

# Prospect Vale Gazette

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The winner of this week's  
house cup is

**BOEING**

A HUGE well done to BOEING  
and all your hard work this  
week!!

House	Points
Learjet	278
Boeing	348
Lockheed	315
Airbus	317



## Girlguiding Thinking Day

Thursday was Girlguide thinking day and also founders day for Scouts. Children who participate in these clubs, and also rainbows, brownies and cubs, were invited to wear their uniform to school for the day. Don't they look absolutely fantastic!



Who has impressed us this week...

Class	Star of the week	Pupil of the week
Nursery	Yusuf	Fatimah
Reception	Ada	Ruaridh
Year 1	Ella	Jack
Year 2	Oliver	Safa
Year 3	Ayaan	Mustaqimah
Year 4	Aminah	Megan
Year 5	Abdur-Rahman	Nancy
Year 6	Qanita	Amaani

## Secondary School Allocation Day

*Important*

Just a reminder that next **Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> of March**, is Secondary School allocation day, so don't forget to check your emails that day!

## Thank you

*WOW!*

all those who donated to UNICEF through our Santa Dash event back in December. We raised £211.50 in total. Well done everyone!

John Lewis Cheadle & Art Battle Manchester

AN ART COMPETITION FOR INSPIRING YOUNG CREATIVES

# MY HAPPY PLACE

For anyone between 5 and 18 years old.  
Showcase your talents and compete for top prizes!

Competition Open 1st Feb - 29th Feb 2024  
To enter visit [www.artbattle.co.uk/myhappyplace](http://www.artbattle.co.uk/myhappyplace)

Winning pieces will be exhibited at John Lewis Cheadle.  
See website for further competition details.

STOCKPORT TOWN OF CULTURE

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**Reminder for parents and carers of Year 5.**  
Next Friday (1<sup>st</sup> March) the children will need to bring a set of Pyjamas for their swimming lesson.

Thank you!

Message from the PV Team: You may have noticed that towards the end of this week, there have been some new parking signs on Brandon Avenue and Prospect Vale to encourage families to think about where they are parking and thanking them for parking safely. Please can we ask that you take heed of these signs to keep our children and community safe and to adhere to parking restrictions so as to not block neighbours' drives and avoid parking on yellow lines and markings. We appreciate your co-operation and understanding.



### Prospect Vale needs YOU!

We are looking for volunteers in school to hear our children read. We would like to welcome adults from our school community to hear our children read across EYFS, KS1 and KS2. All volunteers in school would be subject to appropriate DBS checks.

If you are interested, please drop us an email to [feedback@prospectvale.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:feedback@prospectvale.stockport.sch.uk) letting us know your availability and the phase you would like to be based in.

Thank you



### Dates for Your Diary

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb - 9am - 12.15pm  
Girls Football Festival @ Man City Academy

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> Feb - Y4 Ancient Greeks Living History Day - In School.

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> Feb - Y5 visit to Jodrell Bank (All Day)

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March - High School places offered

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March - Y4 Visit to the Halle at Bridgewater Hall

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March - World Book Day

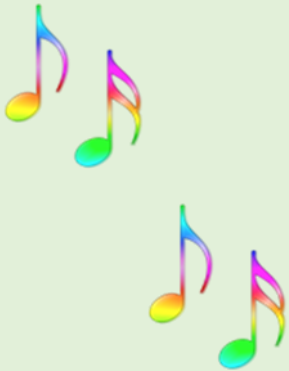


# IT'S WORLD BOOK DAY!



World Book Day reminder: **Thursday 7th March is World Book Day**. Don't forget to come to school dressed up as your favourite book character OR simply come ready for your bedtime story in your PJs and dressing gowns! Bring along your story themed decorated rock entries too for your chance to win a book token. All of the information about what's happening in school can be found if you click on World Book Day on the school calendar.

We have signed ALL the boys in Key Stage 2 up for Boys Sing! an exciting singing project led by Stuart Overington, the director of the Halle Youth Choirs on Thursday March 14th. Watch out for a letter from Mrs White.



