

The Valley Newsletter

22nd March 2024

With this being the last newsletter of the term I would like to wish all of our parents/carers/friends and families a very safe, relaxed and happy Easter.

End of term arrangements (Thursday 28th March 2024)

Our last day of term is Thursday 28th March 2024.

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	Assembly in the hall
12:00 – 12:35	Lunchtime
12:35 – 12:40	Form time
12:40 – 12:50	Departure



The students will have the choice of pizza or a ham sandwich for lunch on this day. The booking system will reflect this change in food options.

The first day back for staff will be **Monday 15th April** as it is an Inset Day. Students will be back on Tuesday 16th April at the normal time.

Year 11 Forest School

The Year 11 Forest School group ventured out into the local woods to observe nature and work on their navigation skills. There are plans for them to invest some time cleaning up the area and making it a more enjoyable space for the whole community to use.



Thank You Mr and Mrs Doolin

The Valley School would like to extend a massive thank you to Mr and Mrs Doolin who have provided two hundred Easter eggs for the school. They said that they wanted to make sure that every student at The Valley who wanted an Easter egg had one to enjoy over the Easter period.



FREE HAPpy Camps

If you haven't yet made plans for the school holiday then there is still time to book your child onto the FREE HAPpy Camps that they are eligible for. However, we recommend booking as soon as possible. Over two thirds of places across Hertfordshire have now been taken, with some camps already fully booked.

Each HAPpy Camp session offers several hours of free childcare and provides activities, plus a hot lunch for your child. There are lots of different camps to choose from to suit your child's interests. All camps are SEND inclusive so they can accommodate children with lower-support-needs SEND and behavioural challenges. There are also SEND-specific camps for children with higher support needs.

Your unique Easter HAPpy Camps booking code is **ZN5%B5**

Bookings can be made

at: www.bit.ly/BookHAPpyCampsE24



Year 11 BTEC Artwork

Izzy and Nathan have worked really hard on completing their Art portfolios. The quality of their work is outstanding and has been mounted and beautifully displayed.

The students are rightly proud of everything they have achieved.



Ark Farm visit 1st May 2024

On Wednesday 1st May, Ark Farm will be coming into school for a full day visit. They will be bringing along a range of different animals and across the day all our students will have the opportunity to spend time with them, learning about how to take care of the animals and have the opportunity to pet the animals. It should be a fantastic day and we know lots of students are already looking forward to it!



A Little Princess

We were fortunate to have M & M Productions back in school this week. They performed their version of 'A Little Princess' by Francis Hodgson Burnett and entertained the whole school with the production. Students said they particularly enjoyed the 'French' scene and the monkey!



Year 9 students then interviewed the actors as part of their Arts Award; the performers were impressed with the range of questions they were asked.

Performing Arts Club

Performing Arts Club showed some of what they have been learning in assembly this morning. They performed the song 'Get Up' from the show 'The Witches' that some of them went to see earlier in the term. Three of our Year 11 leaders choreographed the moves and taught the rest of the students. Here they are in rehearsal. Well done to all involved.



Immy Competes In National Finals

Congratulations to Immy who took part in the National Schools Trampoline Finals last weekend. She was leading the pack after the first round but at the end of the competition she finished a very respectable 7th. Well done for all the training, dedication and hard work that resulted in such a good performance on the day.



Year 8 trip to Cadbury World

On Thursday, the Year 8 classes took a trip to Cadbury World, concluding their studies on the 'Chocolate' theme over this term.

The students were absolutely amazing and had a wonderful time. They were a real pleasure to take away.

Year 11 Students' Leaving Arrangements

Our Year 11 students leave us on Friday 7th June 2023 although transport will run until Friday 14th June.

The students and staff will plan a number of trips and visits in the first few days after half-term in celebration of their time at the school.

All of the Year 11 students will be provided with a sign off sheet which when complete will allow them to leave school. Every member of staff that teaches a Year 11 will identify the work that needs to be completed for them to finish their course. The teachers will sign these when the work is completed to an appropriate standard.



When all the teachers have signed the sheets off, Mrs Wells will check and counter-sign them, allowing the student to finish their education at The Valley School.

The dates between Monday 10th June and Friday 14th June will be used to mop up any incomplete work and support students until they are done.

If you have any questions about the Year 11 leavers' dates, then please contact us to seek clarification.

The Year 11 Prom will be held on Thursday 20th June at Stevenage Football Club. This will be an opportunity for students to dress up in formal wear, have a meal, music, speeches and celebrations of their time at The Valley School.

Coffee Morning

I am very excited to invite you to a Coffee morning on **Monday 25th March at 10.00am.**

We are being joined by the Dental screening team to support us all with managing the dental care of our young people. I look forward to seeing you there.

Any questions please get in touch

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Logan's Artwork

Year 7's current topic is 'Farm to Fork' and their art unit is nature art. This week they carved potatoes with paper clips to make stamps and used a brush to apply paint to the stamp.

Logan took his art a step further, painting his own branches with a vertical brush and changing the pressure to vary the width of the line.



School Clubs

The list of students expected to attend clubs on Tuesday and Wednesday will be sent as a separate email to this newsletter. **(Please note there will be no clubs on Thursday 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 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.