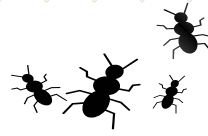


Wandle Valley News—Summer 2019



Welcome to the summer edition of the Wandle Valley News.

This year has seen Wandle at its best. Pupils, parents, carers and staff have all worked together to enable each other to achieve some amazing things. There have been parent/carer evenings, Coffee Mornings, Jack Petchey Awards nights, Gold medal achievements by staff, Athletic meets, Cricket and Football matches, Climbing, Swimming, Horse-riding, Reward Trips to Oxygen, Go Ape, Thorpe Park and Chessington to mention only a few.

The year culminated in a Wandle First, with a Celebration Awards Evening for years 9,10,11. This gave everyone the opportunity to congratulate and acknowledge the achievements of our young people and especially those year 11s that will be leaving us and moving onto their post 16 destinations. The evening was a real success and has set a bench mark for what we hope to achieve in the future.

I would like to take this opportunity to say goodbye and thank you to those members of staff who will be leaving us this year. A number of the staff leaving are moving into teacher training and we wish them all good luck in their future ventures.

It only leaves me to thank all the staff at Wandle Valley, that is the Admin, Site and Finance Teams, the Teachers and LSAs and all the outside support agencies that work with our young people. It takes all of us to make Wandle, Wandle and as we know the motto is 'Together We Achieve More' and that is so very true.

I wish you all a fabulous summer break and look forward to even more great things in September 2019.

Miss Harris



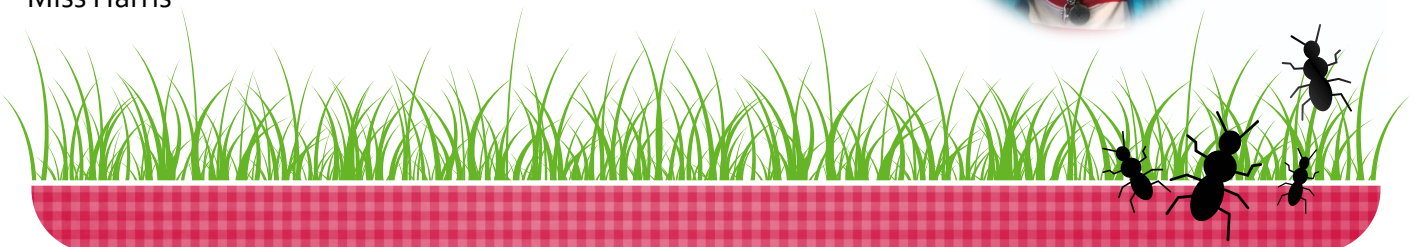
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Important Dates

TERM ONE	
Start date	Tuesday 3 rd September 2019
Finish Date	Friday 18 th October 2019
Half-term Holiday	Monday 23 rd October to Friday 1 st November 2019

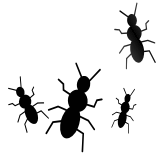
TERM TWO	
START DATE	Monday 4 th November 2019
Finish Date	Friday 20 th December
Holiday	Monday 23 rd December 2019 to Thursday 2 nd January 2020



Connor



Hope



ART



Keon

Another fantastic year with some huge achievements from Wandle Valley pupils in the art department. Massive congratulations to the year 11 GCSE pupils for sitting a challenging 10 hour exam and producing some absolutely beautiful work.

