



Valley Views



Sporting Success

Congratulations are in order for two Valley pupils who have accomplished huge success in their respective sports.

Eva, who plays for Orpington & District recently won 2-1 in a nail-biting penalty shoot out final. What a great ambassador for girls' football.

On the cricket pitch, Rohan has recently been selected to play for Bromley District. We wish him well for the season.

Many congratulations to you both.



The Summer Term is now well under way and the National testing season has begun. Year 6 have sat their SATs tests this week with our Year 2 pupils sitting their tests over the coming weeks. The pupils have worked extremely hard throughout the year and we are extremely proud of them all.

Schools play a very important part of the community and, whenever visitors are shown around Valley, they always comment on the warm family atmosphere.

The Summer Term is one of the best times of the school year to reinforce our sense of community. From sports days, summer fairs and open evenings to the many musical events on offer, I encourage you all to come along to celebrate in the achievements of our pupils who represent their school so well throughout the year.

I look forward to seeing you all at the various family events over the coming weeks.

Dates for the Diary

May 22nd

Class Photos

(Please ensure the correct school uniform is worn)

May 25th

Yr 4 Band on the Run Assembly to Parents

May 26th

INSET DAY

School closed to pupils

Easter Holiday Refurbishment

During the Easter holidays, I am delighted to announce that two of the children's toilet blocks were refurbished. The pupils have been really appreciative of the work carried out and it has been lovely to receive so many messages of thanks from them. The Studio was also decorated and we are now awaiting new fixtures and fittings to finalise the improvements to this learning environment.



PTA Disco

Get your dancing shoes out as the next PTA disco will take place on Friday 12th May.

Yrs 1-3

5.30-6.30

Yrs 4-6

6.45 – 8.15



Summer Works

Every year, Academies can apply for grants to improve aspects of the school buildings. Valley Primary submitted two applications before Christmas and I am pleased to announce that both bids have been successful.

Starting in June, work will begin on the replacement of part of the roof on the Victorian part of the school along with the replacement of all the windows, fascias and guttering.

The work will be carried out in three phases and will last for at least 9 weeks with the majority of the heavy work being undertaken during the summer holiday period.



E-wellbeing



With the summer sunshine trying its hardest to break through and limiting young children's screen time very much in the news, why not try some of the following apps to get you and the family out and about:

1. Forest XPlorer (Android/ios, free)
2. Blue Plaques of London (Android/iOS, free)
3. Hoop (Android/iOS, free)

Name it!

Now that the warmer weather is on its way, please ensure your child's school jumper is named. Simply writing your child's initials and class name on the label makes it so much easier to reunite abandoned items of uniform with the rightful owner.

Thank You!

Collection Arrangements

Parents are kindly asked to inform the school by 1pm (except emergency situations) of any changes to the normal end of day collection arrangements including After School Club. This is to allow time for messages to be passed on to the relevant Class Teachers.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Andy Griffith Visit



The term got off to a thought provoking start for the staff team when Andy Griffith led the day's INSET on Teaching Backwards.

Andy challenged us all to review our current teaching practice in terms of how we assess pupils' starting points, working within a culture of high expectations, challenge for all and looking for proof of learning. This was the second staff training day this year to further improve the quality of teaching across the school.



Election Day

Following my recent Parentmail letter, you will all now be aware that the school will be open to pupils on June 8th, General Election Day.

Pupil and staff safety was a priority when the decision was made to keep the school open and was done so in consultation with the Chair of Governors.

No members of the public will have access to the main school when they come to the Main Hall to vote and, likewise, pupils and staff will not have access to the Hall on this day.



A buffet lunch will be served in place of a hot dinner and no Breakfast Club will operate on this day

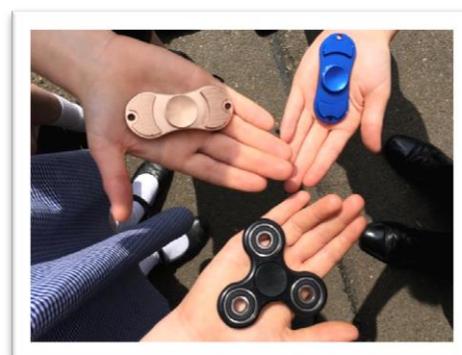


Car Park Safety

In recent weeks, it has been noted that a growing number of pupils (and parents) are walking under the vehicle barrier in the morning as they arrive at school. Pupils are often reminded in assembly to use the pedestrian gate for their own safety. Please can we ask all parents to model the appropriate behaviour.

All in a Spin!

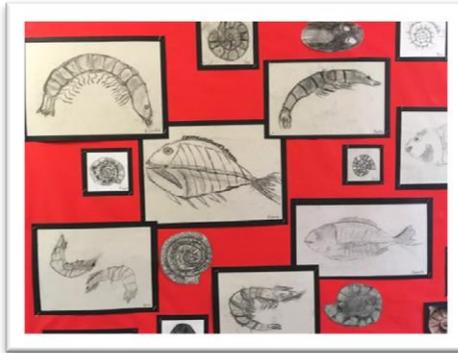
I'm sure you're all fully aware of the latest craze to hit the toy market. Fidget Spinners have become all the rage and Valley pupils are very excited to be showing off their latest gadgets to their friends. The spinners are not allowed to be used during lesson time but pupils can play with them at break times. Pupils have been told that the spinner remain their responsibility at all times.



MAT Update



The process of Due Diligence between Valley Primary Academy Trust and Connect Schools Academy Trust continues. The Finance and Personnel Governor Sub-Committee meet this week to finalise our questions to the Directors of CSAT before formally agreeing to join. If satisfied with the response an application will then be made to the Department of Education to convert to Connect Schools Academy Trust.



Some of the current artwork on display around the school

