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Valley Views

I hope you all had an enjoyable half-term and with signs of Spring in the air, we look forward to the second half of this term which is set to be another busy few weeks. Valley Primary will host its 7th Grandparents' Tea party on the afternoon of the 1st April and, for the first time, on the 2nd April, we play host to the cross-trust Dance Festival where we will welcome pupils of all ages from all of the six CSAT schools. This event follows on from the art exhibition that was held at Raglan Primary School last term showcasing some of the fantastic artwork from our pupils.

Illustrator Visit

We were fortunate to welcome Axel Scheffler, most notably the illustrator of *The Gruffalo*, to school last half-term to officially open the library extension. Axel led a whole school assembly where he amazed pupils with his sketches of the Gruffalo and spoke to pupils about his life as an illustrator. During the morning he also spent time in both Reception classes before cutting the blue ribbon to officially open the new Library extension.



German Success

Our congratulations go to Zana who recently won a prize in a German writing competition. Pupils in Years 5 & 6 entered the competition which was run by the Goethe Institute. Pupils were asked to write a comic strip based on the characters Felix and Franzi with a winter theme. Zana scooped first prize out of all the Year 5 pupils nationally. Herzliche Glückwünsche!



Girls' Football Success

On Wednesday, Valley's girls' football team won the football finals meaning they will now represent Crystal Palace in the National finals in May. On March 24th, the girls will travel to Dagenham to represent Bromley in the London Youth Games football finals. The girls have had a successful season so far and their place in the final is thoroughly deserved.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 3 rd March & Thursday 5 th March	Friday 20 th March	Wednesday 1 st April
Parent Consultations Tuesday: 3.50 – 7.00 Thursday 3.50 – 6.00	World Book Day Celebrations	Grandparents' Tea Party at 2pm

Our Recent Core Value Award Recipients



Valley's Girls' Football Team with their Trophies



Tag Rugby Tournament

On Thursday 6th February, Valley took two teams along to play in the Bromley Schools' Tag-Rugby Tournament. Both teams performed really well with the A Team finishing 2nd in their pool and the B Team finishing 3rd in their respective pool. Thanks to all the parents who came along to support on the day.

DIGITAL LEADERS OUTING

As part of our exciting curriculum, the Digital Leaders took part in a field trip to the Apple Store in Bromley. The children were given a workshop in coding using the Edu app and then worked in teams to create their own code. The teams were able to take the Sphero BOLT robots around a maze, over a ramp and even provide an LED light show while they did it!



Curriculum Update

Since September, the staff have been working hard on redefining the curriculum to ensure learning in all subjects progressively builds on prior learning.

Valley has written a new curriculum intent statement and IPC topics have been reviewed to reflect the new curriculum drivers and threshold concepts in each foundation subject.

There will be an information board on display at next week's Parent Consultation meetings and Ms Garrod will be on hand to explain the changes that are taking place and answer any questions.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who came along to the homework sharing afternoon that was held before half-term. It was lovely to see so many of you sharing this additional learning with the pupils and we look forward to welcoming parents to a similar event in the near future.

Music Lessons

There is availability for peripatetic music lessons in drumming, double bass and piano for the summer term. If you are interested in your child learning an instrument, please pick up a leaflet from the Main Reception or contact Bromley Youth Music Trust (BYMT) directly.

Co-op Support

Just a reminder that the local Co-op store on Farwig Lane is supporting Valley's environmental work this year. If you shop at the Co-op, you can select Valley Primary School as your chosen good cause. There are also registration leaflets available at the Main Reception.



Long Service Recognised

On Wednesday 12th February, the school said a big THANK YOU to Mrs Arthur, the Catering Manager, for 25 years' service to school catering. Mrs Arthur was presented with vouchers, flowers, a cake and a specially made card signed by pupils and staff. Thank you for everything!



Co-Design Workshops

It was lovely to see so many Valley parents at the Sustrans Co-Design Workshops which were held in the main hall last half-term. Two more workshops have been planned for Saturday 21st March between 12.30 and 4.30pm and Thursday 26th March between 4.30pm and 8.30pm. Please do come along to learn more about the proposed developments for Shortlands.