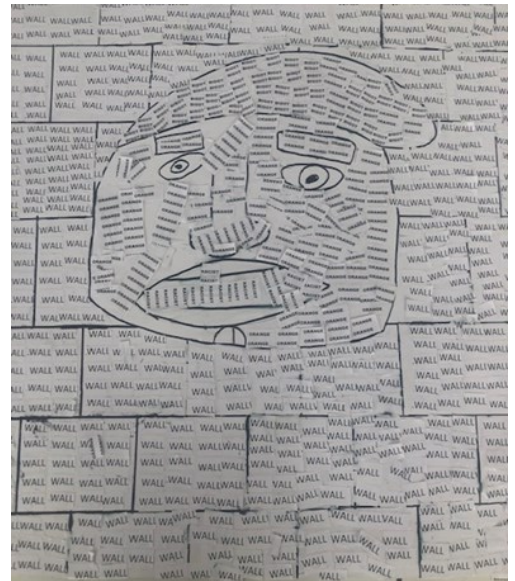


Tiago



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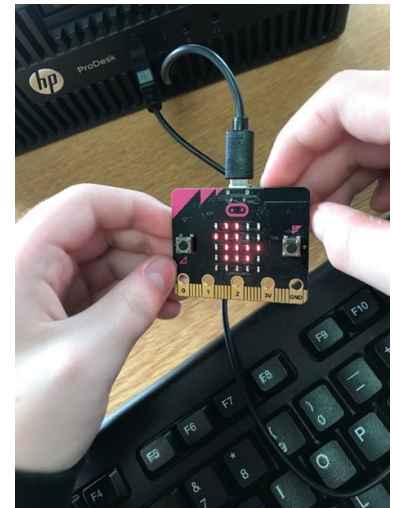
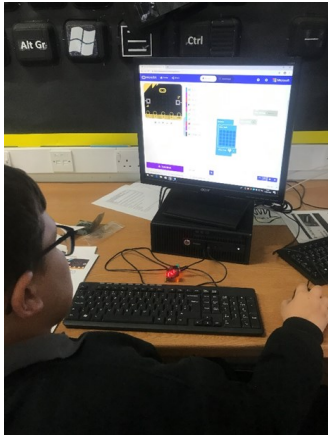


Stanley



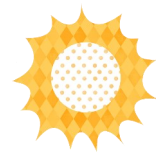
Introduction to BBC Microbit in ICT

This term we have introduced the BBC microbit to our pupils at Wandle Valley. The microbit is a stripped down computer which the pupils can use to code and create anything they have set their minds to. It's intended as a starter device to give children a basic understanding of physical computing. The potential is endless and we can't wait to see the children's creativity and developing ideas.



Microbit used to code and create

Cricket—Mr Goodman

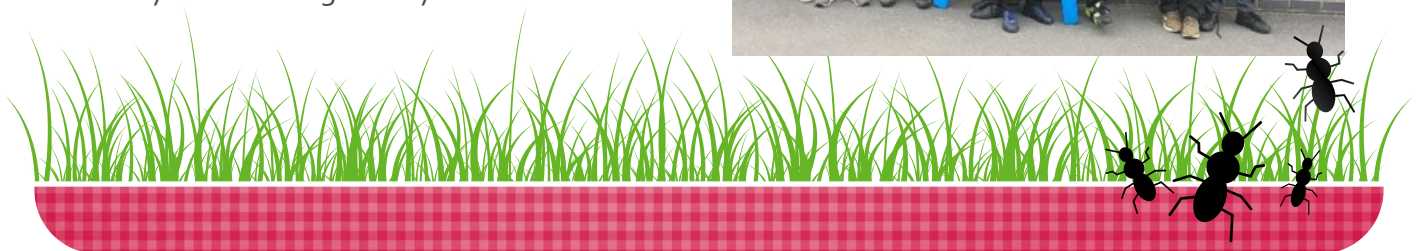


We had a brilliant day at Kingston university sports ground in the KS3 Cricket tournament, hosted by Surrey special schools sports association. The boys batted the first half of the match with some excellent batting from Messiah, Adrien and Alfie. Great communication was shown from the boys to help the team get more runs. After finishing batting, we had to field. Some great fielding and catching from all the team but especially Mattie catching one of his opponents out with a tower catch.

In the second game, the boys fielded well. Some outstanding bowling from Brandon and Adrien again. After the change of innings from fielding to batting, the boys were on a roll. In particular, Luca who hit three 6 runs in a row and Alfie keeping the team moral up, followed by Stanley and Brandon, who kept the scoreboard ticking over and gave Wandle Valley a convincing victory.

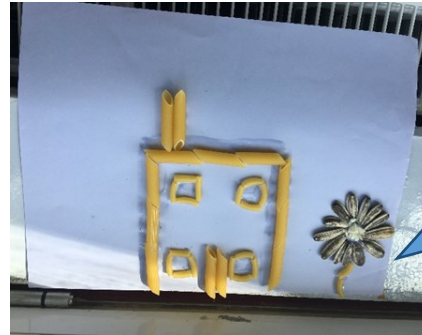
After a spot of lunch, we played our last game in the group. The boys started off the pace a little and took the game a little lightly. This made the game very sluggish allowing Wandle to narrowly lose the game.

