



## Wandle Valley Newsletter

April 5th 2019

### ***Rugby works employability day to Berkeley Group: Dumont Project***

As part of the Rugby works programme a group of KS4 pupils got to visit the project office at the Dumont site in London. The pent houses on the project have been sold for a crazy £22 million!

Our pupils got to discuss apprenticeships with current workers within the site office and learnt about the different jobs and careers available in the construction and property development world.

As we couldn't visit the working site due to high winds we instead

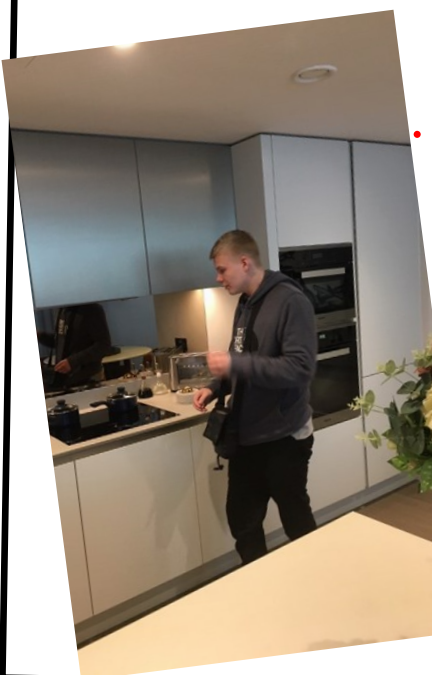
visited a show home, the pupils loved looking around and seeing the views it had to offer, even though it was on the first floor.

Thank you to the rugby works programme for providing the day and those workers at St James for spending their time with us.

Mr Goodman

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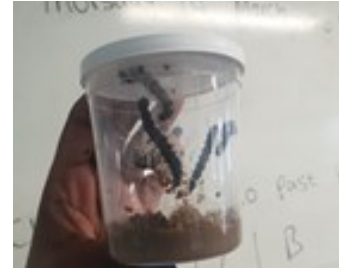
# Caterpillars to Butterflies

Group C have enjoyed watching the life cycle of having tiny caterpillars eat, grow and form in to chrysalides as a part of their habitats



We are hoping to re-lease the butterflies at the end of the term in our local park.

Fingers crossed they all complete their incredible metamorphosis soon...



The caterpillars busy growing

In their chrysalides



## Past Pupil Pays us a Visit



Past pupil Bradley came in to meet the pupils and tell them a little about his chosen career

Bradley left Wandle Valley 7 years ago and we would like to thank him so much for taking the time to come back and visit us. He has been through college to get his qualifications and now has embarked on his chosen career; to become a police officer. He just has one more exam left to achieve this. Well done Bradley, all at Wandle are proud of your achievements and wish you all the best in your future career.



# Rocket Powered STEM Session

Year 7 pupils at Wandle Valley were selected to participate in a K'Nex Rocket Powered car Workshop. Proctor Learning Technologies led the session with two highly respected engineers, one of whom is currently working on the Bloodhound SSC project to break the land speed record. This was organised through the Princes Trust Achieve Programme the pupils are following. Pupils were amazed at the explosive gas demonstration and lis-

tened attentively as their mission became clear - to break the Wandle gym speed record!

The pupils organised themselves into pairs and constructed their own designs of car using K'Nex. The variety of cars and creativity was inspiring to watch. They tested and modified their cars with the intention to be Champions.

Finally the moment of truth arrived and vehicles were sent hurtling along the gym floor

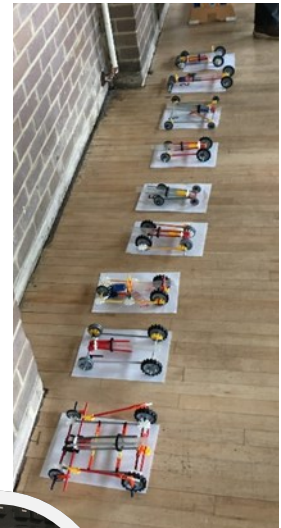
(aologies for any scorch marks Mr Kirkwood!).

Recordings of distance and time allowed pupils to calculate their MPH speed. Team Flash astonished onlookers with their distance of almost 15 metres and took the chequered flag.

All pupils were praised for their engagement by the organisers and we really look forward to the next event...



