

Valley Views



It's been a busy start to the Spring term and, again, we have seen more signs of school life returning to normal despite the constant presence of COVID-19 amongst pupils and staff. Year 1 have been out on a trip to Bromley, Year 5 are currently enjoying their weekly swimming lessons and the school's tag rugby team took part in the Bromley inter-school tournament this week after a two-year pause. I am also delighted to announce another sign of normality – after a really productive working group meeting last Thursday, the school's PTA is about to re-launch. Please look out for the different ways you can share your views about the events you would like to see moving forward and, as importantly, how you can get involved so that everyone can play their small part to help achieve something big for the pupils and the wider school community.

Goethe Institut Visit

The Year 5 & 6 school choir were treated to a choral workshop hosted by the Goethe Institut which helped compliment the school's German foreign language teaching in Key Stage 2. After a very energetic warm up, the pupils learnt a range of German songs culminating in a rendition of the popular Beatles song She Loves You (auf Deutsche). The German lyrics proved to be a bit of a tongue twister but the pupils rose to the challenge.



Safer Internet Day

On 8 February, Valley celebrated Safer Internet Day - the global campaign that promotes the safe and responsible use of technology. This year, the children learned about relationships and showing respect to others online. We heard from a guest speaker from Amazon, listened to stories and advice about creating a better internet and took part in activities that help us make our time online a positive experience.



Gold Award for Valley

Valley Primary has been awarded the the Gold Star Award as part of the School Travel Plan scheme. This award is in recognition of the school's achievement in active and safer travel initiatives. Thank you to Mr House who oversees the school's application to this scheme and to all the families who choose greener, safer ways of travelling to and from school.



Dates for the Diary

Friday 11th February

Last day of the half-term

Monday 21st February

Pupils return to school after the half-term

Tuesday 8th March & Thursday 10th March

Parent Consultations



Healthy Snacks

Parents are reminded that they should not be sending their child in with crisps or chocolate bars to eat for their mid-morning snack. There is free fruit available for all year groups each morning but, if pupils prefer to bring their own snack from home, then it should be healthy. Some ideas include:

- A piece of fruit
- Oatcakes
- Pitta Bread & Babybel
- Malt Loaf



For many years now, Valley has not permitted pupils to hand out birthday sweets to the class and would like to thank parents for their continued cooperation with this.

Year 2 Scooter Training

Last week, a number of Year 2 pupils participated in scooter training delivered by the Bromley School Transport team. During the afternoon's training, the pupils developed their competence in riding their scooter whilst also reinforcing the main messages of scooter safety.



Tag Rugby Tournament

On Tuesday, pupils from Years 5 & 6 took part in the Bromley schools' Tag Rugby tournament. Valley fielded two teams and it was pleasing to see both teams displaying the five rugby values in all the games they played. Tries were scored by Freddie, Chael, Alexander, Tiago, Alfonso, Allannah and Liam and congratulations go to the development team who finished fifth overall out of 10 teams. A special thank you to Mr. Dixon and Mr. Olcer who guided the A Team throughout, Mr. Powell for his assistance with the development team and to all the parents who came along on the day to offer their support. Thanks also go to Coach Al and Coach Jim who have assisted at the weekly rugby club in recent weeks.



Half-Term Holiday Club

The Topmarks Holiday Club will run as normal throughout the half-term break. Children can attend for a long day (8am – 6pm) or a shorter day (10am – 3pm). To book a place for your child, please visit:

<http://topmarksportscoaching.co.uk/booking.html>



Pokeman Cards

In a recent School Council meeting, the decision was taken to limit the use of Pokeman Cards in school. Pupils are now only permitted to bring these cards to school on Fridays.



Parent Consultations

This term's parent consultations will be held on **Tuesday 8th March** (3.50pm – 7.00pm) and **Thursday 10th March** (3.50pm – 6.00pm). Once again, the meetings will held virtually and the appointment system will become active from **Monday 28th February**.