The final game started shakily due to the pressure of being in the final. However, great persistence from Brandon the team captain and Adrien for trying to gain the last few runs to Wandle. Unfortunately Wandle lost by 17 runs. A brilliant experience for the boys to get a taste of cricket game. They can't wait for next year.



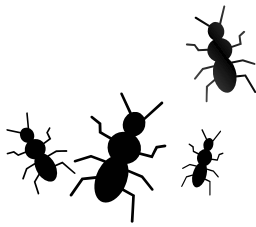
Blue class year 3 / 4—Miss Crawford

This term we have spent time learning about the artwork of Kandinsky and Giuseppe. The children have thoroughly enjoyed this art unit. We have collected a range of home food materials and used these to create our own artistic piece. In addition to this we have created our own artistic pictures similar to the work of Kandinsky



'I like all the colours in Kandinsky...'

CT



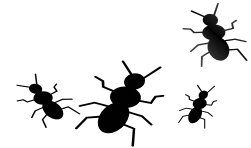
'Its really fun using real food'

LJ

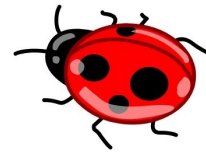


Green Class—Mr Lezha

We have had a good term this summer and been working hard on our Maths and English skills. Pupils have also found it much easier to settle with changes and some have been able to adapt well to the new timetable. We are looking forward to the end of the year and the exciting things that are happening in the coming weeks.



Red Class—Mr Branford



Red Class have had a busy and exciting term. We have been on lots of fun trips: horse riding, indoor climbing and even a visit to Chessington World of Adventures!

Inside the classroom, our Topic has been Africa. We have learnt loads of cool facts about the Ancient Egyptians and African Animals. We've also read and studied some great

books set in Africa, such as Bringing the Rain to the Kapti Plain and We All Went on Safari.

We are hoping that the weather will be fine, so that we can do lots of fun outdoor learning in the last few weeks of the term and we are looking forward to a well-earned summer holiday.

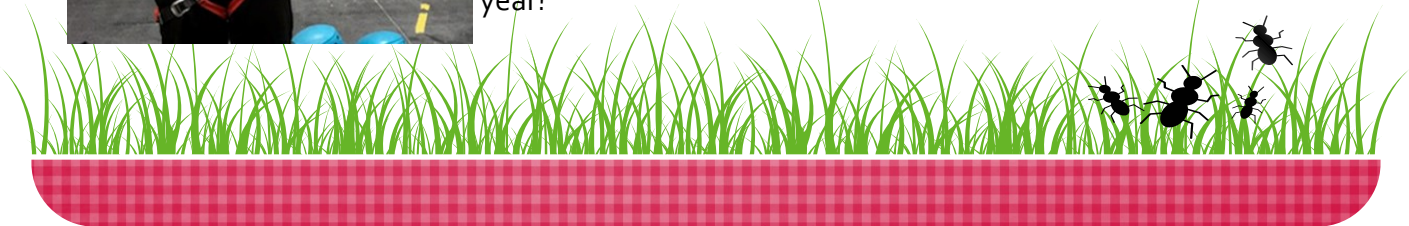


Primary—Mr Sanders



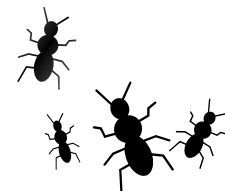
At Wandle Valley, we are lucky to have a number of opportunities within our curriculum such as horse riding, trampolining and swimming. This summer, we introduced climbing to our curriculum as a way of building strength, endurance and flexibility. We have also found that the pupils who have been climbing have also developed their problem solving and communication skills as well as resilience and perseverance. The children have loved it!

We are looking forward to some more exciting changes next year!



Travel Training – Sutton Community Transport and TfL

On Thursday 11th July, seven Year 7 and 8 pupils participated in a Travel Training session, run by Sutton Community Transport and TfL. We met our guides and personal double-decker bus in Sutton and then embarked on an eventful journey around the borough, where we were joined by a range of actors performing interactive role-plays based around a range of anti-social, risk-taking and criminal behaviours. The pupils had the chance to speak to Ticket Inspectors, Police Officers and Community Support Officers and ask a variety of questions about safe travel on public transport. It was a really interesting experience and the pupils were an absolute credit to the school throughout.



