



Valley Views



Poppy Appeal Launch

On the last Saturday of the October half-term, members of the school choir and orchestra donned their school uniform to take part in this year's launch of the British Legion's Poppy Appeal for London South East. The pupils performed two pieces of music as part of the formal ceremony of the launch in the Glades Shopping Centre. All performers did the school proud with a great deal of positive feedback having been received from members of the public.



In recent weeks, we have seen Valley supporting the community in many different ways. On the last Saturday of the half-term holidays, the school choir and orchestra participated in the launch of this year's Poppy Appeal in Bromley. The orchestra were in action again this week as they played at the Welcare Service at Bromley Parish Church. Strengthening Community is one of the core aims of the school's PTA and there was no greater example of this than last Saturday at the Family Games afternoon. Approximately 60 people attended this premier event where children and adults alike played a wide range of games.

The school community will come together once again on the 2nd December for the annual Christmas Fair. There's still time to volunteer your services on the day and please do bring family and friends along to share in the festive fayre.

Dates for the Diary

November 24th
Deadline for
Parent-Governor
Nominations

December 2nd
PTA Christmas
Fair
1-4pm

December 8th
Key Stage 2
Carol Service
Bromley Parish
Church at 2pm

School's SEN Information Report



All school's are required to publish their SEN Information Report. This document outlines the services and interventions that are offered to support all pupils with special educational needs. The recently updated document is on the school website and can be found under the About Us / SEND tabs. Mrs Bradley, the school's Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator, encourages you all to have a read of the school's SEN Offer and would welcome any feedback you may have.

Apology

In my last Newsletter, I informed you of our young Triathlon Team who have now completed two triathlons. However, I failed to name all members of the team and apologise for any upset caused. The team comprises of: Buster, Joe, Mia, Finlay and Matilda.



CSAT MAT Update

The school's solicitors are now in the process of transferring all contracts to Connect Schools Academy Trust. It is still anticipated that Valley Primary School will formally convert to CSAT on 1st January 2018.



Parent-Governor Vacancy

Thank you to all those parents who have enquired about the current Parent-Governor vacancy. If you would like to find out more about this important role, please don't hesitate to get in touch. The closing date for nominations is Friday 24th November at 3.30pm. If more than one nomination is received then an election will be held the following week.

I'm sure you'll all be aware of the increase in robberies from criminals mounted on mopeds. These incidents are not limited to the inner-city streets of London and I would like to bring to your attention that a crime took place in the Shortlands area last Friday. Two riders on a moped snatched a handbag from a young lady and, during the incident, the victim fell to the ground and broke her arm. There have been similar reported incidents in the Beckenham area so please be vigilant when out and about.

Sporting Update



It's been a busy term so far on the sporting front. Recently, the Cross Country team were in action once again at Crystal Palace with the school's performance going from strength to strength each year. A special mention must go to Maria Salamanca who finished 3rd in the Year 5 Girls' Race. On Wednesday, the basketball team were in action in the Bromley tournament where they finished 9th out of 18 schools. It's been a tough season for the Year 6 football team who have lost all of their matches and were also knocked out of the cup. Despite the results, the team have shown great sportsmanship and commitment throughout which needs to be applauded. On the swimming front, it was success all around with the Valley Team coming first in the swimming gala. Mia Rust-Andrews and Finlay Crowley won their individual races along with team wins for the Boys' Freestyle Relay, Girls' Freestyle Relay and the Boys' & Girls' Medley race. And finally, the Years 3 & 4 mixed Football performed brilliantly yesterday in the Bromley Schools' Tournament finishing 5th out of 20 schools. Well done to you all!

Key Christmas Dates

December

2nd – PTA Christmas Fair

8th – Key Stage 2 Carol Service at 2pm

14th – Key Stage 1 Christmas Celebration at 9.30am & 2.00pm

15th – Reception Christmas Celebration

School Christmas Lunch

20th - Last day of the Autumn Term



Ice-Breakers

Many of you will remember that the school closed for one day last January due to the playground being covered in ice meaning there was no safe area to evacuate the school community in the event of an emergency. Since then, the school has invested in some new ice-breaking tools and an ice-melting compound.

In an attempt to reduce the need for future snow-closures, we are now looking for parental volunteers who would be willing to assist the Site Team on clearing the playground of ice. If you'd be willing to receive an early morning phone call on a cold, frosty morning, please pass on your name to the school office.



All Different All Equal

Last week, pupils engaged in a range of activities to celebrate national Anti-Bullying week. This year's theme was Everyone Different, Everyone Equal which helped reinforce the message that everyone has something to offer the school community. From baking cakes in assembly, to celebrating our differences and reinforcing the elements of friendship in PHSCE lessons, much fun was had by all. The week culminated in a whole-school assembly where pupils from Years 1-6 shared the learning from the week. A special thank you to Mrs Coulson for organising the week's events.



Fin O'Regan Visits

On the INSET day after the October half-term, Fintan O'Regan led the morning session of staff training. Fin is a behaviour consultant with particular expertise in ADHD and ASD behaviours.

The training was part of the school's continued effort to ensure pupil behaviour is dealt with fairly and consistently.

In addition to this training, Behaviour Matters, a Bromley based organisation came to school this week to train our newly-appointed Peer Mediators. These pupils will assist the pupil population to resolve low-level playground disagreements.

Band on the Run

Just before the half-term break, Year 4 parents were entertained by the latest Band on the Run Musicians. The pupils demonstrated their talents by playing a range of melodies on woodwind and brass instruments. With many of the musicians now continuing with music lesson at Valley, we hope to see them all within the ranks of the school orchestra and brass band soon.



First Ever Family Games Event

Last Saturday, Valley held its first ever Family Games event. This idea came from the e-Safety

Committee who were keen to demonstrate alternatives to electronic gadgetry. Over 60 people attended the afternoon event and it was

lovely to see both young and old coming together to play a wide range of games. Thank you to all those who volunteered at this event including our friends from the Warboar Games

Shop in Bromley. I hope all attendees took advantage of the discount offered at the store last week as well as a free slot at one of their gaming tables. 'Strengthening Community' is one of the core aims of the PTA and this was certainly on show last Saturday afternoon.

Missing Bike

Unfortunately, a white mountain bike was taken from the school playground on Monday evening this week. If anyone has any information regarding this theft, please contact a member of staff as soon as possible.

Many thanks.



