

News

Kindness

Fir Vale students and staff are always happy to contribute to the themed days and fundraising activities in school.

On World Book Day, Fir Vale staff dressed as characters from a book. The students enjoyed getting involved with the extreme reading competition, book reviews on their favourite books and a story writing competition.



£1,060 raised on Red Nose Day!



What a fantastic day! Raising an amazing £1,060 for Comic Relief. Well done to staff and students who dressed up to the theme of red and black.

A lovely Fir Vale day with hundreds of students having a go at the break time activities and the Prefects selling cakes. There was a super 'vibe' around school.

See details of our winners inside. We handed out **£250** worth of prizes!

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Headteacher's Update



This year seems to be flying by! By the time you read this it will be April and Spring will be in full bloom.

Whatever year group your child is in, reading remains the single biggest thing you can do to improve your child's life chances.

Read everything. Read cereal packets, bill boards, books.

Reading out loud also speeds up understanding and fluency.

Happy holidays and happy reading!

*Rachel Smith,
Headteacher*



**Inspirational
Women
of Sheffield
Awards 2022**

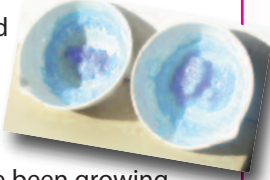
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A 10 day celebration of Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths (STEM)

The theme for Science Week 2022 was Growth. At Fir Vale all students have been taking part in competitions around this theme, with a chance to win a trip to the National Exhibition Centre.

In KS3 students have been growing grass seeds and salt crystals to learn about growth in Biology and Chemistry.



Art Competition

This term a group of Y7, 8 and 9 girls participated in the DSWF Global Canvas National Art competition, creating a piece of work from only re-used and recycled products. The girls worked fabulously as a team and produced an excellent entry, with extremely creative use of the materials they were given to work with. A huge congratulations from the Art department and the rest of the school on the effort put into the work!



Mr Wannell's Y7 class learnt about how the heart pumps blood around the body.

The entire class had the opportunity to dissect a heart and look at the structures inside.

They were able to identify the atriums and ventricles, the tendons and valves which keep blood flowing in the right direction.



We have had Element Society in school to promote the National Citizenship Service (NCS) with our Y11 students.

NCS is an inclusive programme that takes place during Summer and Autumn. It is a great opportunity for our students to develop their skills, experience and self-belief, as well as make new friends. If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact school or visit www.elementsociety.co.uk

No Chair Challenge Day!



Students get out of their chairs during a lesson to take part in exciting activities. Our students love these days and they are fun too!

Year 8 Macbeth Outdoor Learning!





Behind the Scenes!

Y9 Drama Ambassadors and Y10 Drama class were involved in a workshop with the professionals at **Vamos Theatre Company**. They specialise in mask work and the group were able to use these professional masks in the session. A fantastic experience, which will help the Y10s with their mask coursework.



Speed Maths!



Year 7 students had an exciting Speed Maths competition!

Students from every tutor group competed to answer times tables questions as fast as possible. Everyone had a fun time but there could only be one winner. Well done to Haroon!



Homemade!



Maaz Y7 with his homemade volcano. Well done!

THE PLOT THICKENS!



Our Fir Vale gardening teams have been working really hard creating planters for the school environment and local community.

They were recently given the green light to develop a plot of land on the school site. The students are super excited as they continue to develop an allotment and are eager to be ready for growing a range of vegetables as the weather continues to improve. Watch this space!



Red and Black Day - Sports Competition Winners!

250 students entered the competitions and winners from each year received a £10 Amazon Voucher. Winners of the whole school competitions (below) won £30 vouchers. Well done!



**Damian - Y8
'Keepie Uppie' Champion (219)**



**Tereza - Y10
'Accuracy Throw' Champion**



**Eden - Y10
'Basketball Bouncing' Champion (x120 for 30secs)**

Amazing Talent!

Attiyah's talents as a story illustrator so impressed Mr Highfield that he took a photo of her work and sent it to the company, Minalima, which does all the illustrations for all the Harry Potter books and merchandise.

The owners sent her a special signed gift of a Peter Pan book, with a note encouraging her to keep developing her talents.

Well done, Attiyah! Could we see her work in bookshops in the future? Let's hope so!





Spring Update!

From our Community Gardening Group

In addition to making planters for local primary schools, the group has made planters for the Fir Vale School memorial garden. The group has created bespoke plaques for each planter with messages from pupils. The group's aim was to help create a calm, tranquil environment in which students can reflect.



Another couple of planters have been made for Mr Swain and have been sited outside the school's Hospitality and Catering room. The planters were planted up with a range of herbs to be used in the school's cooking lessons.



Page Hall Medical Centre asked us to make planters for their 'green space'. They were very appreciative and would like to make a donation to the school.

Can't Wait to Meet You!



We have been very busy preparing welcome boxes for all of the Year 6 pupils, who will be joining us in September. Every pupil will receive their personalised letter, water bottle and bag, beautifully presented in our Fir Vale box. We are so proud that 90% of our new Fir Vale students selected us as their first choice!

Dance Off!

Y7 students stepped up to represent their tutor group in a dance battle competition.

They each learnt an Afro dance routine and then developed it to create an entertaining piece of work.

The dancers were scored across three categories; Teamwork, Creativity, and Overall Performance.

Well done to everyone who took part!



Season Update!

This season, Fir Vale have taken part in the 5 a side girls football leagues for Sheffield

Our Y10 and Y11 team qualified for the finals night on Tuesday 8th March. Their performances were outstanding throughout the night, beating **Silverdale 7-1, Ecclesfield 8-0 and Taptan 11-0** in the final.

A huge congratulations to the students involved and a special mention to Mya, Maheen and Niyaab for their goal contribution. A great end to the football season and they are well deserved champions!



Year 9 Boys football beat High Storrs 6-5 and went on to win against Taptan 6-3. They have now gained promotion to the next league. Well done!

Leaders!

Y7 and Y8 students who have chosen the dance leaders elective have been delivering weekly dance workshops to the Y5/6 students at Oasis Fir Vale! They've been brilliant ambassadors for the school and the subject. Well done!



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