Careers Support

At Wandle Valley we try to give our pupils as much support as possible with regards to planning their further education and employment. As part of our Careers curriculum, in addition to Key Stage 4 Careers lessons, we arrange college visits and taster sessions, business tours and workshops, work experience placements and short courses and mock interviews with external professionals.

We are very lucky to have some great contacts in the 'world of work', who support the school by both coming in to talk to pupils about their career options, but also invite pupils to visit their place of work and see the working environment first-hand.

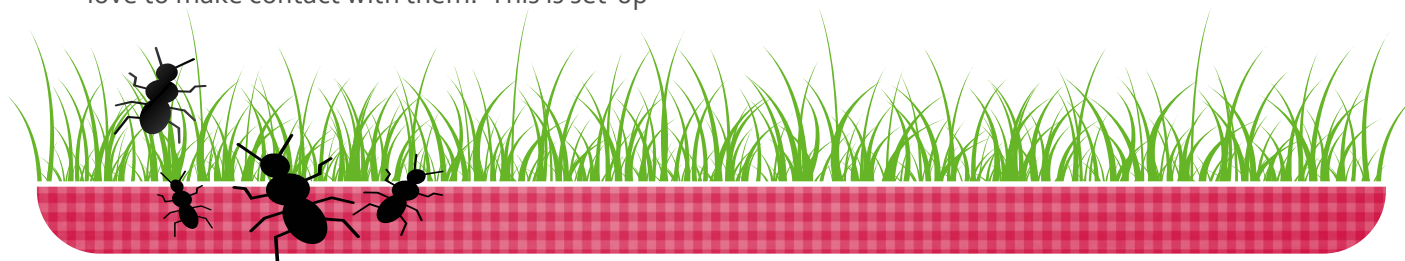
We are always looking for additional contacts, to ensure that what we offer is varied and of interest to each cohort of Key Stage 4 pupils. If you know someone who would be interested in attending our Careers Fair on October 11th 2019, we would love to make contact with them. This is set-up

like a 'speed dating' concept, where pupils move from table to table, speaking very briefly to a range of employers, in order to find out more about a range of careers. Or maybe you would welcome us to bring a small group of interested pupils to your own place of work, for a short tour and a questions and answer session?

Rita Andrews, our internal Careers Advisor will be meeting termly with all secondary pupils from September 2019. Please spend some time over the coming months discussing any ideas your child may have regarding their future studies and employment, so that we can best support them in their journey beyond Wandle Valley.

Please contact Rita via randrews@suttonmail.org or visit the Careers area of the school website to find out more about the provision we are committed to offering.

Katherine Peck - Careers Coordinator





Group E Trip to Sutton Community Farm

On the morning of the 4th July, Group E pupils Reece, Kailem and Archie visited Sutton Community Farm, to learn about what happens on the farm and what the aims of the organisation are.

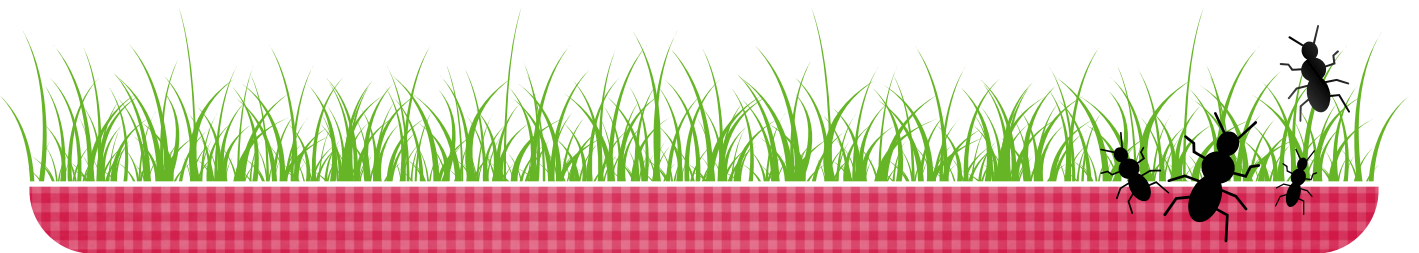
What is Sutton Community Farm?

