



Valley Views

A warm welcome back to the Autumn Term. The pupils have certainly enjoyed a glimpse of normality in these first few weeks of term and it was lovely to see so many families attend the recent Family Festival. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the PTA and all volunteers who helped make this event such a successful one and over £4,500 was raised for the PTA funds. With more events planned for this term, if you are able to offer some time to help the PTA, please do get in touch by using the email: valleyptabromley@hotmail.com The theme for next month's Food Festival is breads of the world so start perfecting those baking skills to share your bread with the school community on Friday 8th October.

Valley Pupil

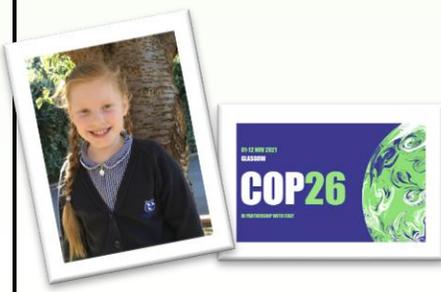
Represented in Pupil Parliament

I am delighted to announce that one of our Year 5 pupils, Thea, will be representing the school's constituency in a forthcoming pupil parliament.

The parliament is being held to coincide with the COP26 conference and it will provide the youth of the country the opportunity to discuss the environmental issues that concern them.

Pupils have been asked to approach Thea and share their views so she can put forward the concerns of the school community on the National stage.

Well done Thea!



Year 3 Pupil Takes the Lead

Congratulations go to Naya in Year 3 who raised nearly £300 during the summer holidays for the charity St. Mungo's, an organisation that helps rebuild lives after homelessness. Taking the Lead challenged people to walk 26 miles for sponsorship but Naya smashed this target and walked 36 miles whilst walking her dog throughout the holiday period. We're all so proud of you Naya.



World Garden

Many of you will have now seen the newly landscaped area between the patio area and the playground. The final stage of this new design is to plant many different plants to reflect the diversity of the school. The last few pounds of the grant money that was awarded to Valley will be used to purchase the plants to create our very own world garden. If you have an idea for a plant or flower that will survive the great British climate, please share this with Mr. Jackson.



Dates for the Diary

**Wednesday 29th
September**

Grandparents' Tea
for Reception &
Key Stage 1
Grandparents

**Friday 8th
October**

World Food
Festival

**Friday 26th
November**

St. Martin'
Lantern
Procession



Family Festival
September
2021



Top Trump Challenge

Pupils in Key Stage 2 (Years 3,4,5&6) are invited to take part in NatWest's Climate Savers Competition. Pupils are challenged to design a Top Trump card showing an action individuals can take to help tackle climate change. Mr. Jackson will lead an assembly on Monday to offer pupils further information and information for parents will be shared via Parentmail. Final designs will need to be returned to school by Wednesday 29th September along with the parental / guardian consent so all budding designers might want to start sketching their ideas out over the weekend.



Music Lessons at Valley

As many of you are aware, Bromley Youth Music Trust (BYMT) provide a range of music lessons at Valley ranging from stringed instruments, brass, woodwind, piano and percussion. Lessons take place during the school day and booking forms are available from the Main Reception. There are still a few spaces left with the different music teachers should your child express an interest in learning an instrument.



Supporting Reading & Grammar at Home

Miss Mole, the school's English Lead, would like to share the following links regarding free training for parents on how to support reading and grammar at home. Miss Mole has completed some online courses with Dandelion Learning in the past and they come highly recommended. Please use the links below to book your free training:

[Raising a Reader: Top Tips for Parents to Foster a Love of Reading: Free Training - Dandelion Learning](#)

[Free Online Training: Helping Parents with Home Learning. Getting to Grips with Grammar! - Dandelion Learning](#)

Nut-free School

Valley aims to be a nut-free school as some members of our school community have a severe allergy to nuts. Nuts and nut-based products such as chocolate spread should not be brought in to school for morning snack or be part of a child's packed lunch. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Asthma Pumps

If your child requires an asthma pump, in order for the school to hold asthma medication in school, parents need to get their child's asthma card signed off by their GP or asthma nurse. For further information regarding asthma or allergies, please speak to Mrs. Bradley.

Name that Uniform!

Once again at the end of last term, three bags of unnamed clothing was donated to a local clothes bank. To reduce the amount of clothing that gets donated at the end of each term, it would help enormously if all items of clothing (including coats) were named. Simply writing your child's initials and class name on the clothing label will help match lost property to the right pupils.