"Pupils tested and modified their cars with the intention to be Champions."



## Comic Relief 2019

The whole school took part in activities to raise money for Comic Relief. Pupils could burst a balloon to win a prize, there was a coffee morning for parents and locals to try delicious cakes made by Wandle Valley pupils.

On March 15th we had a full day of activities; pupils could pay to wear their own clothes and the whole school played games like 'guess the flavour of the jelly-bean,' 'eat baked beans with a cocktail stick' and 'pin the red nose on the tutor.' We raised over £250 for Comic relief and everyone had an absolutely fantastic day.



# Careers - preparing pupils for their future...

Following on from our successful taster sessions at Carshalton College and JACE Training in October 2018, during January and February 2019, Year 11 pupils had the opportunity to visit three further Post-16 educational venues.

At each venue, pupils had the opportunity to explore the facilities, chat to course leaders about course content and access requirements and also to plan how they would travel independently to each location.

Representatives from each of the venues also came in to school on separate occasions to discuss further the opportunities and support available and to help pupils to complete online applications for their preferred courses.

This year's pupils have all now applied to college(s), for courses and apprenticeships including Catering, Travel and Tourism, Car Mechanics, Game Design/Creative Media and Construction.



"We visited Wuwo, in Carshalton Park, Sutton and District Training Centre at Rose Hill and NESCOT College, in Ewell."

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## Maths Number Day



This term the whole school took part in Number Day and raised a total of **£82.30** for the NSPCC.

As a result, the whole school took part in a number of activities such as:

*'Dress up for digits'* where pupils and staff were invited to wear an item of clothing with a number on it.

'Guess the number of sweets

challenge' (using estimation)  
'Guess the weight of the cake' (using estimation)  
Fitness Circuit Challenge where pupils completed tally data sheets and later produced graphs in class!

## Jack Petchey Award winners evening Epsom Playhouse

On Monday 25th March at Epsom Playhouse our pupils were awarded their Jack Petchey commemorative medallions for winning the awards during the last year. Very well done to Connor, Messiah, Keon, and Reece. Congratulations also to Connor and Ayden who were unable to make it on the night. Congratulations also to Toni Ahmet on receiving her well deserved Leaders award.



## Wandle Dominate Again

Wandle Valley attended another Surrey Schools 5 a side competition and played some excellent football.

The KS3 team performed brilliantly in their respective groups, Mr Kirkwood's team won four of their games and drew the fifth.

Mr Kirkwood's squad had Adrien making his debut and he showed that he was more than able to rise to the occasion. Alfie scored a memorable hat trick in the B team's first game.



The A team being managed by Mr Goodman were already well placed in their Premiership group and wanted to consolidate on the two previous successful tournaments.

Winning three of our four games and drawing the fourth enabled this to happen.

Deaquon was immense in goal against Nightingale school, Mattie showed brilliant leadership and character against Wishmore to get the team playing to a higher standard and Charlie worked his socks off every game to help the team.

Mr Kirkwood and I would like to say a big thank you to Henry who supported us at the tournament in the role of pupil coach. He put the pupils through their paces with a well led warm up and engaged brilliantly with the KS3 pupils throughout the day.

Mr Goodman and Mr Kirkwood.



## Purple Class

Purple Class enjoyed six weeks of Horse Riding lessons at the RDA in Epsom. This is a charity run group that offers our Primary children the opportunity to ride and learn about the horses and stables. It is a free activity for the children and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.



## Red Class

Red Class have had a very busy Spring Term. We have done lots of learning and a few awesome offsite trips.

In English, we have learnt about prefixes, prepositions, conjunctions and lots of other interesting things.

In Maths we have done a lot of work on fractions. Although lots of children initially found this difficult, everyone now understands fractions to some degree.

Red Class have also been Horse-riding this term, this was particularly exciting because it was the first time going off site for one member of the class.

We are looking forward to our holiday so we can come back refreshed and ready for some more fun adventures in the Summer Term.



'We have also studied some great books; like Journey to the River Sea and A Walk in London.'

## Blue Class



This term we have been working hard to learn to read the time.

We are now able to tell most of the (5

minute interval) times around an analogue clock. Next term, we will be focusing on reading digital times.