Sutton Community Farm is a community-owned farm. It started in 2010 in response to a community need with the purpose to increase access to fresh, healthy, sustainable food and provide a shared space for people to cultivate skills, get exercise and make new friends. The farm sits on a beautiful 7.1 acre smallholding with views towards the skyline of central London.

Their aims

1. To increase local food supply, grown sustainably;
2. To create inclusive, shared spaces for the community to cultivate skills;
3. To be community led;
4. To achieve economic stability, supporting land-based employment.

We hope to develop a good working relationship with the farm, to enable pupils from Wandle Valley to undertake some voluntary work there on a regular basis and to attend work experience placements in Key Stage 4.



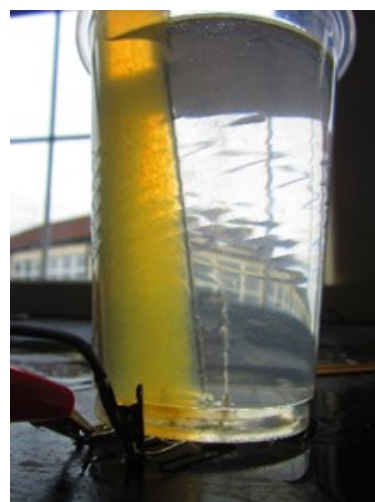
Summer in the Lab—Mr Parfitt

Pupils were amazed and delighted to find they could find a simple method to decompose water molecules into the two constituent gases. As I am sure we all know Dihydrogen monoxide is composed of two hydrogen atoms and one oxygen atom per molecule. By using electrolysis pupils collected the gases at separate electrodes, charged positively and negatively. At the cathode pupils were astonished to see a large amount of gas bubbles, whilst at the anode the amount of gas was in lesser supply. During the experiment I expert-

ly directed the pupils to observe a reddish colour evolving from the anode. This was Iron, from the tip of the pin, being converted to Iron Oxide. The Oxygen and Hydrogen can then be collected and used as fuels and many other uses.

Can you think of any uses of stored Oxygen during the Summer Study period? Bonus points for any other natural conversion of a gas decomposed to release Oxygen.

Simple experiment, HEAVY DUTY SCIENCE!



"In Drama we play a lot of games, and use exercises to build confidence, develop scenes, improve our knowledge of a wide range of theatre techniques and styles and (of course) have fun!

This term we have been focusing on the importance of positive communication, teamwork and character status.

In addition to their drama sessions on Tuesdays, selected pupils had the opportunity to go to London and see "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time" as part of our Arts Awards Qualification Programme.

From the Autumn term we will be working with all pupils to

devise ideas for our annual Christmas show, which THIS year is a revisit of our first ever production at Wandle Valley, CinderFella (our own unique take on this classic pantomime)!

As always, we continue to give pupils at Wandle Valley experiences in a wide range of drama opportunities, both onstage and offstage - from learning skills in lighting and sound, to creating costume and props and designing make-up styles."

Savvy



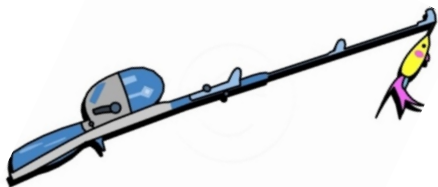


Group V make a splash at Thorpe Lakes—Mr Goodman

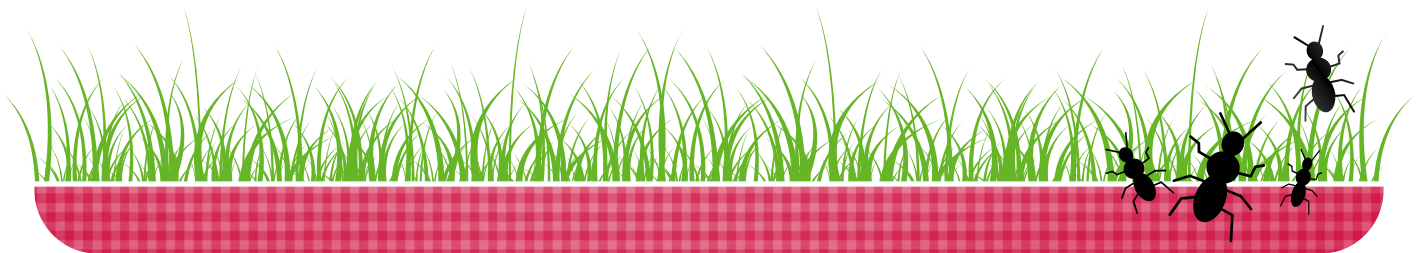
Group V were rewarded for term 5's hard work and chose to go to Thorpe Lakes in Chertsey. We got to experience the floating aqua park.

