



Friday 4th October 2019

The Grove Valer

Edmond Hall Residential

On 23rd September, 50 children from years 3 and 4 set off for their residential trip to Edmond Hall. Once we had got to grips with the sheer size of the place, we got stuck in to a range of different activities, all of which encouraged our team building as well as our independence. We made our own apple juice from picking to crushing and even got to enjoy it with our breakfast the following morning. We tried our hand at archery and explored what creatures lurked beneath the surface when we went pond dipping. We even got to test out our map skills when we explored the local village. We enjoyed new foods and flavours and we couldn't believe how much free time we were able to enjoy whilst making new friends.

Music Award

This week we were awarded The UK Association for Music Education—Music Mark award. This is in recognition of all the opportunities we offer our children to learn to play a variety of instruments, along with our curriculum based music lessons.



Well Being Day

Thursday 10th October is Mental Health Awareness Day. During this day children will take part in different activities regarding all elements of well being, these will include: healthy eating/cooking; physical activity, well being workshop and yoga and meditation. On this day we are going to ask children to wear soft/comfortable sports clothes and trainers. Can we also ask children to wear a token item of something **green** or **yellow**.



School Photos

This year individual school photographs will be taken on **Thursday 24th October**. The photographs will be taken by Tempest Photography. If you would like your child/ren's photograph taken with a pre-school (who don't attend Little Valers) or secondary school age siblings, please come to the Junior Link at 8.30am.

A separate letter will be sent home for siblings who attend school and would like to be photographed together.

PFA

PFA Disco—Thursday 7th November

3.30-4.30pm infant

5-6pm juniors

Letters to be sent home.

PFA AGM— Thursday October 10th @ 3.30pm

OPEN DAY

Wednesday 7th November school will be having a open day for prospective parents.

Times are:

9.30-11.30am

1.30-3pm

No appointment necessary just come to the school office.

Please pass this information onto any family or friends who have children starting school in September 2020.

Forest School

Monday afternoon: Yr 2

Tuesday morning: Yr 5

Thursday Morning: RH

Friday Morning: RGB

Can we remind parents that children **MUST** have appropriate outdoor clothes and shoes to take part in the session (jogging bottoms, jumper, wellies or walking boots, waterproof coat, hat and gloves). If they do not have suitable clothes they will not be able to take part in the session. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact school.

Picture News



Each week we use the picture news resources to drive our assemblies. Each week we focus on a current news story and discuss this with the pupils with a thought provoking question and images. We also focus on a British value each week. All of these resources are shared with parents via parent pay each week.

This week's Key question:- What is the best ways to help those in need?

Some people have stopped donating to the Royal National Lifeboat Institute (RNLI) charity after an article in an online newspaper stated how the charity spends £3.3m a year (a small amount of their total money) on projects in other parts of the world including in Africa and Bangladesh yet they have cut around 100 jobs in the United Kingdom, where it is based. The news has made others angry, those who believe that the charity helps people both locally and in other parts of the world. Their overseas projects include teaching children how to swim in Bangladesh.

Things to talk about at home...

- How many different ways can you think of to help those in need? E.g. donations to charity, or volunteering.
- How do you think people choose which charity to donate to?

Do **This week's British Value—mutual respect**

Harvest Food Donation

Thank you to all parents that sent in harvest donations into school. This year our donations will be sent to the Great Barr Food Bank at St Bernard's Church.

CHANGE TO SWIMMING DAY

The week beginning 14th October children who are due to swim on the Friday, 18th October will now be swimming on the Thursday 17th October.



Secondary School Applications

A reminder that the deadline for secondary school applications is **Thursday 31st October**. All applications now have to be made online. If you have any questions regarding secondary school applications please do not hesitate to get in contact with school.

http://www.sandwell.gov.uk/info/200303/school_admissions/349apply_for_a_school_place

Monday 7th October	Year 3 Healthy Eating Talk—school nurse
Thursday 10th October @3.30pm	PFA AGM
Thursday 10th October	World Mental Health Day
Monday 14th-18th October	Black History Week
Monday 14th October 9-10am	KS1 SEND coffee morning
Tuesday 5th October 9-10am	KS2 SEND coffee morning
Thursday 24th October	School photos
Thursday 24th October 3.45-6.45pm	Parents evening
Friday 25th October @ 2.30pm	Year 2 Parent showcase 'London'
28th October—1st November	HALF TERM
Thursday 31st October	Deadline for Secondary school applications
Thursday 7th November	OPEN DAY
Thursday 7th November	School disco 3.30-4.30pm infant 5-6pm juniors
Friday 20th December	Break up for Christmas Holidays
Monday 6th January	Spring term start—pupils back to school

