0 Lates	1 Late	0 Lates
Whole school attendance <b>96.23%</b>			

**Well done Classes 2 and 4**

**Parents, whilst we recognise the educational value of a trip to the Lincolnshire show, taking your child out of school without a leave of absence request is classed as an unauthorised absence.**

### Garden News

The young gardeners made short work of the few weeds which had sprouted over the last week, clearing away yet more of the annoyingly persistent vine which, it seems, is intent on world domination and keeps winding itself around the bean or potato plants.

The weekly inspection of the beds and poly tunnel, revealed more carrot seedlings, the first of the beetroot seedlings, the first pumpkin, tomato and mange tout flowers and that the cucumber plants and second lot of pumpkins had more than doubled in size over the last 7 days.

A reminder to club members that Worlaby Academy Gardening Club Tomato Plant Sale posters should be completed for next Monday/Tuesday.

### School Meals

Following the issue of invoices last week, many thanks to parents that have paid for their child's school meals in full. As a reminder, if you have any questions regarding the invoice sent please contact Mrs Gash or Ms Carnaby in the office. If you are struggling to make the payment in full before Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June, please contact Mrs Hatton. You should now be receiving a receipt for all payments made either by cash or cheque.

We kindly ask in future that all meals are paid for in advance. Thank you for your patience with the issuing of invoices for meals. You should receive your invoice for music lessons next week.

### Uniform

You will find attached, the results of our uniform questionnaire. Unfortunately we only received 22 responses out of the 53 sent so we can only report upon the information received.

The purpose of the questionnaire was to discover what you, as parents, thought about the current uniform supplier we are using.

The results were positive, although not overwhelmingly so but that is difficult on such small number of responses.

Overall it appears that parents are happy with the supplier, 68% of the responses DO purchase uniform from Goodies, with 64% stating the quality is good, 69% stating they are good value for money and 68% stating that the delivery option is practical.

We were going to look into alternative suppliers however with these responses it appears as though the majority of parents are content. If you have any other comments to make about the uniform, or if you did not complete the questionnaire but would now like to comment – please contact the academy office. It is very important that you share your views with us as we can only act upon we are aware of.

Thank you to those parents that took the time to complete the short questionnaire.