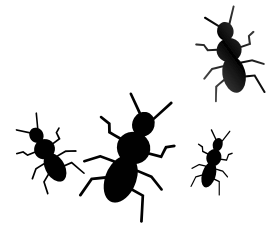
The pupils had a great time and were thoroughly exhausted, sleeping most of the car journey back to school.

Well done to Group V for getting the opportunity to attend this fantastic venue, let's try and get there again soon!



This term we had our first taster fishing trip with the two year 7 groups S & C. This is a fantastic opportunity for the children to get hands on with a very therapeutic sport. All pupils involved were wonderfully behaved and enjoyed it very much. We had to learn how to hold a fish and how to put a maggot on a line and for those not quite so impressed with the wiggly worms they used sweetcorn. And a special mention to Luca as he went above and beyond with his fantastic listening skills and knowledge.





Wandle Valley Academy KS3 6 a-side football—Mr Goodman

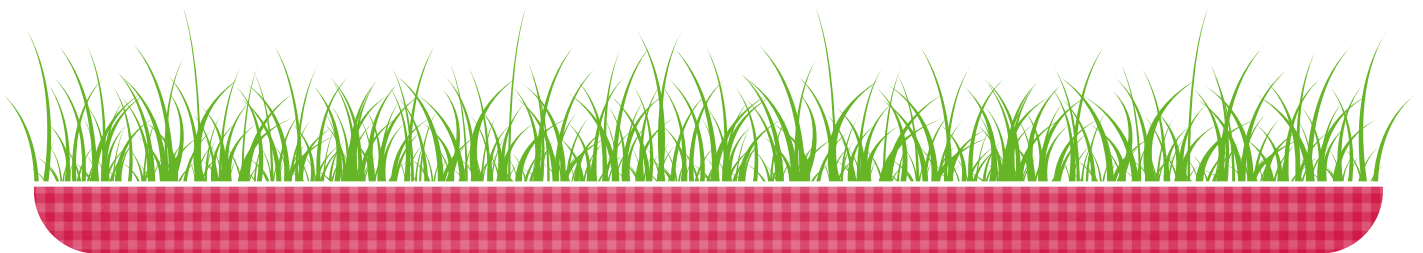
Once again this academic year Wandle Valley were invited to the Surrey Special School 6 a-side football tournament at Wimbledon goals.

This year saw us enter two teams from KS3 which is a great achievement and required commitment and dedication from the pupils and staff to ensure we fulfilled our entries.

Both the 'A' and 'B' teams coped well in their respective leagues; the A team challenging the top places in the Premier division each round of tournaments and the B team getting promoted to a higher league and spending only 4 tournaments in league one after starting in league two.

The A team managed to finish as runners up for the year in the Premier division, not quite managing to retain their title but giving it a really good go.

The victorious B team won League one in only 4 tournaments crowning them champions of this division, not losing a game in the process, a fantastic achievement for the group of pupils, some of whom had never played football for the school before and others who lacked confidence. Obstacles were overcome and the pupils were overjoyed with their achievements.





