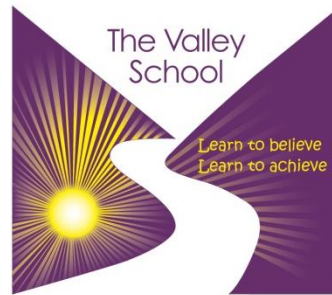


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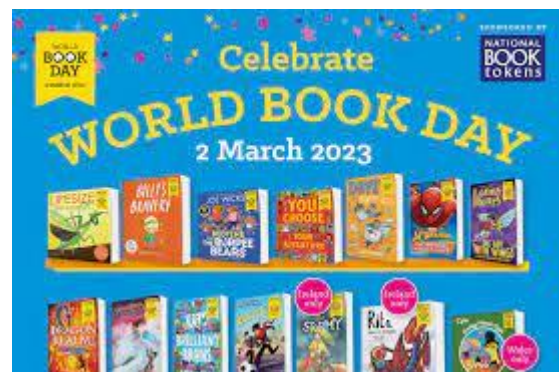
Friday 3rd February 2023

Initially we would like to thank all parents who were so supportive during the strike day on Wednesday. We appreciate how flexible you were in adapting to the situation, despite not knowing specifics until relatively late on.

As always the rest of the week was action packed with a myriad of activities supporting the students' learning.

World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 2nd March. Staff and students are being encouraged to dress up as a character from a book to celebrate reading. Dressing up is optional and does not have to be a bought costume – an accessory associated with a story would work equally as well. There will be activities for the students to complete in their English lessons and a themed assembly. Students will also be taking part in a competition to decorate their form room door as a book cover.



Water Bottles

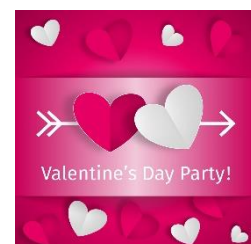
Please can we remind parents to supply their child with a water bottle which they can use throughout the school day. It would be very helpful if these were named so that we can return them to their owner if they are accidentally left lying around.

Thank you.



Valentine's Party

On Friday 10th February during reward time, the Enterprise students will be holding their third event of the year - a Valentine's Party. Students will have the opportunity to purchase tickets using their reward points ONLY, no cash/Arbor payments will be required. Refreshments (squash and biscuits) are included in the ticket price. The Enterprise students have worked hard to plan and organise the party.



We hope the students enjoy it. Please note this is NOT a dressing up/non-uniform event, **normal school uniform** must be worn.

Year 7 Design and Technology

Our Year 7s are designing and making a sweet dispenser in preparation for Easter. The students have been testing prototypes to ensure that they work, before designing and making their own.



Sensory Room

Many of our students have sensory circuits built into their timetables. These are expertly planned and delivered by Ms Dear. Many of the students enjoy these activities and they can often be a highlight of their day.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award

We would like to say a massive thank you to Rob Gill from Duke of Edinburgh charity today. He has enrolled 29 places for our students free of charge to claim their D.of.E. awards. These would normally cost £24 per student. He also secured £2000 for resources to buy all the expedition gear required for our up and coming camping trip.



Friends of The Valley School (FoVS)

Following on from the election of our Friends of the Valley School (FoVS) committee in the autumn term we would like to call an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) with the intention to adopt a constitution for FoVS.

All parents/carers are invited to join us at this meeting and the proposed constitution was sent out earlier this week.

The FoVS EGM will be hosted as an online meeting, to make it as accessible as possible to all, on Tuesday 21 February at 7.30pm. Please see the agenda below:

- Welcome and introductions
- Apologies
- Vote to adopt constitution

Heather Blakey is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: FoVS EGM

Time: Feb 21, 2023 19:30 London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78021142671?pwd=YNfJCZBjOUbUYkEiOIGAEA92UverQZ.1>

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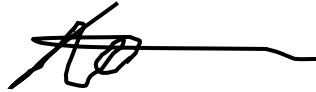
We look forward to welcoming you at the EGM.

After School Clubs

The list of students expected to attend clubs next week is attached to this newsletter. 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 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.

Yours sincerely

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David Pearce
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