



# PROSPECT VALE GAZETTE

We care, we strive, together we thrive

## A Message from the Headteacher

As we reach the end of a wonderfully busy Easter term, it is a pleasure to look back on everything our children have achieved. From cultural celebrations to sporting successes, it has been a term defined by community spirit and hard work.

## Reflections on Eid

I hope everyone in our community who celebrated had a truly wonderful **Eid al-Fitr**. We were incredibly fortunate to welcome visitors from **Cheadle Masjid** this week, who led a fantastic assembly for the whole school. Our Nursery and Reception children also enjoyed some brilliant hands-on workshops. A huge thank you to our guests—you were amazing, and our children gained so much from your visit!

## After School Clubs: HURRY!

Last few places remaining! While our KS2 Cheerleading is already buzzing with excitement, we still have spaces available for several of our other fantastic clubs. We

are keen to see as many children as possible staying active and learning new skills, so please consider signing up for:

- **Monday:** Y2/3/4 Cricket Club
- **Monday:** Year 1/2 Cheerleading Team (Competition prep!)
- **Tuesday:** Y3/4/5/6 Girls Football Club
- **Tuesday:** Y4/5/6 Boys Football Club

Don't miss out—grab those final spots before they're gone by contacting our school office at [admin@prospectvale.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:admin@prospectvale.stockport.sch.uk)

## Attendance Cinema Winners

We have been keeping a very close eye on our attendance targets this term. As you know, we ran a special competition where any child with **96% attendance or higher** was entered into a prize draw for a special movie afternoon.

The luck of the draw has been decided, and we are delighted to announce our winners:

- **Reception:** Hoorain and Dayan
- **Year 1:** Leandro and Isabella
- **Year 2:** Rory and Yuvi





- Year 3: Khadeeja and Yakoob
- Year 4: Rumaysa and Jonah
- Year 5: Azaan and Edith
- Year 6: Maira and Grace B

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## Join us for the Easter Picnic!

Thursday 16th April | 3:15pm – 5:00pm

Mark your calendars! We are hosting our Easter Picnic soon after we return, and we need your help to make it a success. Whether you can spare an hour or the whole afternoon, we are looking for **volunteers** to help between 2:30pm and 5:30pm. Please contact our PTA at [prospectvalepta@gmail.com](mailto:prospectvalepta@gmail.com) if you can lend a hand.

We are also on the hunt for **Teddies** for our "Name the Teddy" competition—all donations are very welcome!

**A quick safety reminder:** All children wishing to attend the picnic must be picked up by an adult at the end of the school day before entering. Children who usually walk home independently will only be able to stay if accompanied by an adult for the duration of the event. More details will follow when we return.



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## Looking Ahead: INSET Day first day back!

Finally, I would like to wish you all a wonderful, restful Easter break.

Teachers will be attending an INSET Day on **Monday 13th April**, so we look forward to seeing all our children back in school on **Tuesday 14th April**.

Enjoy the holidays!



Mr Redfearn  
Headteacher



# Dates for your diary

## Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April

★★ INSET – no children in school

## Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April

★★ KS2 Choir

★★ 3.15-4.15 – Recorder club

## Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April

★★ Forest School

## Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April

★★ EASTER PICNIC! 3.15-5pm – More information below

★★ Chess Club at lunchtime

## Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April

★★ Year 4 Recorder

★★ Year 5 Brass

★★ Cinema afternoon with attendance winners!





**PROSPECT VALE**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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# EASTER PICNIC

We need soft toy  
/ teddy  
donations!  
Please drop your  
donations off at  
the school  
office!

PICNIC ON THE SCHOOL FIELD  
(BRING YOUR OWN FOOD)

THURSDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> APRIL  
3:15PM TO 5PM

PERFORMANCES FROM EACH CLASS  
STALLS INCLUDING SPLAT THE  
HEADTEACHER, FACE PAINTING, CRAFTS,  
NAME THE TEDDY AND DRINKS AND SWEETS



If you would like to volunteer  
please let us know by using the  
QR code.



# Rocksteady Concert

At Prospect Vale, music is a true priority, and this week's Rocksteady Concert proved exactly why!

Our parents, staff, and fellow students were absolutely blown away by the incredible talent on display. From the roar of the electric guitars and the groove of the bass, to the soaring energy of our vocalists, drummers, and keyboard players—it was a performance to remember.

The confidence and skill shown by every single child on that stage was nothing short of incredible. Seeing them collaborate as a band and perform with such passion is what music at our school is all about. A huge well done to all our rockstars—you truly brought the house down!