## Green Class

*Green Class have had a good Spring Term and children have been developing their skills in Maths and English. Pupils appear more settled and are responding well to the changes this term. We are looking forward to the Summer Term and exciting opportunities available including educational visits and enjoying more time outside as the weather improves.*





We have been doing a lot of P.E. in the Primary department this term. We are lucky to offer the children 30 minutes a day of P.E. in the sports hall which we try to vary as much as possible.



Teamwork was also something that the children developed as they supported members of their team to reach the end. It was fantastic to see and something that we have continued to do.

Using a range of equipment we found, we set up an obstacle course for the children to try. It was great to see them developing a range of skills including balance, focus and determination.

As the weather is getting better, we are hoping to do as many of our P.E. sessions outside.



**Wandle Valley Academy joins global challenge to read for 200 million minutes!**



This year, we 'smashed' our school target of a collective 10,000 minutes of reading, to amass an impressive 12,325 minutes!

We await the final figure from Achievement for All, but we hope all of the schools around the country are as proud of their students as we are of ours.

Picture of Messiah (Y8) participating in our annual WOW Word Challenge relay, enjoyed by all of the secondaries and won by Groups E and V.



## Letter from Miss Harris

Firstly I would like to thank all of you for your support with the young people that attend Wandle Valley Academy, as a result we have had a really positive Spring Term. I would also like to congratulate the 6 pupils and one staff member that won Jack Petchey Awards for their work and commitment to the Wandle Valley Community. Messiah, Reece, Keon, Ayden, Connor M, Connor T and Toni Ahmet.

There have been many highlights to this term including World Book Day, Literacy Relays, Number Day and Red Nose Day all of which were a great success and that you can read about within this Newsletter.

It is with great sadness that we have to say a farewell to Ms Simmons, who has been a committed and excellent member of staff for over 14 years. She will be sorely missed, but we know she will be successful in her new ventures and we wish her all the very best.

As always Wandle Valley would not be able to run and be so successful without the continued hard work of it's staff members and supportive parents, so a big thank you to all of you.

I cannot wait to see what the Summer Term brings with it, and would like to take this opportunity to wish the year 11's the best of luck in their forthcoming exams and know that they will do themselves and us proud.

Have a great Easter Break.

Lynda Harris  
Acting Head of Academy



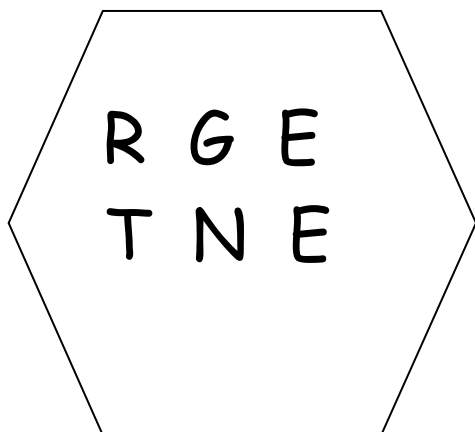
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## Complete the Soduko.

Can you rise to the challenge of the puzzle page?

**How many 3/4/5 letter words can you find?  
Can you also find a 6 letter word?  
See letters below.**



3 letter words

4 letter words

5 letter words

6 letter words



## Easter Word Search



- Basket
- Bonnet
- Bunny
- Candy
- Chicks
- Chocolate
- Daffodil
- Decorate
- Ducks
- Dye
- Easter
- Egg Hunt
- Eggs
- Family
- Flowers
- Grass
- Happy
- Jellybeans
- Lily
- Parade
- Peeps
- Rabbit
- Spring
- Sunday
- Tradition
- Tulips



# Bye Ms Simmons



Time to say farewell to Wandle Valley's pupils and staff. I would like to thank everyone for many happy memories made during my time teaching here. I have had FANTASTIC experiences taking pupils into London and sharing my love and knowledge of this amazing capital city. I have enjoyed watching my young pupils grow into historians.

It has been a very difficult decision and I will miss all the pupils so much. I wish all my pupils and colleagues the best of luck in the future. Remember to reach for the stars and your dreams can come true.

Ms Mandy Simmons.



## Pizza Express trip

We had a lovely experience at Worcester Park Branch Pizza Express, the pupils got a chance to learn about production, marketing and service.

They got to make their own pizzas all free of charge plus refreshments.

We can't wait for the next one!