"We had such a fun day.
My favourite part was in
the cave" - Harvey

Group S achievement points trip

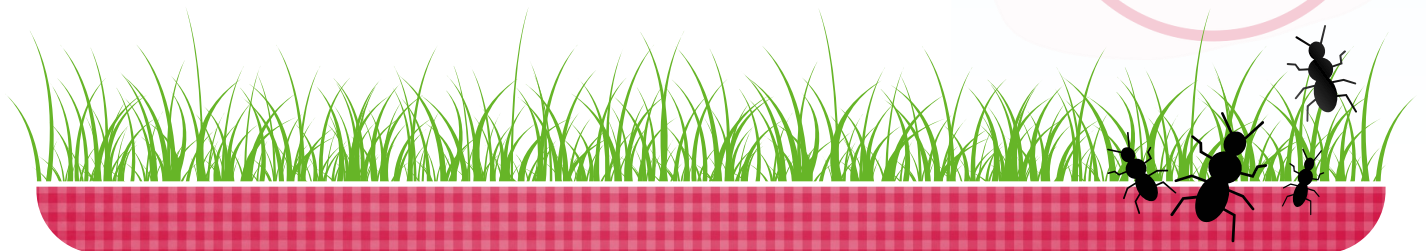
Reflections on a lunch plate

Famously, Napoleon suggested that an army marches on its' stomach, obviously this predates the demands of compulsory education. As we all know the key to concentration in education is a happily full tum. This year pupils and staff have cast their eyes over some delicious lunch-eon delights (DLD's). Katie and the crew have surpassed their routinely high standards to produce tempting fare for all.

During the cool, dank days of Autumn, through the Winter days of desolation, into hopeful Spring and now the scorching Summer school lunches have complemented the Seasons. Even a surprise Fire Alarm failed to disrupt the smooth delivery of sumptuous food one particularly cold and distressing day in January!

So we say to Katie and her crew.....

Merci beaucoup
and Bon appetite!



Year 9, 10 and 11 Celebration Evening



On behalf of the Advisory Board, I just wanted to say how blown away Seema and I were tonight by the fantastic atmosphere of the KS4 Awards Evening. It was great to see the strong and positive relationships that staff have built up with the pupils over the years at WVA; particularly at the end of the evening when we heard about the journey that each one of the Year 11 pupils have taken to get to where they are now.



This is testament to the leadership and staff of WVA and the organisation of such a wonderful event that I hope will become a regular occurrence in the future.

Robert Brooks

Chair of the Advisory Board



Thursday 11th July 2019



Complete the Soduko puzzle!

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Well done

95% attendance and above

Name	Reg	% Attendance
Haydan	C	95.65
Luca	C	96.15
Keon	D	96.7
Samuel	Red	97.53
Rodrigo	S	97.8
Noah	N	98.08
Alfie	Red	98.08
Jay-Omari	Green	98.35
Reece	E	98.63
Damien	Red	98.9
Keary, Brandon	C	99.45
Morgan, Connor	V	100
12 pupils		



Maths—Mr Charles

This has been a very productive term which saw all of our year 11 pupils sit their GCSE's. Ellie also took the opportunity to sit the exam a year early! We wish them all the best of luck on results day!

There was also a focus on Functional skills that saw many :

- Year 9 pupils take their Entry Level Assessments
- Year 10 & 11 pupils take their level 1 and/or 2 assessments. A special mention goes to Keon who was the only pupil in year 9 who sat the Level 1 assessment.

Ice Cream Flavors

T	U	N	O	C	O	C	V	A	N	I	L	L	A	VANILLA
S	K	C	A	R	T	E	S	O	O	M	A	C	N	CHOCOLATE
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A	O	H	S	E	O	O	M	E	U	H	T	T	T	MOOSE TRACKS
P	E	O	T	N	S	C	K	R	B	O	N	T	I	REESES
L	T	K	R	I	S	E	K	E	O	I	E	O	L	PECAN
E	A	E	A	D	S	A	E	Y	Y	C	E	N	O	FUDGE
W	L	Y	W	B	N	T	Y	R	R	E	R	C	P	MAPLE WALNUT
A	O	P	B	A	I	I	U	C	K	O	G	A	O	COCONUT
L	C	O	E	N	E	E	T	U	T	L	A	N	E	COTTON CANDY
N	O	K	R	A	K	K	N	Y	C	E	A	D	N	HOKEY POKEY
U	H	E	R	N	F	U	D	G	E	R	G	Y	N	NEOPOLITAN
T	C	Y	Y	A	T	I	G	E	R	T	A	I	L	ROCKY ROAD
T	O	O	N	I	C	T	T	A	A	N	E	L	V	GREEN TEA

English—Mrs Atkins

Year 10's this year have faced two sets of exams and completed learning around a variety of topics trying to build up their language skills ready for GCSE next year. Year 11's have been working their way through Functional Skills Level 1 and 2 as well as GCSE. Find the ice-cream flavours to cool you down this summer—enjoy!