# Valley Views

The last half-term saw a number of celebrations. The first of these was Valley's first-ever Eid celebrations where we celebrated this Muslim festival through music, food, story and song. This was closely followed by our Coronation celebrations with many pupils attending school dressed in traditional dress to celebrate their heritage - a street part style lunch and PTA cake sale helped to mark this occasion. Finally, on the last Monday of the half-term, the school once again thanked grandparents and wider family members for the contribution they make to the lives of our pupils throughout the year in the ever-popular Grandparents' Afternoon Tea. The second half of the summer term looks to be equally as busy with sports days, open evenings and summer fairs – I look forward to seeing you at these events.

## Yr 6 Pupil Rocks

Many congratulations to Samuel who is achieving great things on the electric guitar. Samuel started playing the electric guitar in Year 3 and has been having lessons with The Rhythm Studio. He also plays in the Rock Steady lessons here at Valley. Samuel is turning out to be quite the rock star playing songs by The Rolling Stones, The Cure, The Clash and Oasis. He recently performed for Grandparents' at the afternoon tea and, on a bigger stage, Samuel has performed at Pizza Express Holborn and The Half-Moon Putney.



# **National Testing**

A big WELL DONE to our Year 6 pupils who approached their recent Key Stage 2 SATs tests with a quiet resilience and determination. While there has been much press coverage about the complexity of some of this year's tests, we are all very proud of Year 6 pupils and how they conducted themselves during the testing week.

A special mention to our Year 2 pupils too who also coped admirably with their tests just before the half-term break.



# **Secondary School Transition 2024**

Parents of pupils in the current Year 5 should now start thinking about creating their **Bromley School Admissions** online account for secondary school transition in 2024. The deadline for submitting your six secondary school preferences is 31st October 2023. Parents who would like their child to sit the Kent or Bexley tests should be aware of the following dates:

Kent Registration: 1st June - 3rd July 2023

Kent Test: Saturday 9th September

Bexley Registration: 15th May -

30th June 2023

Bexley Tests: 9th -14th September

# **Dates for the Diary**

19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> June

Yr 6 Residential to **PGL Caythorpe** Court

Thursday 13th July

**Open Evening** 4pm – 6pm

Friday 21st July

Last Day of Term at 3.30pm

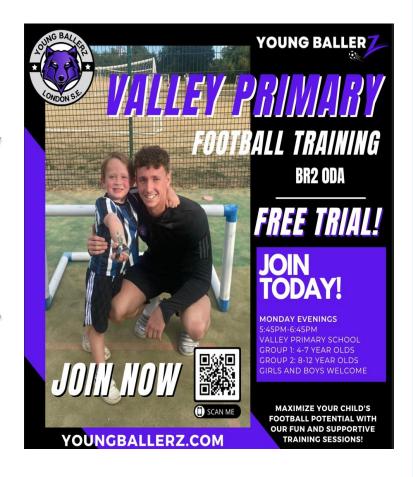






Please remember that all pupils should be seated in their classrooms by 8.55am each morning.

DON'T BE LATE THROUGH THAT GATE!



# Goodgym Visit

Our friends from Goodgym paid a visit to Valley once again on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May where they spent some time tending to the young trees that were planted by families on the school field back in the autumn of 2020. Please go and have a look at your tree when you are on the field for sports day later this term.



#### No After-School Club

Just to remind you that there will be no After-School Club on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June due to staff training taking place. The school's Breakfast Club will run as normal on this date.

#### **Bunk Bed Appeal**

If any family is thinking of getting rid of bunk beds, please let the ladies in the office know. There is a Valley family who are looking for bunk beds for their family home.

# **Settling All Bills**

Parents are kindly asked to pay all outstanding bills for dinner money and the school's Care Club. When parents do not settle their bills at the end of each month, money has to be taken from other budget areas to pay staffing wages and the catering bills. With the current constraints on school budgets, having to use allocated funds to pay for Care Club bills, is placing immense pressure on teaching and learning resources.

#### **KEY DATES**

Please make sure the following dates are in your diary.

Tuesday 27th June: EYFS & Key Stage 1 Sports Day at 9.45am (Reserve date Thursday 6th July)

Thursday 29th June: Key Stage 2 Sports Day at 9.45am (Reserve Date Monday 3rd July)

Tuesday 4th July: Year 6 Secondary School

**Induction Day** 

Friday 7th July: Pre-School Sports Day

Tuesday 11th July: End of Year Reports home to parents

Thursday 13th July: Open Evening 4pm – 6pm

Tues 11th & Weds 12th July: Yr 6 play at 6pm

Thursday 20th July: Yr 6 Leavers' Assembly at 9.30am

## Our Card to the King

Thank you to the staff and pupils at Valley Care Club who made a wonderful card for His Majesty King Charles III. The card featuring guards in front of the palace gates was posted to Buckingham Palace to offer our congratulations to the King and Queen Consort on their Coronation.

#### **PTA Dog Show**

A special thank you to the PTA for hosting Valley's first-ever dog show on the last Sunday of the half-term break. The event was well attended and spectators were entertained by a wide variety of pooches battling for first place in six different categories. The Top Dog Award went to Max! Due to the success of this event, it is sure to make a welcome return next year.