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End of term newsletter



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Value of the term: Responsibility
Learning behaviour: resilience

Term 4 started with World Book Week where each class explored a wordless book and provided it with their own words. During the week we were visited by the author Mark Lemon who shared some of his stories in assembly and took part in some workshops in the classes. This year we decided to run our own book fair, which was a great success. We have decided this will be more a regular feature rather than just during book week.

The start of the term also saw us introduce the value 'responsibility'. In assembly we looked at being responsible for ourselves and highlighted this by hanging last year's left over jumpers in the trees. We discussed the cost to parents/carers and the pollution caused in the making and transporting of them.

We also looked at responsibility within our school community and advertised some jobs for children to apply for. We now have first aid monitors, litter pickers, lunch time monitors and library monitors.

Following our trip to The Houses of Parliament, we have introduced 'democracy corner'. This is an area near the library where children can find out more about democracy, but also cast their vote for the question of the term following class debates. Frome Vale Citizens have recently voted on seating arrangements at lunch time and soon it will be about the amount of assemblies in a week.

In the autumn, FVA will feature in an episode of BBC's 'Eat Well for Less' following a morning filming in our breakfast club. The episode will reflect how schools are able to offer nutritious and interesting food by using Fareshare, a food charity that redistributes food surplus.

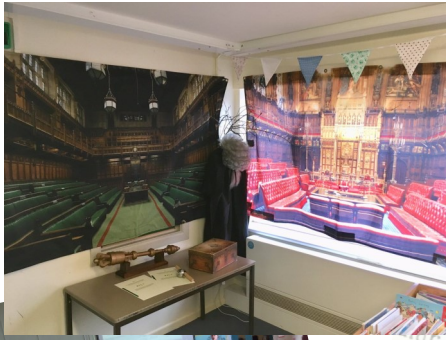
We have had various trips including a reception trip to the library, year 5 trip to We the Curious, a y5/6 tag rugby event and a Learning Champions trip to see the unveiling of the Sikh memorial in Castle Park.

Visitors to the school have included Unique Voice, talking about well being, The Christian Church people, Modeshift, delivering a workshop on scooter safety.

As you will have not failed to notice, we were also visited by the Bristol Mayor, Marvin Rees. He came to talk to the children about their school, talking with various groups about democracy, local and global issues and what it is like to be mayor.

Have an enjoyable spring break. We return on Tuesday 23rd April
Dr Saunders

This term in pictures...



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Super citizens!

THESE young First Aiders at Frome Vale Academy are living out the school's value of the term - responsibility. They applied for the post, which involves patrol the playground at break and lunchtimes and being the initial response if another pupil is hurt or upset. Other roles include dining hall monitors and litter pickers. Principal Jan Saunders, said: "This initiative really demonstrates to us that our children are what we call Frome Vale citizens."

Pupil voice ...

E safety group have met twice this term. We discussed some statistics from a survey of 8-17 year olds , looking at what social media young people are using. We discussed the fact that they are being used regardless of the age restrictions and the pro and cons of this. We discussed the pitfalls of a bad cyber footprint and the impact that it can have in the future on jobs etc. We also discussed how the on line image that people portray is not necessarily the reality together with the pressure on young people to have a 'perfect life' This information was then presented to the whole school in an assembly on the 11th February.

Our Health and Safety team focused on the safety of KS1 and KS2 toilets this term. We have made sure that all necessary equipment is working and that we have enough soap to keep our hands clean and germ-free. Year 3 children have designed road safety posters to encourage the safe use of FVA parking and pick-up facilities. In Term 4, we are going to inspect our playpod equipment and KS1 playground equipment.

Dates for your diary:

| Date | Term 5 |
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| 22/4/19 | BANK HOLIDAY |
| 23/4/19 | Start of term |
| 26/4/19 | Bristol Together Championships for year 5 (Other dates: 3.5.19, 21.5.19) |
| 1/5/19 | Year 2 SATS assessment month |
| 6/5/19 | BANK HOLIDAY |
| 13/5/19 | Year 6 SATS week |
| 17/5/19 | Open door morning for current parents |
| 24/5/19 | 'Bounceathon' Friends of FVA event |

Meet some of the Academy Council...

Each term we will introduce you to some of our councillors.



Noelle Rumball (Chair)

Noelle was brought in to FVA via SGOS as an academy councillor in 2014, and has had the privilege of watching Frome Vale blossom and grow both as a school and a community ever since. Every year just keeps getting better!



Martin Poole (Health and Safety link)

I have been a councillor at Frome Vale for 5 years. Living in the area, I think it is so important we encourage and support our young people. My role in the council is health and safety, and it is an honour to represent the school as it helps to change young people's lives.



Colin Odgen

My name is Colin Odgen I am fairly new to the Academy Council. I live locally and I wanted to become a part of a local school with a view of improving all aspects of the students school experience leading to taking the school forward.