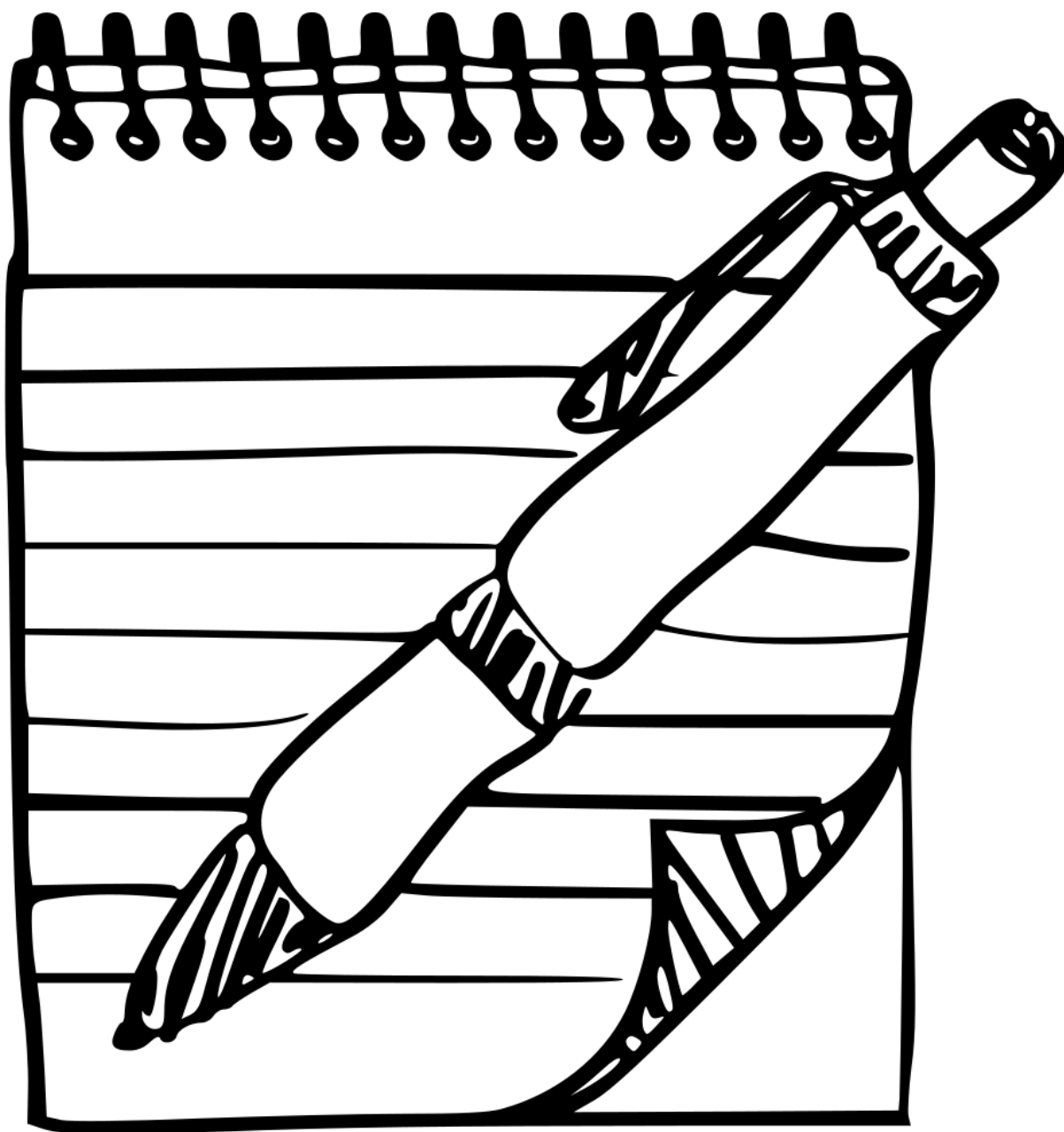


# Valley Views February 2024

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## West End Success



On Sunday 28th January, a Valley Year 5 pupil took to the stage of His Majesty's Theatre in London. Hope was performing with her drama company, Pauline Quirke Academy and joined young people from other academies in Cambridge and Lincoln to present Across the Line. It was a really proud moment seeing a Valley pupil perform on such a prestigious stage so many congratulations to Hope.