# Leadership Announcement: Assistant Headteacher & SENCO

I am delighted to announce that, following a robust and rigorous recruitment process, we have successfully appointed an internal candidate to the role of **Assistant Headteacher and SENCO**.

Please join me in offering a huge congratulations to **Mrs Smithson**.

During the interview process, Lucy demonstrated the clear drive, ambition, and proven leadership qualities we need to ensure our school remains a leader in the area for SEND provision. In our ever-evolving world, the significance of the SENCO role cannot be overstated; it requires someone who can navigate complex challenges with both empathy and a relentless focus on progress.

Many of you will already know Mrs Smithson through her brilliant work leading our **Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)** and her exceptional management of **Phonics**, which has gone from strength to strength under her guidance. Recently, she has also been a pillar of support within our SEND team, proving that she has the expertise to hold us all to the highest standards.

We are incredibly lucky to have someone with Lucy's experience and dedication stepping into this senior position. She is deeply committed to delivering the very best for our children and ensuring that every child is held to their full potential.

Lucy will officially begin her new post when we return after the break. Please do take a moment to say hello and introduce yourself to her on the gate if you've not already met; she is looking forward to working even more closely with all our families to drive the school forward.



# A Fond Farewell to Mr. Grix

It is with a heavy heart—but also a great deal of excitement for him—that I share the news that after nearly nine years of dedicated service to our wonderful community, **Mr. Grix** will be retiring.

He is trading his toolkit for a suitcase as he prepares to travel the world, with his first stop being Japan! We will miss him dearly; his hard work and care have kept our school running smoothly for nearly a decade.

While we will be giving him a "proper" Prospect Vale send-off in just under two months when he officially departs, we wanted to share this news with you all now.



## Join Our Team: Site Manager Vacancy

Mr. Grix cares deeply about our school community, and we know our parents and local residents do too. Because of this, we wanted to share the opportunity to join our staff team directly with you.

We are now looking for a new **Site Manager** to take the helm. If you—or someone you know—has the skills, dedication, and pride in our school environment to fill these big shoes, we would love to hear from you.

<https://apply.greater.jobs/stockport/Job/JobDetail?JobId=12025>



# Tuck Shop Sale

A huge thank you to all our parents and carers who helped us raise money at our recent Toy and Tuck Shop sale! There was so much excitement after school, and it was wonderful to see the children so engaged.

We are hoping for that same fantastic energy for our upcoming Easter Picnic, but we can't do it without you! If you are able to lend a hand with the event, please let us know—we would love to have you involved.



