

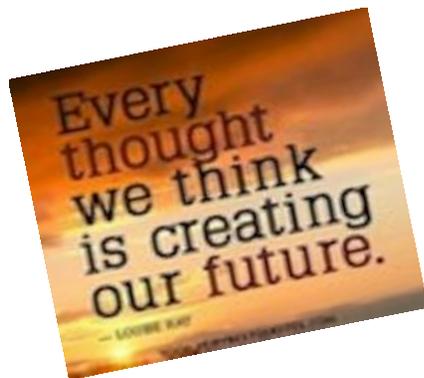
Headteacher's Reflection

At school we have been exploring the concept of 'blessings'. The children have learnt about:-

- What blessing they feel they have in their life
- To be grateful for these blessings
- To understand the importance of sharing blessings with others

Allah has made the Earth large enough for everyone to live comfortably and provide enough food for everyone to eat well. It's our responsibility to ensure no one is left without, by sharing the blessings Allah has given us. When we all behave in this way and share what we have, we help to build a more peaceful world. We must do what we can to ensure the blessings of food, water, clothes and toys are made available to everyone.

On behalf of everyone at Date Valley we all appreciate everyone who supported the school on our recent fundraising event. We all feel so blessed.



Date Valley School February 2020 Newsletter



Dates for the Diary

Spring Parent Workshops 2020	
Calculations	6 th February
Problem Solving	26 th February

UKS2 Trip to London Zoo: Friday 14th February

Half term: 17th February - 21st February

Back to school: Monday 24th February

KS1 Trip to London Transport Museum: Tuesday 25th February

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"At Date Valley we are respectful, resilient and reflective learners."

Behaviour and Ethos.

We would like to introduce you all to the Date Valley 'LEARNING FRIENDS'. Each friend has a unique skill. These friends were decided in conjunction with staff and children. The Learning Friends will help us in our behaviour and learning. Children will have the opportunity to develop these key skills during each and every day.

To launch our Learning Friends the children have been taking part in some fun and engaging tasks each day centered around each Learning Friend. We started off the week with a Treasure Hunt where the children had to solve a riddle to find their Learning Friend who was hidden somewhere around the school.

Each Learning Friend is linked to a unique skill, which we would like the children to develop in their learning. These skills are:

1. Valuing others and being kind
2. Imagination and being creative
3. Asking questions and being curious
4. Deep thinking / great thinking
5. Resilience and hard work
6. Teamwork /collaboration

Please see below for the list of Learning Friends for each Key Stage.

Headteacher Focus

We are currently conducting Deep Dives! These are the new method of monitoring the progress of a school. The SLT are currently focusing on a Reading Deep Dive. This consists of the following:

- Monitoring reading sessions in class
- Reading with the children
- Looking at English Skills books
- Discussion with children about their experience of reading
- Asking teachers questions about reading

PTFC News

Allhamdulillah the PTFC ended the year on a high with a fantastic Storytelling Evening and Winter Fair which raised approximately £2,500. The evening had a fairy tale atmosphere as the school grounds were lit up with stalls and activities for children, while indoors stories from the seerah were told to the children, mirroring the storytelling skills being taught at school.

Jazakumullah khair for all your support in making it a success.

We have some really exciting dates for the diary. Please join us at the following:

Saturday 14th March 2020 - Sisters Slumber Saturday

Friday 27th March 2020 - Kidspage event

Pupil Voice

Big Sister / Big Brother Focus

The Pupil Voice team's 1st initiative is the Big Brother / Big Sister project, which was the idea of Unaysah Zahid. Each Year 6 pupil has befriended a Year 1 or Year 2 child, who is their 'little brother' or 'little sister'. During the week they will do activities together such as reading and playing together at lunchtime. The big brother and big sister will also keep an eye on them at playtime. This system is beneficial both for the younger children as they know they can ask their Year 6 Big Brother / Big Sister for help, and it instills a sense of responsibility in the older children.

Attendance

Due to high level of holiday absence during term time, our overall attendance has significantly dropped to '**satisfactory level**' (95.7%).

