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## The Valley Newsletter

### Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2023

It is amazing how quickly a week flies by at The Valley School. The students have begun to settle in after the Christmas break, welcome our new staff and enjoy the benefits of their revised timetables.

During my walks around the school I have enjoyed watching students learning the impact of forces and explore the making of helicopters in Science, whilst their lower school counterparts were learning about raising agents and the making of bread.



#### **WinterFest '23, Thursday 19 January, 6.00pm - 8.00pm**

Please remember that our WinterFest '23 is coming up next Thursday. This is a lovely evening of students performing and some activities for you to enjoy. Please ensure the date is in your diary.

All of our KS3 students will have the opportunity to perform; including many of the students who have instrumental lessons with Matthew and Jim. Our Year 10 students have been preparing for the event with some of the girls building an outdoor bench inside the shelter for seating. The skills they used included measuring, wood joinery and of course team work. One of the stalls will be a Tombola and if anyone has any donations they would like to bring in to put in the box in the staffroom, they will be gratefully received.



I must take this opportunity to remind you that with the building works there will not be any parking available on the school site unless you have notified us regarding mobility issues.

We recognise that this is a pain and apologise for any inconvenience caused.

#### **Governors at Winterfest**

Some of our Governors will be manning a table in the dining hall where they will introduce themselves and take time to talk to you about what their role entails. Hopefully some of you may think of this as an attractive prospect and look into Governance yourselves.

## Year 8 Science

In Year 8 we have been learning about different states of matter: solid, liquid and gas. 8 Bronze had fun experimenting with how liquid and gas combine to form bubbles. They found different objects in the classroom to see if they affected the size of the bubble. The biggest bubble was made using Taylor's homemade pencil hoop!



## After School Clubs

The list of students expected to attend clubs next week is attached to this newsletter. Due to Winterfest the Art Club will start a week on Thursday and not next week. If your child is on this list then it means that we have received your permission and that arrangements regarding transport home for your child have been agreed with you. If this is not the case you need to contact [admin@thevalley.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@thevalley.herts.sch.uk) so we can address any anomalies well before the evening. Students will not be able to join a club after this list has been published, until the following week, as organising transport and supervision is too complex to do well with very short notice.

Thank you for your support with this.

## Permission to allow photos and videos to be used in exams

Many of our assessments enable students to submit video or photographic evidence as part of their work. In order to share this work with exam boards we need parental consent. We have added a consent option on Arbor and would be grateful if you could consent to us using video and photographs for this purpose. Any video or photographs of students shared with exam boards are shared securely and are only used for moderation purposes. If you have any questions around this consent please contact our Exams Officer Lindsay Wright.

## Bus Removal

Today marked a place in the School's history as we saw the Double Decker Bus removed from the school site. For many of us it has been constant fixture on The Valley School skyline. There were a number of staff and students watching and waving it off to its new home in the north of the country.



Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "D Pearce", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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