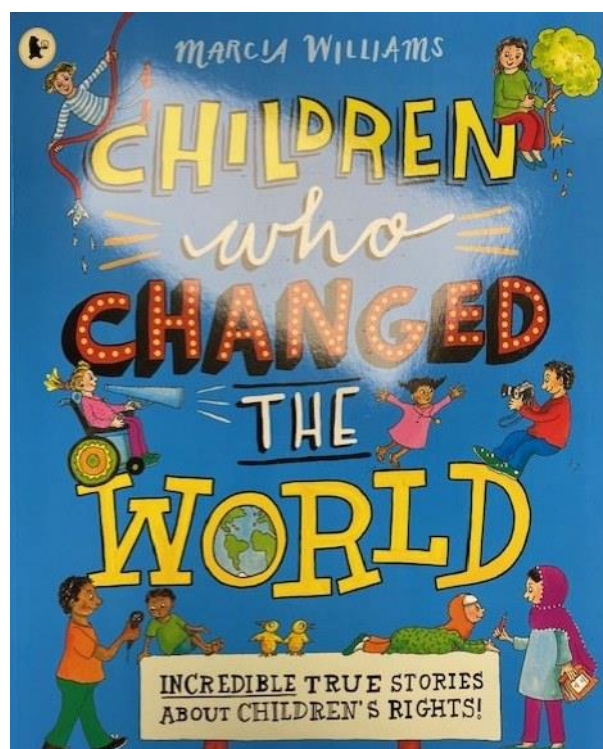


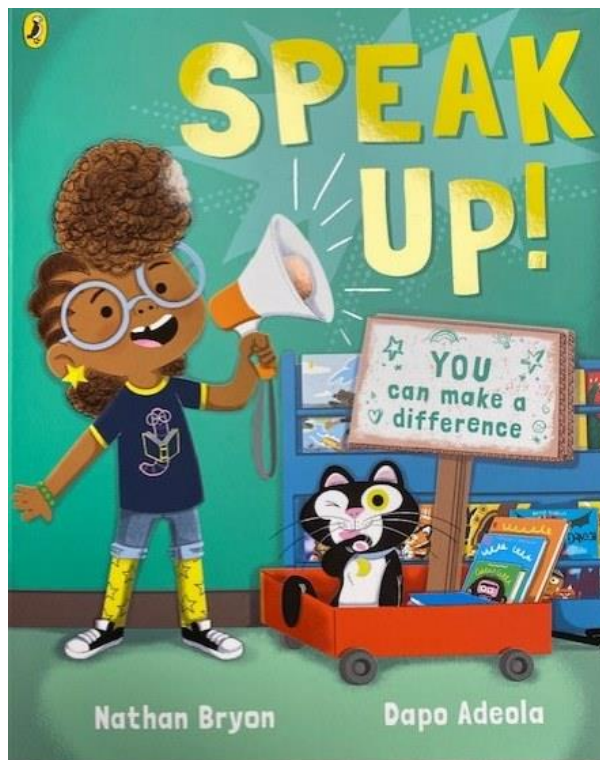
## Children's Mental Health Week

The week before half-term, Valley marked Children's Mental Health Week through a series of assemblies and focused activities in the children's PHSE lessons. This year's theme was 'My Voice Matters' and, throughout the week, the children have been reminded of the importance of speaking



out to a trusted adult when they are worried or concerned or just not feeling as happy as they would normally. The children were also reminded that it is good to share positive news about themselves too in order to maintain a positive mental health. In each classroom, there is an area for pupils to share both their concerns and positive thoughts.