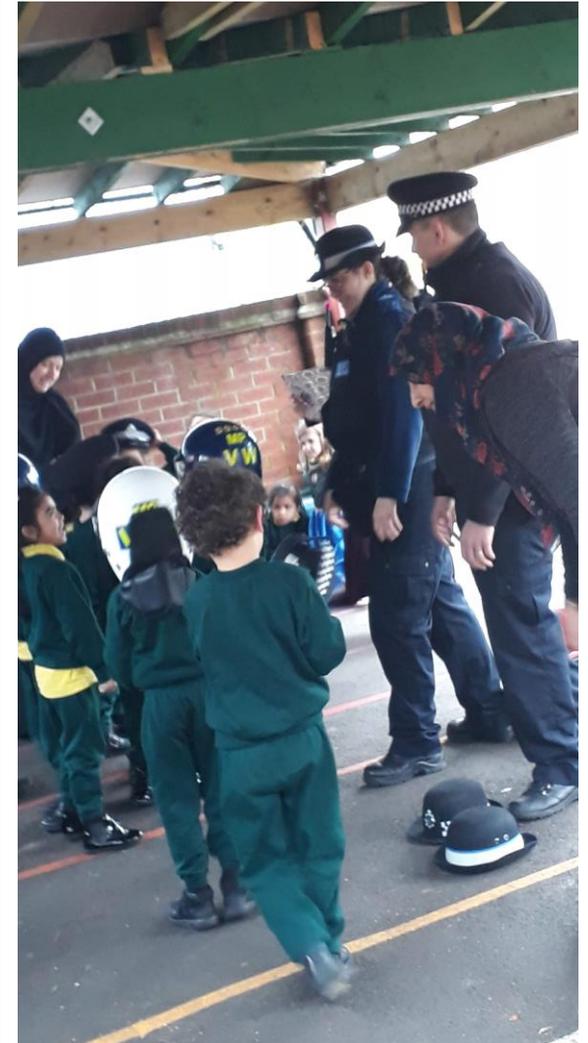
We are asking for the support of all parents in improving attendance levels as we believe this is one of the main ways in which children will be happy at school and achieve their full potential.

Jazakumullahu khair for your cooperation and we urge all parents to support outstanding class attendance, in shaa Allah.

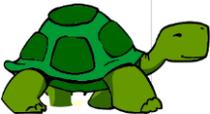
Reception: 94.6%	The collective attendance for Reception, Year 1, and Year 6 are at Needs Developing . We urge parents to support outstanding class attendance to help your child achieve their full potential
An-Nur (Y1): 94%	
Ad-Duha (Y2): 96.4%	
Al-Fajr (Y3): 96.3%	
At-Tariq (Y4): 97.3%	
Al-Buruj (Y5): 97.5%	
Al-Buruj (Y6): 94.8%	

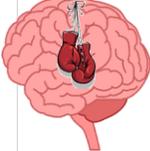
TRIPS and VISITORS at school

Early Years Visit from the Police



Meet our learning friends at Date Valley

Learning Friend EYFS & KS1	Qualities / key skills	Image	Introduced in which year group
Bertie the Bee	Sharing ideas Working well with others Listening well Responds well to what others say Negotiating		Nursery
Tommy the Tortoise	Not giving up Willing to take risks A hard worker Not getting distracted		Reception
Sid the Spider	Making links and connections - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linking previous learning to current learning • Linking experiences from home to school • Linking experiences between subjects 		Reception
Clara the Cat	Curiosity Asking questions Investigating things Exploring and looking for answers Learning from making mistakes		Year 1
Ursula the Unicorn	Creativity Imagination Generating and developing ideas		Year 1
Polly the Parrot	An awareness of the feelings of others Building on what others have said Developing reasoning Developing rigorous thinking		Year 2
Oscar the Owl	Reflecting on past learning Planning ahead Self-awareness Thinking about - how, when, who, what and where		Year 2

Learning Friend KS2	Qualities / key skills	Image
Annie Zaidi	Teamwork	
Ibtihaj Muhammad	Resilience and hard work	
Ibn al Haytham	Asking questions	
Mohammed Ali	Great thinking	
Abdul Sattar Edhi	Valuing others	
Naima B Robert	Creativity	