

Valley Views



Well, we have reached the half-way point in this school year – before we know it, we will be talking about sports days and summer fairs! The pupils have had a busy few days leading up to half-term celebrating National Number Day last Friday and Safer Internet Day and Mental Health Awareness Week this week. As we watch the devastating news of the recent earthquake in Turkey & Syria, we are conscious that we have many Turkish families here at Valley. If any family has been affected by this disaster, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff who will be more than happy to help in any way that we can.

RUGBY SUCCESS

Last Friday, our Year 5 rugby team took part in a development tournament at Bromley Rugby Football Club. After their success in their first-round matches, Valley made it through to the final where they commanded a convincing victory over St. George's. Many congratulations to the team and to the try scorers including:

Emery

Lucas

Cashel

Zayn

Ines



PARKING ON FARNABY ROAD

Once again, a reminder to all parents about the importance of considerate parking along Farnaby Road. I am having to deal with a growing number of complaints from residents about parents blocking driveways and parking in Shelbey Court. Parents are reminded that they too represent the school and that swearing and verbal abuse towards local residents will not be tolerated. Please arrive in good time for drop-off and collection and park safely and considerately and please don't forget to switch off your engines when parked. Thank you.



MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Pupils have been marking Place2Be's Children's Mental Health Week with discussions on the topic of 'Let's Connect'. Mrs. Coulson led the whole-school assembly on Monday where she demonstrated (with the help of some skipping ropes) how we all connect as a school community. If you would like to continue the conversation at home, please use the following link:

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/families/>



Dates for the Diary

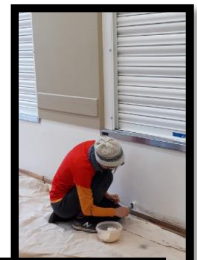
**Monday 13th –
Friday 17th February**
Half-term week

**Monday 20th
February**
Pupils return to
school after half-
term

**Tuesday 7th &
Thursday 9th
March**
Parent
Consultations



IMAGES OF THE SPRING TERM 1



Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday 7th February, Valley pupils travelled to Central Park in New York and took in the views of the Dubai skyline, all while sitting in their own classrooms. This was part of a virtual reality experience on the annual Safer Internet Day 2023. Safer Internet Day is a global campaign to promote the safe and responsible use of technology, which calls on everyone to join together in helping to create a better internet. As well as virtual global travel, our pupils also heard from the Bromley Safer Neighbourhood Team and took part in a variety of e-safety lessons and activities.





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February Half Term Football Course at Valley Primary School

Tuesday 14th Feb - Friday 17th Feb

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Baby News

I am delighted to announce that Mrs. Kemal gave birth to a baby girl, Alara Kemal, on the 24th December. Alara weighed 8lbs and mum and baby daughter are doing really well. Our warm congratulations go to Mr and Mrs. Kemal on the birth of their first child.



Lost Property

Once again, Valley has a mountain of un-named lost property. This will be on the playground today and tomorrow so please do have a look for any missing items. Suitable unclaimed items will be donated to the Turkey / Syria earthquake appeal.

Goodgym

Members of Bromley's Goodgym paid their second visit to Valley on Saturday 28th Feb. This time they got behind some paintbrushes to decorate the servery area of the Main Hall. Thank you once again for your efforts. To find out more, visit: <https://www.goodgym.org>

Don't Be Late Through The Gate

Parents are reminded that all pupils should have arrived in their classrooms by 8.55am each morning. When pupils arrive late for school and after the morning register has closed, the late arrival is marked as an unauthorised absence. At present, we have a small number of families who regularly arrive late for school and this is having a significant negative impact on the children's overall absence rates.



National Number Day

On Friday 3rd of February, the staff and pupils here at Valley Primary School celebrated the NSPCC's Number Day. It was the perfect opportunity for the children to get involved with some fundraising whilst spending the day immersed in Maths and number activities of all shapes and sizes. From Buddy's Key Challenge to Bingo, Virtual Maths Lessons to a very special game of Who wants to be a Mathionaire, it was simply wonderful to feel the excitement of the children towards their Maths learning. The day was also completed with our 'Dress for Digits' fancy dress competition. We had rulers, calculators, The Queen of Hearts, Math themed hats, the meaning of life (42) and even some dice who did spectacularly well to sit in their seats for the day whilst in full box-shaped costumes! Congratulations to our winners of the Dress for Digits competition and to all children and parents who made a special effort! Finally, a huge thank you to all those who donated via our just giving page, we managed to raise a whopping £471 for the NSPCC! A math-tastic success all round!



Internet Safety Day

To reinforce e-safety messages that the pupils receive throughout the year as part of their computing / PSHE curriculum, this week, as part of Safer Internet Day, the pupils have been discussing the importance of appropriate conversations online linked to this year's theme, 'Want to Talk About It? Making Space for Conversations About Life Online.' Pupils were also lucky enough to receive a presentation from our Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team – thank you !

Mrs Whittaker Returns!

Some of you will remember Mrs Whittaker who worked at Valley as an Admin Assistant some years ago. She has now retired from her full-time employment and has decided to volunteer in the school office for a number of hours each month. We look forward to welcoming her back.

