

Valley Views



You have often heard me talk about the diversity of our school community and, in recent weeks, once again, the pupils have benefited from the richness of the many cultures and religions represented at Valley. The spring season started with our Martisor celebration – an event celebrated in many Eastern European countries, pupils in after-school club learnt about the Hindu festival of Holi and three of our pupils shared how they celebrate the Persian New Year. Pupils have visited the Methodist church to learn more about the Easter story and may I wish a Ramadan Mubarak to all of our families observing the holy month at present - we look forward to celebrating Eid together after the Easter holidays. Enjoy the holiday period and we look forward to seeing the pupils back at school on Monday 17th April for the start of the summer term.

District Football Success

Many congratulations to Zack who was chosen to represent the Kent District Schools Team at Under 11s. The team has had a successful season winning all 10 of their games and they then went on to win the Kent Championship Cup beating Greenwich in the final. Zack has thoroughly enjoyed playing in goal at this higher level of football and a big well done to him for representing Valley so well.



National Testing

The month of May is always the focal point for National Testing in Years 2 and 6. This year, the SATs week for pupils in Year 6 runs from **Tuesday 9th May to Friday 12th May**. All Yr 6 pupils should be in school on these days in order to sit the tests.

Attendance for our Year 2 pupils is also important during May as the teachers will undertake the assessments with the pupils during their lessons.



School Information System Update

You will have received a letter informing you that all home-school communication and payments will now be handled through the school information system called Arbor. No payments should now be made via Parentmail. Through the parent portal on Arbor, parents will have access to some aspects of their child's attendance statistics. Your user name for the Arbor portal is your email address which we currently hold on the school system. The booking and billing of the Valley Care Club will move over to this new system next term.



The Arbor App is here!

Dates for the Diary

Friday 31st March

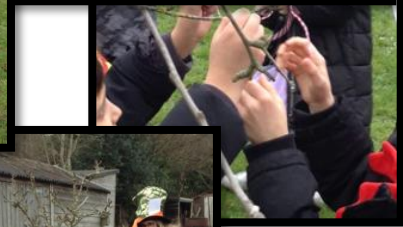
Last Day of the
Spring Term.
School finishes at
3.30pm

Monday 17th April

Pupils return to
school after
Easter.

Friday 28th April

Valley Eid
Celebrations



IMAGES OF THE SPRING TERM 2





APRIL HALF-TERM ACTIVITY CLUB

Week 1: 3rd - 6th
Week 2: 11th - 14th



FUN & CREATIVE INDOOR AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES FOR BOYS & GIRLS, AGED 4-11 YEARS OLD!

ALL STAFF HOLD AN ENHANCED DBS, SAFEGUARDING QUALIFICATION & FIRST AID

Short Day 10:00 - 3:00	Price £15		Long Day 8:00 - 6:00	Price £28
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Activities

- ✓ Outdoor Sports
- ✓ Coaches challenge
- ✓ Arts & Crafts
- ✓ Dance & Gymnastics
- ✓ Indoor activities

Full timetable overleaf

Valley Primary
Beckenham Lane,
Bromley, BR2 ODA

Registration Link
www.topmarksports.co.uk
Click on 'parents zone' to book!

Got a query? 07969 827845 info@topmarksportscoaching.co.uk



Many thanks to all those who helped at last week's Bunny Hop Disco – a record £1,500 was raised.

Great Job!

YOUNG BALLERZ

WEEKLY EVENING CLASSES

VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

MONDAYS

**KS1
KS2**

5.45PM START!

BOOK YOUR FREE TRIAL

MORE INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE

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www.youngballerz.com | Dom - 07950041780 | info@youngballerz.com

Brass Lessons

This half-term, pupils in Key Stage 2 were treated to a demonstration of brass instruments by Bromley Youth Music Trust. If you would like your child to learn to play a brass instrument, please pick up a booking form from the Main Office. Pippa Harris, the school's strings teacher also has availability for pupils from Yr 2 up to learn the violin.



Eid Celebrations

For the first time this year, Valley is holding a whole-school Eid celebration after school on Friday 28th April. If you would like to share or ideas for this event or become involved, then the PTA would like to hear from you. Please email: valleyptabromley@hotmail.com

Cross Country

Saturday 18th March saw the second cross-country meeting of the year and this time it was the turn of our Yrs 3&4 runners. Despite the wet weather, there was a good turnout from Valley with each runner giving it their best shot to improve on their previous best. A special well done to Lena in Yr 4 who finished 8th in her race and to William for finishing in the top 12 in the boys' race.

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.



PTA AGM

Thank you to all those who came along to this year's annual general meeting (AGM). Thanks to Jasper Beston who has served as Co-Chair for the past 12 months. The main committee members for the next year are:

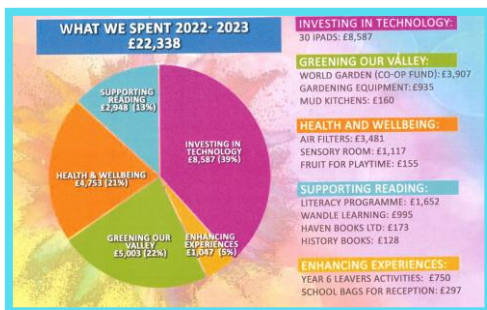
Co-Chairs: Tim Counihan & Alya Gribi

Co-Treasurers: Eva Lyons & Brendan Donegan

Co-Secretaries: Fiona Cowood & Vicky Mitchenall

We are also pleased to welcome Leanne Lashbrook, Stella Garfield and Lucy Sullivan onto the PTA committee.

If you can, please do support the summer term's events.



Missing Something?

Struggling to see? Then perhaps one of these belong to you! Despite asking the pupils, nobody has claimed these pairs of glasses. If you recognise any of these, please come along to the Main Office to collect.



Parent Language Group

For the past six weeks, in partnership with Bromley Adult Education, Valley has been hosting language classes for parents who have English as their second language. Parents have been supported in gaining a better understanding of the language used in lessons at school. The classes have been so well received that parents have asked for more. If you would like to come along, please speak to Mr Jackson.