Congratulations to representatives of our recorder groups and Year 4 recorder players who represented Prospect Vale at Stockport Recorder College on Saturday 3rd February. The children played and listened well and enjoyed the morning. I have received many compliments about their playing, enthusiasm and wonderful behaviour. Thanks to everyone who turned out on a Saturday (including parents!) to represent school. For more information about Recorder College see:

Facebook: [@stockportrecordercollege](#)  
Email: [info@stockportrecordercollege.org.uk](mailto:info@stockportrecordercollege.org.uk)  
Website: [www.stockportrecordercollege.org.uk](http://www.stockportrecordercollege.org.uk)

Class attendance W/C 23.02.2024	Whole school attendance W/C 23.02.2024
Nursery - 86.11%	<h1>91.6%</h1> <p>Our <u>current</u> aim is above 95%</p>
Reception - 95.33%	
Year 1 - 92.41%	
Year 2 - 88.15%	
Year 3 - 95.77%	
Year 4 - 87.24%	
Year 5 - 93.55%	
Year 6 - 94.33%	

## Stockport Song book Event

This week, a letter (copy of the letter attached to the Gazette on Friday 2nd February) has been sent out to children in Y3, 4 & 5 about the Stockport Songbook launch on Friday 22nd March and Saturday 23rd March. The launch will be one of many of the planned festivities to celebrate 'Stockport Town of Culture' weekend. It would be wonderful if as many children as possible could attend one or more of these events to represent Prospect Vale. We are one of three schools in Stockport involved in this event and are asking for your support to enable the children to attend. We have been busy learning the songs in school and children are able to access them to practise at home:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcrQGSCQf02NnnwyirtCfIw>

We would be grateful if you could return the attendance slip to school as soon as possible and before 28th February. Please return the form even if your child is unable to attend. Thank you.





## EASTER RAFFLE

Would you like to help to organise an Easter Raffle in school to raise money for our school fund? Could you help to rustle up some donations of prizes from our local community? If so, please get in touch with us at school. We would like to draw the raffle at our next Music and coffee afternoon on 21st March. Drop us an email at [feedback@prospectvale.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:feedback@prospectvale.stockport.sch.uk) if you would like to be involved. Thank you.



Following an incident that was brought to our attention, we have spoken to all the children in school today about being safe when out and about. The following message has been shared with them. We are pleased to share it with our school community to help keep our children safe. Please do talk to your child at home about this.

### OUT WITH STRANGER DANGER IN WITH **CLEVER NEVER GOES**



#### **TEACH THE CLEVER OPTION AT HOME**

**CLEVER NEVER GOES is the new, child-friendly lesson that teaches children how to stay safe from abduction when they are outside (e.g. walking to or from school), or online.**

It's been created to help parents/guardians talk to their children about staying safe in a simple way.

Instead of creating a fear of people it teaches them to recognise the danger in a situation, regardless of who's involved.

#### **THE RULE:**

**If anyone asks you to go - even someone that you know - if it hasn't been agreed, remember: CLEVER NEVER GOES**



The **CLEVER NEVER GOES** rule means children shouldn't go anywhere with anyone - even if they know them - if it hasn't been agreed in advance by a parent or guardian.

And please remember, children learn through repetition so make sure you remind them regularly of **CLEVER NEVER GOES** when they're going outside or online.

For more information, ideas and resources to have that clever conversation go to: [clevernevergoes.org](http://clevernevergoes.org)

#### **WHY CHANGE?**

Since it was introduced in the 1970's, the 'stranger danger' message has been fundamentally flawed.

Most strangers will help rather than harm a child, and many people that do pose a risk to children are not strangers.

Furthermore, it demands that all strangers should be treated with suspicion, which breeds fear in our communities. This has led to children spending less time outdoors, fuelling a rise in obesity and mental health problems.

Add to this, children are spending more time online, increasing their risk of being groomed. Now is the time for a new approach that creates safer, happier and healthier children.

Backed by more than 1,000 schools across the UK, **CLEVER NEVER GOES** is more practical than stranger danger and gives children the skills and confidence to safely explore their outdoor and online worlds without fear. And gives parents the reassurance to let them.

