



# Valley Views



## Triathlon Success

Many congratulations go to three very sporty members of our school community. Just incase they were not getting enough sport at school, Matilda, Joe and Finlay recently took part in a junior triathlon event at Hever Castle. They all performed exceptionally well and were great ambassadors for the school. There's now talk of starting our very own Valley Triathlon Team to participate in future events. Well done to all three!



Firstly, my thanks to all those parents who have taken the time to complete the recent parent survey. Your views are really important to us and it has been extremely useful to read the feedback to celebrate all that is working well and further improve our practice in certain areas. We have also recently run a similar survey with all the pupils and some aspects of their feedback will be discussed with the School Council in the coming months to once again Improve on Our Previous Best.

After the half-term break, the first Parent-Governor Forum will take place where the focus will be on school development priorities and Valley's performance in the 2017 national tests. The second forum will take place later in January where the focus will be on the school's new sex and relationships policy. These forums are another great way of gaining a better understanding of the day-to-day running of the school and an opportunity to offer your views on school life. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

## Dates for the Diary

### October 20th

Break up for the Half-Term holiday

### October 31st

First day back for pupils after the half-term break

### November 2nd

Parent –Governor Forum  
2.30pm & 7pm



## Don't Miss the Deadline

A gentle reminder to all Year 6 parents that the deadline for submitting your secondary school admission form is October 31<sup>st</sup>. As of last Thursday, only one third of parents in Bromley had submitted their form. Now that the majority of Open Evenings for local secondary schools have taken place, it's decision time on the preferences you would like to make for your child's secondary school.

National Offer Day is 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018.

Good luck to you all in the preferences you make.

## Topmarks Holiday Club

Topmark Sport's Ofsted Outstanding rated holiday club will once again run Monday to Friday through the half-term break. Book early to avoid disappointment as the club got very busy in the summer holidays.



## CSAT MAT Update

I am delighted to announce that our application to enter into a formal multi-academy trust partnership with Connect Schools Academy Trust was approved last Thursday by the DfE's Headteacher Board.

The school's legal team will now work on the transition process with the view to formally converting into the Trust on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018.



Many classes have their own parental Whatsapp Group. These should only be used to communicate key dates and information about forthcoming school events. Parents are kindly reminded that social media should not be used to discuss pupils' behaviour or incidences that have occurred at school. Parents are asked to follow the steps that are clearly set out in the Working Together Policy if they wish to discuss any aspect of their child's education with school staff.

## Securing the School Site

Parents are reminded that the playground gates are locked at 9.05am and 3.50pm each morning and afternoon to secure the site for pupils. The adventure playground, playbus and den area should not be accessed before or after school.

## Sporting Year gets Underway



The sporting year has got off to a good start. The Key Stage 1 football team were in action a few weeks back in the Bromley Schools Tournament and came second overall. The school's High 5 netball team competed in their tournament last week and came fourth and the Year 6 Boys' football team narrowly lost to Oak Lodge in their first league match of the season. After half-term, the school swimming and cross country teams will be in action along with the first cup football matches being played.

## Key Autumn Term Dates



October

23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> – Half-Term week

30<sup>th</sup> – INSET Day (school not open to pupils)

31<sup>st</sup> – Secondary School Application Deadline

November

2<sup>nd</sup> – Parent Governor Forum 2.30pm and 7.00pm

10<sup>th</sup> – PTA Discos 5.30pm & 6.45pm

14<sup>th</sup> – Parent Teacher Consultations 3.50 – 7.00pm

16<sup>th</sup> – Parent Teacher Consultations 3.50 – 6.00pm

## Name It!

Parents are reminded that all items of school uniform and PE kit should be named. Name labels can be ordered from Graduates but simply writing your child's initials and class name on a label will also help return items of clothing to their rightful owners. The school does not currently have lost property bins so it's essential that all items of clothing are named.

Thank you.



## Headlice



If you are struggling to clear your child of nits and head lice there is a company in the area who professionally clear nit and head lice infestations for you. They use revolutionary technology to clear in 2 appointments, 7 days apart. They work in an entirely natural way, without a chemical or product in sight and they guarantee what they do. They are called The Hairforce – Lice Assassins.

