

**Date: Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

### **The Valley Newsletter**

The students have enjoyed some sunnier days, taking advantage of being outside during their breaks and lunchtimes.

This week, we have had somebody come in and price up our access road to have it re-laid as it is failing in so many areas. They were extremely complimentary of the work our Year 11s have done with Mr Hugo in filling in the potholes. They stated how the work was so well done that it would save the school thousands as the new tarmac could be laid straight over the top without compromising its integrity. I would like to extend a massive thank you to Mr Hugo and his team for such excellent work.

#### **Year 7 History**

Year 7 Navy is currently learning about the Titanic and this week, have been comparing 1<sup>st</sup> class to 3<sup>rd</sup> class. Students used food, clothes, photographs and video clips to compare and decide which class they would prefer to stay in if they were a passenger aboard the Titanic ship.



#### **Year 8 Design and Technology**

Kayden was very enthusiastic about trying out a new skill and having a good try at woodturning on the lathe. He is not sure what he is making yet, but he is really enjoying himself!

#### **Year 9 EHCP Day**

Our Year 9 EHCP Day will be held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2025. Year 9 students will be learning from home on this day as all of their staff will be conducting meetings.

## Year 10 Science

This week, Year 10 have been testing their parachutes they have made as part of their science accreditation. They have been using their parachutes to help them answer the question 'Does a larger surface area create more air resistance?' Next week, Year 10 will review the data collected and present the data on a graph of their choosing. We have been incredibly proud of how sensible the students have been this week - to test our parachutes, we needed to get onto the school roof! A huge thank you to Mr Quarterman for facilitating three trips to the roof this week.



## Swimming Success

Our students have made tremendous progress in the swimming pool this academic year. The certificates from Fin Divers continue to highlight the remarkable achievements of our swimmers.

A huge congratulations to the following students for their outstanding accomplishments:

- Faris: Completed 10m front crawl
- Zam: Completed 20m front crawl
- Nathaniel: Completed 20m front crawl
- Kayden: Completed 40m front crawl
- Jayden: Completed 20m front crawl



We are incredibly proud of their efforts and look forward to even more success in the future!

## Year 7 Cooking

Year 7 Peach has been looking at different raising agents when baking. Last week they baked bread using yeast and this week they baked soda bread. We are very proud of the year 7s in the kitchen.



## Year 8 Science

8 Sky have been scientists!!

They have been learning about chemical reactions. They had to put on lab coats and safety goggles before they started to do their experiments. The students explored what happened when mixing different solutions together. They had a great time and thought it was a really fun lesson.

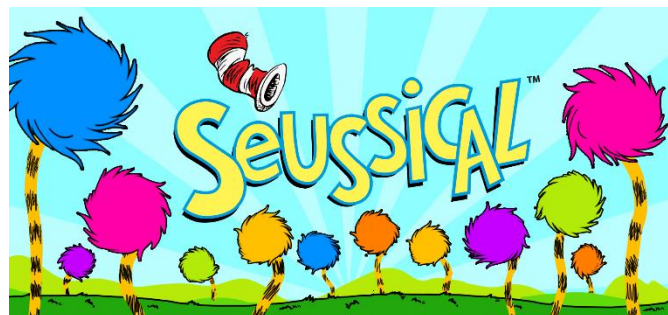






### Seussical the Musical

Our school show this year is Seussical (Kids). This is a fantastic, colourful romp through many of the Dr Seuss stories. The characters include The Cat in the Hat, Horton, Mayzie le Bird and The Wickershams. Students in KS3 have started learning the songs this week and will all have the opportunity to participate.



We have also been running auditions and workshops for the principal roles at lunchtimes.

The performances will be on Wednesday 25 and Thursday 26 June at 6.00pm.

Please do put these dates in your diaries, there will be lots more Seussical news in the coming weeks.

### After-School Clubs

After-school activities started Tuesday 14 January 2025. The activities are from 3.15pm until 4.15pm.

Parents/carers will need to collect students at 4.15pm from reception. The clubs on offer are as follows:

**Tuesday** [Mr Gomes](#) - KS3 (Years 7, 8 & 9) multi-sports (max 14)

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

Please note that if your child is already attending the Performing Arts club, then they automatically have a place (this club is at full capacity). We will be preparing for the Royal Albert Hall Concert, and all students are welcome even if they may not be attending the concert.

**Thursday** [Miss Barber](#) – KS4 (Years 10 & 11) multi-sports (max 14)

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

Please note that the clubs have a maximum number of students and therefore requests for after-school clubs will be on a first-come first served basis.

We will send out a list of the students who are attending a club for the following week as an attachment every Friday in our Newsletter email.

If your child is not on this list but wishes to attend a club, please contact the school office. If your child is listed to attend a club and for any reason cannot attend, please let us know by contacting us.