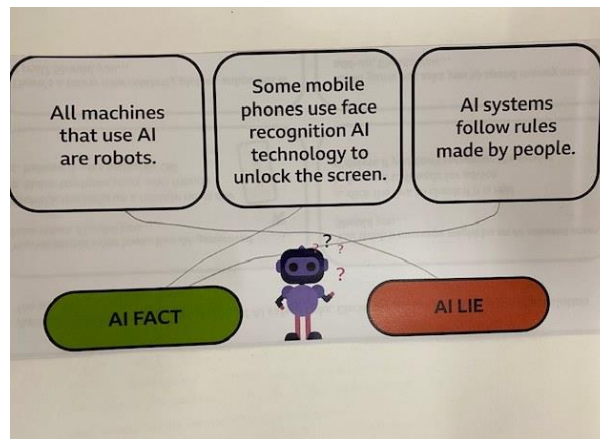
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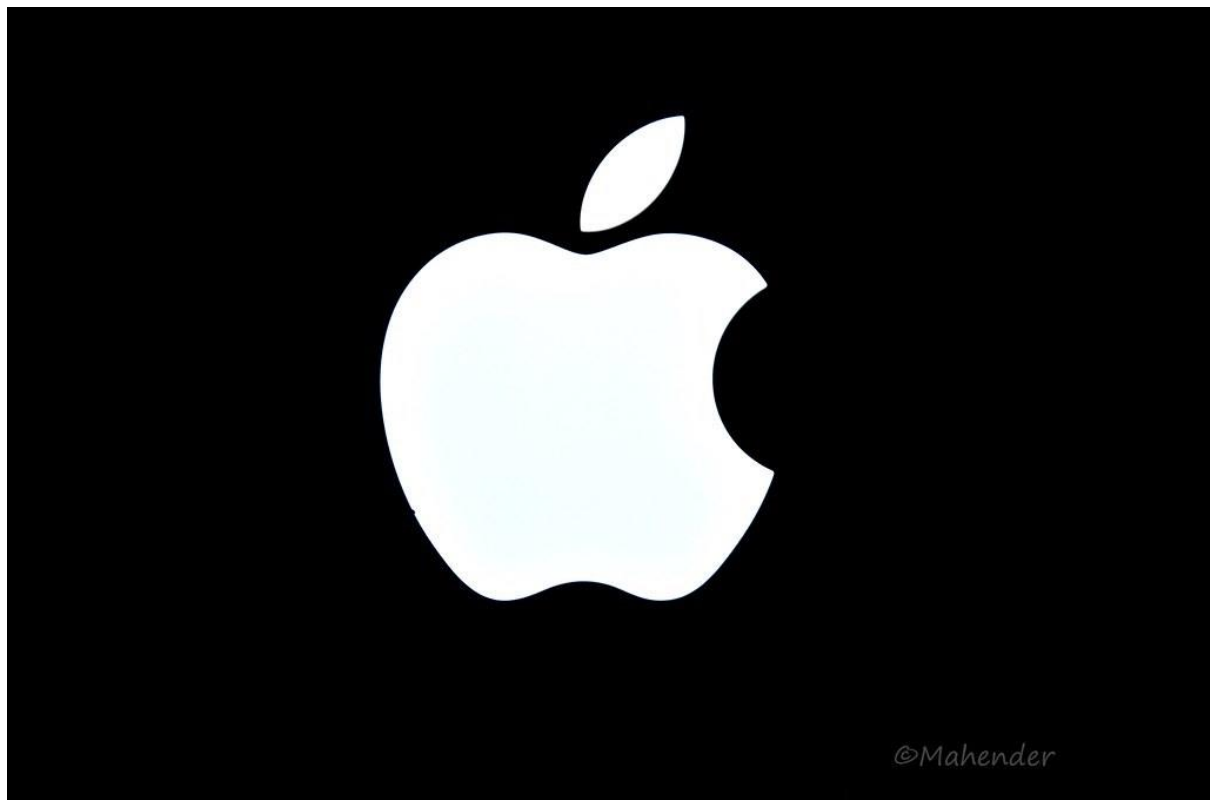
Tuesday 6th February marked Safer Internet Day. This year's theme was 'Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online'. In the week leading up to half-term, the pupils took part in a range of activities including BBC live lessons which explore AI in our lives whilst pupils in Key Stage 1 stepped into virtual worlds using the VR headsets. Thanks to the PTA, the pupils also took part in a workshop to learn about the life and work of Ada Lovelace, a mathematician and computer scientist who lived in 19th century Britain.