[www.thehairforce.co.uk](http://www.thehairforce.co.uk). Telephone number 0208 249 7381 or email [selondonandbromley@thehairforce.co.uk](mailto:selondonandbromley@thehairforce.co.uk).

## Unicef

One of the first jobs for the School Council was to vote for this year's chosen charity. A shortlist of three charities was decided upon and this was taken back to the classes for all pupils to cast their vote. This year, as a school, we will support the work of Unicef.

Throughout the year, the pupils will learn more about this charity in their PHSCE lessons as well as hosting many fundraising opportunities. In last week's harvest assemblies the pupils spoke about the wide ranging work of Unicef and parents also heard some thought-provoking poems from members of Year 6 on their hopes and dreams for the future.



## Happy Diwali

Valley staff would like to wish all of our families who are celebrating Diwali a happy and joyous time during the period of festivities. We thoroughly enjoyed celebrating this festival as a school community yesterday with a whole-school assembly and special Diwali themed lunch.

## World Food Festival

Thank you to all the families who brought along a dish to share at this year's World Food Festival. It was another outstanding success with dishes from around the British Isles and the four corners of the world reflecting once again the rich cultural diversity of the school. A special THANK YOU to Mrs Anderson and the PTA for taking the lead on organising this year's event.



## Persistent Absenteeism

Much work has been done over the past twelve months to increase general attendance at Valley.

For the last academic year, we achieved an overall attendance rate of 96.4% so a big thank you to all those pupils who attended school regularly. Having compared last year's statistics with the National picture, we have a small number of pupils who are persistently absent from school i.e their attendance falls below 90%.

This year, we will have an increased focus on those pupils whose attendance begins to fall below 93%. More information will be included in the updated Attendance and Punctuality Factsheet which will be published after half-term.

## Bikeability

Congratulations go to many members of Year 6 who successfully passed Levels 1 and 2 of their Bikeability course recently. The two-day course takes our young cyclists out and about on local roads to teach them about pedestrian awareness and important aspects of road safety. A special mention goes to Marcus, Louise, Max, Lucy who were awarded Star Cyclists during the training.



## Year 6 Poems shared at last week's Harvest Assembly

### Hope and Dreams

*Deeya Sydamah 6FA*

Scars may stay, but stars will make way,  
 Together we will fly, but never will; we die.  
 Let's bring back morality and leave our reality,  
 Let's stop all the war, a free world will soar.  
 Give people shelter; we must be a helper,  
 We can conquer the earth, whatever we are worth.  
 Stand up for our rights, whether we're black or white.  
 Let's unite in joy, the world will not annoy.  
 We shall never feel poor, but we shall always soar.  
 Let's stop all this black floating in the air,  
 but instead bring back the love we share.  
 Get rid of all this war and let's open a brand new door.  
 No matter how rich, no matter how poor, we should never  
 ever ditch and listen to the law.  
 Our hopes will never die, our dreams will never lie.  
 As long as we're together, as long as forever,  
 We will sing our songs and always stay strong.



**My dream world is a world of calm**

**A world of hope and peace**

**No hear of polluting**

**Only a hand by your side through tough times**

**All worries would be set aside**

**Nothing to be worried about here**

**To have a happy childhood**

**One to treasure forever**

**There would be no more sad stories**

**Only happy ones to tell**

**With fresh water and food for everyone**

**this would be the world of my dreams**

**By Oliver Carey**

## Hopes and Dreams

### *Marcus Stebbing 6FA*

Dreaming and hoping is always good,  
 Never be a foolish person living in the woods.  
 Find a shelter, make it your own, invite your friends to your home.  
 Be conceited, never be blighted,  
 Enjoy what you do, just be you.  
 Love, be loved and never ever doubt it.  
 Terrorism, death, it's not a joke, be careful when trying to hide under a cloak.  
 Fight together conquer the world, destroy evil and turn it curled.  
 Respect others, black or white,  
 Never be happy about saying lets fight.  
 Forget about war complaints and bring back the united alliance.  
 Meditate, appreciate and always bring peace to the world.  
 Bring peace, let war cease and always bring peace to the world.



I hope and dream that no-one is mean  
 I hope and dream that there's no war  
 to be seen  
 I hope and dream that everyone's water is clean  
 I hope and dream that the world is serene  
 This may not seem a lot but not everyone has got the  
 things I have so my hope and dream goes to all the  
 children of the world.

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