## Cheadle Masjid visits Prospect Vale!

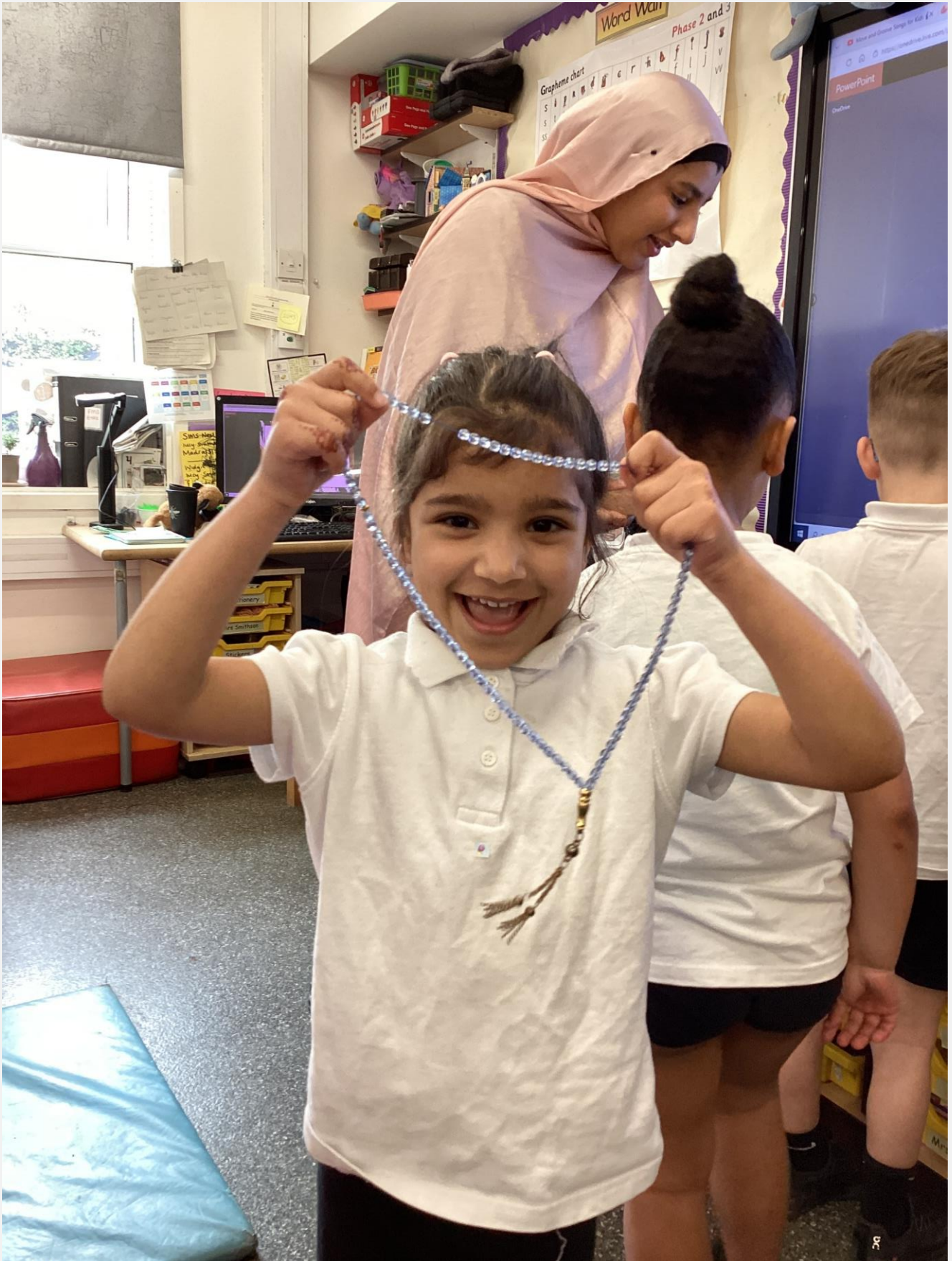
We were incredibly fortunate this week to welcome guests from **Cheadle Masjid** into our school community. It was a truly special experience to have them join us in their beautiful Eid clothes, bringing a real sense of celebration to our halls.

Our visitors spoke to the whole school during assembly about the significance of **Ramadan** and the joy of **Eid al-Fitr**, sharing the traditions and values that make these occasions so important to so many of our families.

Beyond the assembly, our **Nursery and Reception** children were treated to hands-on workshops where they learned even more about these traditions through storytelling and discussion. We are very lucky to have such strong, positive links with our local mosque, and we want to say a huge thank you to the team from Cheadle Masjid for their time and for enriching our children's understanding of the world around them.









## Incredible Writing by our Ancient Greek Historians!

Our Year 4 pupils have been fully immersed in the world of the Ancient Greeks this term, and the results have been spectacular!

The children have been busily applying their historical knowledge to produce **non-chronological reports of the highest quality**. It has been wonderful to see them writing so passionately about the past, using their literacy skills to organize complex facts, use technical vocabulary, and present their findings with real flair.

Seeing our students become so engaged with history while sharpening their writing tools is exactly what we strive for. A huge well done to Year 4 for such impressive work—you are true scholars!



## Certificate Winners

Well done to our certificate winners this week. You went above and beyond in exemplifying our school ethos!

Nursery	Aaliyah
Reception	Hadi
Year 1	Anabiya
Year 2	Saim
Year 3	Anayah
Year 4	Eshaal
Year 5	Zainab
Year 6	Arnica

Well done everyone!

## Dojo Certificates

Every day, children are awarded with dojo points that count towards a weekly total and an ongoing total. The weekly total winners for each class are displayed here. There are also opportunities to receive badges for children collecting dojos over time. This allows us to celebrate our school ethos at every opportunity.

Nursery	Ellie
Reception	Khizar
Year 1	Farah
Year 2	Bailey
Year 3	Jonny
Year 4	Eesa
Year 5	Minnie D

Year 6

Arnica

## Attendance

Well done to Year 3 for achieving the highest attendance this week! Keep up the great work! Our weekly attendance was 92.8%

This is far below our weekly target of 96% target. We need to try our best in the summer months to get back towards our 96% average!

Reception	91
Year 1	96.2
Year 2	89.7
Year 3	99
Year 4	93.2
Year 5	95.9
Year 6	85.3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>92.8</b>



