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The Valley Newsletter **Friday 14th July 2023**

This has been an extremely busy week for staff and students as we have not only had an Ofsted Inspection, but also our transition day.

I would like to convey my thanks to all the staff, governors, students and parents that were involved in the inspection, which has provided us with the opportunity to showcase all the wonderful things that happen in and around The Valley School.

Year 10 Design and Technology

Students are painting chairs that we made in preparation for the new building. We have eighteen in total to have completed to spread out around the year group areas. They are looking very smart in the gentle willow colour ready for the new school colour scheme.



End of term arrangements (Friday 21st July 2023)

Our last day of term is Friday 21st July 2023.

The plan for the day has changed slightly to include a talent show run by the Year 10s. It will now be as follows:

Time	Activity
9:00 – 9:20	Registration and Breakfast
9:20 - 10:25	Periods 1 and 2 as normal
10:25 – 10:50	Break
10:50 - 11:10	Form time
11:15 – 12:00	Talent Show and Assembly in the hall
12:00 – 12:35	Lunchtime
12:35 – 12:40	Form time
12:40 – 12:50	Departure

The first day back for staff will be **Friday 1st September** as it is an Inset Day, as is **Monday 4th September**.

The first day back for our new **Year 7 students** will be **Tuesday 5th September** where taxis will pick them up to be in for 9:00am. Parents are invited to lunch with the students on this day and then take them home, as there will be an early finish.

The rest of the school will start at 9:00am on **Wednesday 6th September** and finish at the normal time.

Year 9 Balloon Taskmaster Challenge

The Year 9s enjoyed their time in the Science Lab. The students who could make their balloon travel the furthest won the competition.



Year 10 Enterprise

The Year 10s had a fantastic day spending the money they have raised this year through their various Enterprise events. They chose to spend the day Bowling, jumping at Gravity and having lunch at McDonald's.



Lion King Video

Thank you to everyone who has enquired about the video of our Lion King production. We are hoping to be able to share this with you before the end of term. Access will be via a private electronic link which will enable the recording to be viewed online. Thank you again for your patience.



Defibrillator Donation

We would like to say a massive thankyou to Paul Hunswick, Site Manager from eSmart Networks, Lynda Hart, People Partner from eSmart Networks, Dawn Hillman, Secretary to the Nexus Community Trust and Philip Fouche, Head of Projects eSmart Networks, who have donated a defibrillator to the school. It is one of those pieces of equipment we are very grateful to have, but hope we will never have to use.



Year 9 Outdoor Learning

Year 9 have successfully been harvesting lots of different vegetables they have been growing.

Here are some of the tasty things they have picked.

Cabbage, potatoes, carrots, onions, garlic and beetroot. We also have tomato plants which are growing well.



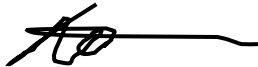
After School Clubs

Thursday Art Club will not be taking place next week. The list of students expected to attend clubs on Tuesday and Wednesday 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 contactadmin@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.

We wish you a safe, relaxing and enjoyable weekend

Yours sincerely

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David Pearce