## Digital Leaders visit Apple Store



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*Last week, the school's Digital Leaders visited the Apple Store in Bromley where they tried their hand at creating their own apps. They created characters with profiles, including their favourite colours and food. The Digital Leaders have also been invited back for another workshop later this year which they are already very excited about.*

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## Out and About

One of this year's school development targets is to reintroduce a range of trips and visits to enhance the children's learning in different areas of the curriculum. The first half of the Spring Term has been a busy one with many different year groups undertaking local visits and some venturing further afield. Our Year 3 pupils spent the day at the Natural History Museum recently to learn more about volcanoes and earthquakes as part of their learning in geography. To further promote a love of reading in our pupils, Years 1 and 2 visited Shortlands Library while the older pupils took themselves off to Bromley Library in the town centre. And it hasn't just been about keeping our brains healthy as the pupils in Key Stage 2 had the opportunity to put their bodies through their paces with trip to New Wave Academy where they were introduced to the sport of Brazilian Jiu Jitsu. This half-term, Year 2 will visit Knole House and the Year 4 pupils are getting really excited about their residential trip to Sayers Croft.











## Good Gym Visit



Valley Primary School has benefited from another visit from our friends at Good Gym. This time, the willing volunteers put on their Marigolds and scrubbed the kitchen area in School House. This area is now ready to be used once again by the children when working on food technology projects as part of the Design & Technology curriculum. A very big THANK YOU to Mark and his team who gave two hours of their time on Sunday 28th January.



## Girls' Football Success

On Wednesday 7th February, the girls' football team played in a tournament against other local primary schools. For the past two seasons, Mr. Riddoch has worked hard to develop the profile of girls' football at Valley and we are all really very proud of how our team performed on Wednesday. They only lost one match in the whole tournament and finished third overall. The team was made of girls from Years 4 and 6 and consisted of: Olive, Hollie, Jessica, Grace, Sophia, Gloria, Rosie, Billie and Kira. An extra special well done to our goal scorers Sophia and Jessica. Great job girls!

## Slam Dunk!



On the Friday before half-term, to support our curriculum driver of Ambition & Aspiration, we were lucky enough to have received a visit from Pierre Henry-Fontaine. Pierre has represented Team GB in basketball but has also faced his fair share of injuries along the way. As well as demonstrating some of his basketball skills to the pupils, he also spoke about maintaining a healthy mindset to overcome obstacles.



## Future Presentations



Following your feedback in the last parent survey that was undertaken, you mentioned that you would like more information about the learning that goes on at Valley on a day-to-day basis. We feel that this feedback is fair and subject leaders are in the process of finalising the programme of subject-specific presentation which will take place throughout the remainder of this school year. The series of presentations will start with a presentation from Mr. Jackson on the school's vision and values and current school development priorities. This will take place on Monday 26th February at 7pm in the Main Hall so please do come along if you can.

## Parking

Another reminder to parents of the need to need to park safely and responsibly on the surrounding roads. Unfortunately, the school is still having to deal with emails of complaint from residents on Farnaby Road due to irresponsible parking. Parents should not mount pavements when dropping off or collecting children from school and parents are NOT PERMITTED to park their cars in Shelby Court on Farnaby Road. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

## New Evening Sports Club

Coach Dominic, known with Pro-stars, has started a new club which leads on from the popular 'Get Active Sports Club' that takes place on a Monday morning. Open to all ages, boys and girls, with the

intention to host a whole load of fun every Thursday evening with a variety of different sports to play. Visit the website for more details - [www.YoungBallerz.com](http://www.YoungBallerz.com)



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Upcoming dates for the diary:

- 5th March 3.50pm - 7.00pm: Parent Consultations
- 7th March 3.50pm - 6.00pm: Parent Consultations
- 18th - 20th March: Year 4 Sayers Croft Residential
- 28th March: Last Day of Spring Term

*Thank you for Reading!*