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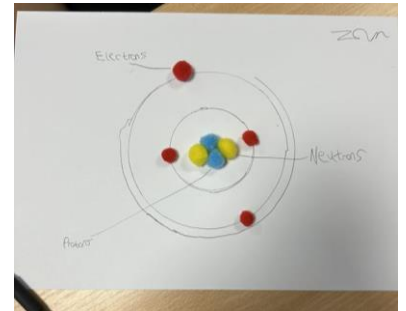
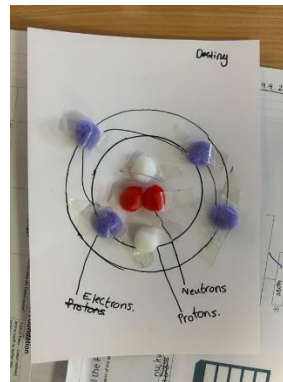
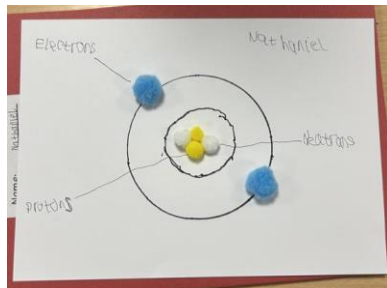
The Valley Newsletter

Being back in school for the second week has allowed the students to reestablish their routines and become comfortable again in our learning environment.

We have been really impressed with the excellent start to the term; students have made the new staff feel very welcome and there is a happy, friendly and very positive atmosphere around the school.

Year 9 Science

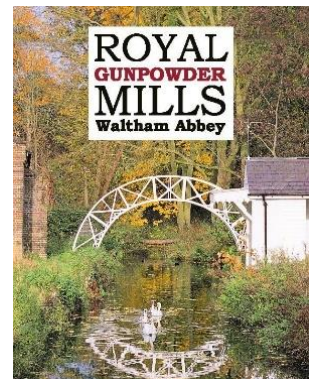
Red class have been looking this week at what an atom is and how it is made up. Today in Science they made their own models of an atom using pom poms and labelled the main parts.



Year 9 Trip to the Royal Gunpowder Mills

As part of the Year 9 English and Humanities curriculums, our students have the opportunity to visit The Royal Gunpowder Mills at Waltham Abbey to complement their work on World War II.

The trip will take place on Monday 30th September between 9.20am and 2.50pm. Students will be transported by coach and will be supervised by The



Valley School staff for the duration of the trip. Please look out for a letter containing further information.

Year 9 Performing Arts

Below are some photos of Red class in Performing Arts, learning rhythm by using the drums.



Year 10 Science

The Year 10 students were conducting experiments using heat this week. Below are some photos of the Year 10s using the Bunsen burners.



Year 10 and 11 Information Evening on Thursday 10th October

On Thursday 10th October we have a Year 10 and 11 information evening where North Herts College will be in attendance, explaining the transition to Post-16 and what the options are for students when they leave The Valley School. Please keep an eye out for a letter with further details over the next couple of weeks.



School Photographs

Maximo Photography

We are visiting your school
Thursday 19th September 2024
offering individual photos.
Please ensure your child is wearing full school uniform



7x5 mounted print £12
12x8 mounted print £14
Digital download of your photo £4*

*Digital Downloads are only available in addition to purchasing the individual printed photo

Year 8 Outdoor Learning

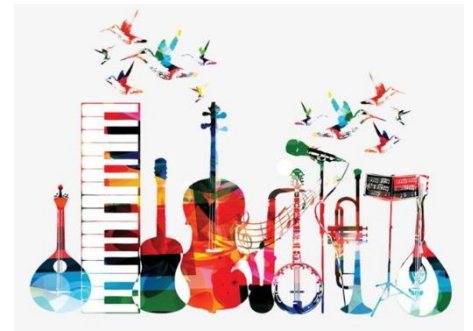
In Outdoor Learning Year 8 Sky have been working on learning different team games. They had to work together to keep the parachute up and also to keep the circle together whilst moving the hoop around the group without letting go of each other's hands.



Instrumental Sessions

These are run by our fantastic staff from Herts Music Service and will begin next week. Thank you to all our Year 7 parents/carers who have expressed an interest. Year 7 students will be receiving lessons on a rotation for this term to give every student who would like to the opportunity to have a go.

I will be speaking to the other years in Performing Arts lessons about whether they would like to start/continue.



Easy Fund Raising

If Parents and staff are willing to do their online shopping through the Easy Fundraising App, it doesn't cost anything but every purchase donates money towards the school.

Below is the link for our Easy Fundraising account:



<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/thevalleyschool/>

The Easy Fundraising app. can be download through the app store. Please select The Valley School.

You can do your online shopping through this link. Thank you for your support with this.

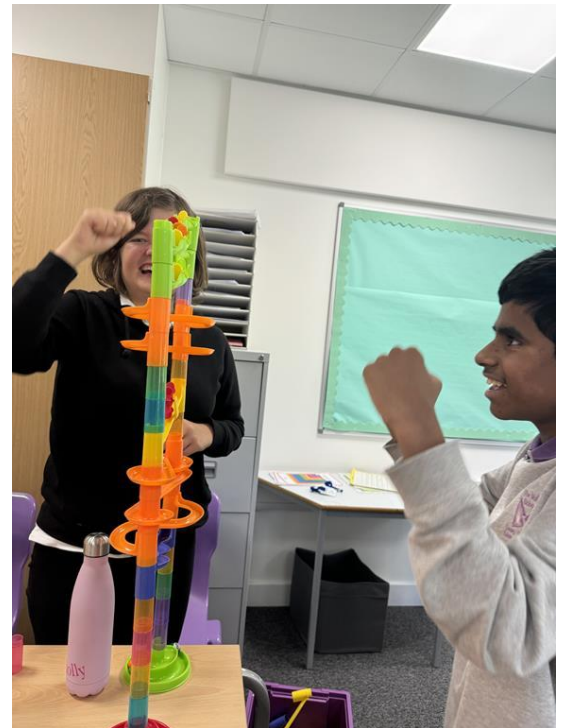
Year 7 Design and Technology

The Year 7 students have been learning about tool safety and tool use in preparation for them to be able to make things throughout the rest of the term.



Molly and Joshua enjoying some down time

During a break from their learning, Joshua and Molly enjoyed building their marble tower. They were extremely proud of the end result.



Year 7 Maroon

Miss Howarth was invited into Year 7 Maroon for an enrichment lesson. She brought a rainstick, a didgeridoo and a cornet with her for everyone to talk about and use. All the students made some noise with the rainstick and talked about what the instrument looked like and felt like. They also used some great words to describe the sounds they were making. The didgeridoo was played by some of the students who all made a good effort to make a sound. It was very tricky. Ralph and Henley identified the cornet next and shared their knowledge of the cornet and other brass instruments. Some of the students had a go at playing the cornet after Miss Howarth did a short demonstration. More buzzing practice is needed but there are definitely some budding brass players in the class!



After School Clubs This Term

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.

The activities start at 3.15pm until 4.15pm. Parents will need to collect students at 4.15pm from reception.

The clubs on offer are as follows:

Tuesday

Mr Russell - KS3 Football (max 14)

Mrs Crosby - All year groups Performing Arts (max 30)

Wednesday

Mr Gomes - All year groups cycling (max 12 for students with zero cycling experience).

Thursday

Miss Barber and Miss Doyle - All year groups Inclusive Sports (max 14)

Mrs Duffy - All year groups Art and Craft Club (max 14)

