

The Valley Newsletter

5th July 2024

With the whole school production behind us, the school week has begun to settle back down to our normal routines. However the opportunities for our young people don't let up, with all the students participating in our Sports Day on Thursday, taking part in our own General Election and many continuing to enjoy the clubs we have on offer at lunchtimes and after school.

End of term arrangements

Monday 22nd July – Whole School Trip to Whipsnade Zoo. Students arrive and leave at normal time.

Tuesday 23rd July - Last day of term

Time	Activity
9:00 – 9:20	Registration and Breakfast
9:20 - 11:00	Periods 1, 2 and 3 as normal
11:00 – 11:20	Break
11:20 - 11:40	Form time
11:40 – 12:00	Assembly in the hall
12:00 – 12:30	Lunchtime
12:30 – 12:35	Form time
12:35 – 12:50	Departure



The first day back in September

The first day back for staff will be **Monday 2nd September** as it is an **Inset Day**.

The first day back for our new **Year 7 students** will be **Tuesday 3rd 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 4th September** and finish at the normal time.

The Valley School General Election

With the General Election on Thursday this week, we thought it would be good for the students to engage with our democratic process as much as they could and learn a little about it.

The students were taught about the election process. They then understood the process of voting for the leader of the country and that this is part of being a Democracy, one of our British Values, and that not everyone in the world has this opportunity.



On Thursday, students had the chance to vote in our own General Election. Each student received a Ballot Paper with four candidates to choose from, representing the Conservatives, Labour, Liberal Democrats and the Green Party.

Students needed to mark a cross in the box for the candidate of their choice, and then post their vote into the Ballot Box, which was outside the Hall.

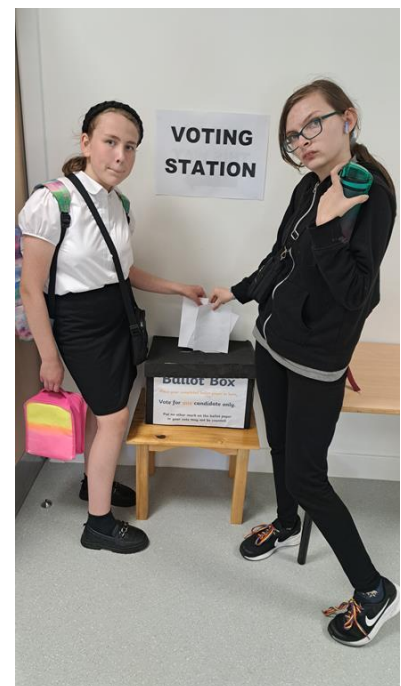
The box was available all day, just like a real Voting Station.
Votes were counted

131 students voted, which we think is a better turn out than expected in the General Election. We suspect the results might be different too!

Stitch - Conservative: 41 votes
Elmo - Labour : 40 votes
Shrek - Green party : 35 votes
Lorax - Liberal Democrats: 10 votes

5 papers were spoiled and discounted.

Thank you for Mrs Holop for organising and Mrs Rea for assisting her.



Olympic Sports Day

A huge congratulations and thank you to all the students and staff that contributed to a fantastic day of Sport yesterday. As mentioned in assembly today, performance is just a small part of what it takes to be an outstanding sports person. Teamwork and enjoyment for sport are two areas we as a PE Department strive for all our students to possess and a number of individual rewards were handed out in assembly to reflect this.

The event was however, designed as a team competition and below is a breakdown of the results per year group followed by an overall scorecard with all year groups combined. A huge congratulations to our overall winners, Team Rehm (Green).

Final Totals

Year Group

	Team Bolt (Yellow)	Team Holmes (Blue)	Team Rehm (Green)	Team Barber (Red)
Y7	3rd	4th	2nd	1st
Y8	2nd	3rd	1st	1st
Y9	3rd	2nd	1st	4th
Y10	2nd	1st	4th	3rd

Overall

	Team Bolt (Yellow)	Team Holmes (Blue)	Team Rehm (Green)	Team Barber (Red)
Y7	13	8	17	22
Y8	13	11	23	23
Y9	15	21	22	12
Y10	20	22	14	15
Total	61	62	76	72
Overall position	4th	3rd	1st	2nd



Year 9 Design and Technology

During DT this week some Year 9 students were learning how to follow instructions to make a shape or pattern in DT. They used their numeracy skills to construct the tallest tower in the school so far!



Congratulations Immy

Imogen Day competed in the club competition at HBS Revolutions last Saturday and came first place for her floor routine and her vault piece in her category.

Summer Disco

On Friday 19 July some of the Year 10 Enterprise students will be running a Summer Disco. Students will be able to use their reward money to purchase their £1.00 entry ticket in advance. The Year 10s are planning a 'chill out' room, a popcorn stall, song requests and there will be an 'every ticket wins' tombola!

If a student has purchased a ticket in advance they will be able to bring an appropriate change of clothes into school in order to dress for the event.



Summer Disco
£1.00 / 5 tickets - entry in advance
Friday 19th July during Electives

Popcorn - 3 tickets
Music requests
2 tickets
Tombola - 2 tickets
Every ticket wins!
'Chill-out Space'
Watch Tom and Jerry

Aladdin School Uniform

Thank you to all the parents and carers who supported Aladdin last week - what a triumph!

We have a number of un-named school shirts and T Shirts which have yet to be claimed. We also have a number of students who are missing school shirts. If your child came home last week in a shirt that was not theirs, please could you send it back into school and we will try to match the correct shirts with the correct students!

Many thanks for your co-operation.



School Clubs

All clubs are back to normal

The list of students expected to attend clubs on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday will be sent as a separate email 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.