

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

## **The Valley Newsletter**

It is lovely to see the children being able to get outside and enjoy the better weather. Let's hope it continues.

Another successful week has been had by all, from lessons in the classroom to achievements in sports, and wonderful Performing Arts rehearsals.

### **World Book Day**

It was wonderful to see so many students and staff throw themselves into the celebrations of 'World Book Day'.

Many thanks are extended to Ms Pomeroy who planned numerous activities and a wonderful assembly. Ms Crosby should also be commended for her delivery of the assembly in Ms Pomeroy's absence.

A great day was had by all.





### **Aiden becomes a ball collector at Stevenage F.C.**

Congratulations to Aiden in Gold Class, who applied to be a ball boy at Stevenage FC and was accepted! Aiden has been fulfilling his role each week since February and is thoroughly enjoying being part of the club.

In addition, Aiden's story is on the Stevenage FC website, where he talks about how he came to be part of the Ball Collector Team, and how it has helped him with his learning disability and built his confidence.

Here are some photos of Aiden in his official kit.



### **EHCP Days**

Below are the dates of the up-and-coming EHCP days. On these days, students from that particular year will be provided with learning so that they can work from home. They will not be able to be taught in school as all their teaching and support staff will be involved in EHCP meetings. We apologize for any inconvenience.

**Year 9: Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March**

**Year 8: Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April**

**Year 7: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

**EDUCATIONAL  
HEALTH & CARE  
PLAN**

### 2023 Parent Governor

An exciting opportunity has arisen to join the Governing Body of the Valley School as one of our Governors. In its strategic role, the Governing Body enjoys a close working relationship with the SLT in this warm and welcoming learning environment and is involved in all aspects of school life.

If you are looking for a rewarding experience and are interested in finding out more about our friendly team and how you can support our school community, we would love to hear from you.

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### 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.



### Royal Albert Hall Concert – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

Rehearsals are continuing for the above concert and students are doing a fantastic job learning all their lyrics. This week we had a joint rehearsal with some of the other schools who are attending. We met Rufus, our conductor and Nyree who is leading the signing at the concert. The Valley students sang their hearts out and the staff from Hertfordshire Music Service were very impressed with the quality of their singing.





Students will need to wear a **plain, brightly coloured T-shirt** on the day to perform in. They should also wear their black school skirt or trousers and black shoes.

Please encourage students who are taking part to listen to the songs via the links below. We need to learn our parts **off by heart**.

[SoundCloud Songs \(We are singing Primary 1\)](#)

[Makaton Videos](#)

### **Year 8 Swimming**

The Year 8 students continue to enjoy their swimming lessons. Many are starting to swim independently for the first time.



### **Writing non-fiction reports**

Gold class were reflecting on their English book, *'The boy at the back of the class'*, and considering how it feels to be the new student at school. They wrote third person information texts to welcome new students to The Valley School, filling them in on everything from Electives to our Time Capsule. The finished pieces of work were presented to Mr Pearce who agreed that their clear and welcoming messages would be super for any new students to read. Sienna's final sentence that *'there is a Valley School family with lovely students and staff'* summed it up beautifully!



## After-School Clubs

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.

