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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have enjoyed another very busy week at The Valley School culminating in a lovely Awards Celebration event yesterday.

It was wonderful to welcome so many of our parents and carers to celebrate the successes of our young people. It was also great to see so many of our Year 12s return to pick up their awards and share with us their recent college experiences.

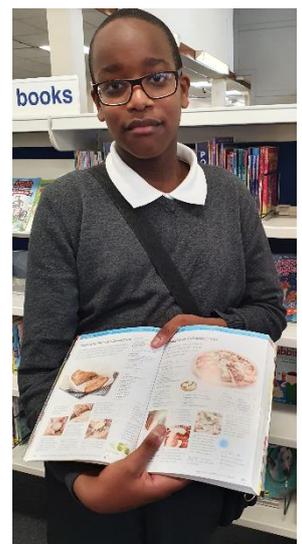


I would like to say a massive thank you to Luther James-Wilden and Luke Norris from Stevenage F.C. for their tremendous support in presenting the trophies, and ASHE and MACE for sponsoring the event.

It was a very enjoyable event which we look forward to repeating next year. We will look to email out the pictures of the students to you over the next few days.

Year 7 Library Trip

This week Year 7 had a lovely afternoon visiting Stevenage Library. It was the first time we had been on the school buses which was very exciting. We sat on the story carpets and listened to a story called 'Sam's Sandwich' about a sandwich containing bugs and other nasty things - we all decided we would not eat that sandwich. We explored the library and found lots of interesting books we would like to read. Nathaniel found a cookery book and found a pizza recipe he would like to try in Food Technology next week. We collected a membership form before we left. Students are very much looking forward to visiting the library with their families.



Design and Technology

Year 9s have completed their keepsake boxes and are ready to take them home to show their creative work and skill.



Outdoor Learning

In order to safely saw and cut wood we made a saw horse in the forest school lesson, students were shown how to safely use a bow saw and axe.



KS4 Information Evening

We will be holding an Information Evening for Y10 and Y11 students and families on 13th October. Further information about this will be sent out by Miss Heller on Monday.

Open Mornings

We will be opening the school up for prospective students during the second week of October. We are expecting a number of current Y5 and Y6 families to attend, but are also open to students of other year groups who will be joining us.

An open event will be held later in the year for all families of our current students, with more details to follow closer to the time.

Cinema Trip

We have the opportunity for the whole school to attend free screenings of a couple of films at Cineworld Stevenage.

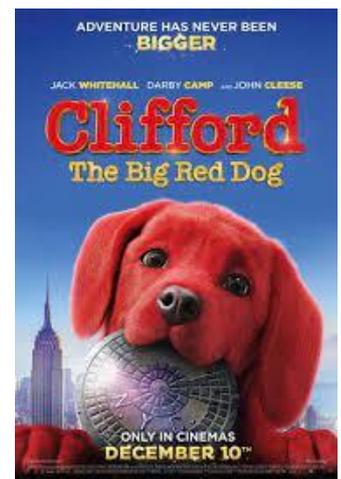
Years 7 and 8 and the Year 11 Sky Group would be able to see an autism friendly version of Clifford the Big Red Dog (PG) on 18th November between 10.00 and 11.45 and Years 9, 10 and 11 to The Croods 2 (U) on 17th November between 10.00 and 11.45.

We will be walking down to Cineworld, unless this is not viable for specific students and staff, who would then be given a lift.

Arrangements will be made in school for any students who would struggle to access this opportunity.

EHCP Annual Review Day

Following the success of this day last year and listening to feedback received, we will be holding the EHCP annual review day on November 10th.



Please put this date in your diaries. Further information will follow in the newsletter next week.

Term dates and reporting schedule

We are heading towards October half term, which begins on the 19th October. Students return to school on the 31st October.

All term dates for the coming year can be found on the school website.

Year	Autumn Term	Date	Spring Term	Date	Summer Term	Date
Year 7	Parents' Evening	01/12/22	Data Report	24/03/23	Full written report	25/05/23
Year 8	Data Report	16/12/22	Parents' Evening	16/03/23	Full written report	13/07/23
Year 9	Parents' Evening	01/12/22	Full written report	09/02/23	Data Report	14/07/23
					KS4 Information Evening – Year 9	28/06/23
Year 10	Full written report	02/12/22	Parents' Evening	16/03/23	Data Report	14/07/23
Year 11	KS4 Information Evening – Yr10 and 11	13/10/22	Full written report	30/03/23	Data Report	14/07/23
	Parents' Evening	01/12/22				

New Build Progress

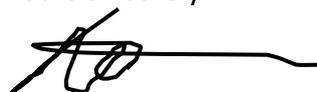
The build team has installed a timelapse camera that looks across the rebuild site and takes a picture every three minutes. The link is below if you would like to see what is going on behind the large mud mound.

<https://api.t-lap.se/5b2136/>

Our Performing Arts, D&T and Interventions teams are also looking at latest design plans and are starting to make decisions on power points, flooring, and the placement of large equipment.

Wishing you a relaxing, safe and very enjoyable weekend.

Yours sincerely



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