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Valence School
enabling independence

Valence News

Residential update

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a busy term, welcoming and settling our new boarders. We have had some positive feedback from both them and their parents, which shows we are managing their transition into boarding well and at the right pace for them.

The therapy team have been working with our teams in the evenings. They have been supporting physical management, and completing assessments for the sensory bathroom, so our students can enjoy the spa experience. They have been supporting independence skills, and ensuring students have the right equipment for all their independence tasks.

Students in the Residential Education Provision are working on the "Outcome toolkit for preparing for adulthood." We have divided the outcomes up to enable students to work on them each term.

This term we have been working on and supporting mental health and wellbeing. This includes:

- **Understanding emotions which is seen in students meeting and role playing.**
- **Students have designed pictures to express emotions and feelings.**
- **Understanding relationships and friendships.**
- **What makes me feel safe, and happy?**
- **Pamper evenings.**
- **Taking time for themselves and spending time with friends.**
- **Students in the Keller bungalow have made potato faces, to express how they are feeling,**
- **Other activities are happening weekly such as : Powerchair Football, Drama , Offsite dance activities, Sports Hall activities , Karaoke nights, music evenings and offsite activities the students may choose to plan.**

Students must ensure they have planned their menus and order food for the coming week, students are supported to make healthy choices.

<u>Reminders for students' parents and carers</u>

Students to bring coats into school. Students' clothes should be named. Toiletries to be named. Students to have pocket money, for trips off site and any Christmas shopping they may wish to do whilst here.

<u>Events happening this term.</u>

Bungalows Christmas parties, Best dressed Christmas bungalow competition, Christmas shopping trips, activities which will be shared amongst students, Ice Skating, Pantos, Bedgebury Christmas lights and music show, Ruxley Manor Ice Skating, Wisley Christmas lights and music.

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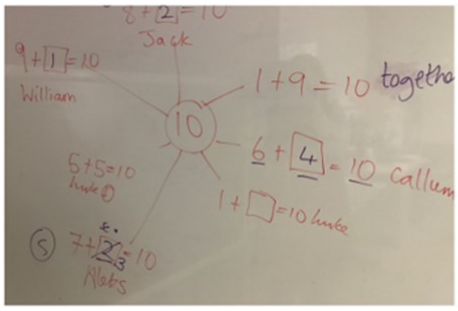
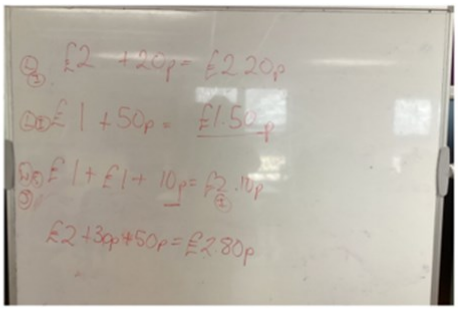
News from S6

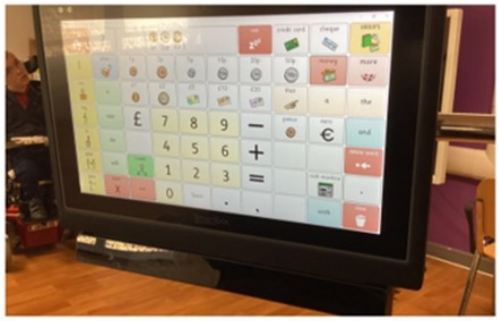
In Term 2 S6 have been learning about money- here are some pictures of our work!





We explored pictures of coins and made amounts of money.

We found coins on our VOCAs and make amounts of money



FRIENDS OF VALENCE

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Come along to find out how you can

become involved in supporting our charity

Wednesday 15th November

PLC Valence School, Westerham with a 6pm start

Please RSVP to friends@valence.kent.sch.uk

Evie's fundraiser for Dreamflight

When I was 10 years old I went on an amazing trip to Orlando with Dreamflight, a charity which is close to my heart. It enables children who have disabilities or serious illnesses to have a holiday of a lifetime to Disney World, Florida.

I have Friedreich's Ataxia, I am now 17 years old, I have limited mobility and am wheelchair bound. This meant that I was allowed to experience one of these trips and would love to raise money to help other children a chance to go and have an incredible trip like I did.

I will be taking part in an aerobatics flight, something I have wanted to do for a long time. I hope you will be able to support me in achieving one of my dreams.

Thank you , Evie

www.justgiving.com/page/evie-fuller-1699035890472

Evie Fuller is fundraising for Dreamflight (justgiving.com)

Christmas Donations

Students can wear OWN CLOTHES on Mondays!!

If you can, please donate items of the following for our Christmas Hampers:

Chocolates and cakes

Crisps

(Pringle tubs, luxury flavours)

Bottles/cans of alcohol & non-alcohol drinks

ALCOHOL must come to school via transport who then hand to at reception / donation box.

No alcohol to be placed in students bags please.

Christmas foods

(Christmas puddings, cakes, jam, chutney, jars of olives)

Christmas themed items

(smellies, toys)

Please check expiry dates of products & ensure are past January 2024

Thank you for all your continued support

Either in the Shop or at School

NOV	28	11am - 1pm
VALENCE ON THE GREEN		

NOV	29	6.30-8.30pm
VALENCE SCHOOL - PLC		

PRE BOOKING REQUIRED. PLEASE EMAIL FRIENDS@VALENCE.KENT.SCH.UK TO BOOK A PLACE

Friends of Valence present

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Main Event :

- Christmas music & games
- Santa's grotto
- Stalls
- Food & drink

SUNDAY 3 DEC 2023

2.30 - 5PM

Valence School - main hall

£7.50 PER CHILD - INCLUDING SANTA
£2.50 PER ADULT

For more information and to book email lwenham@valence.kent.sch.uk

We can't wait to see you!

Senior Staff On-call Rota from 10th November 2023

Contact details:

Jo Chivers	07896 905095
Roland Gooding	07896 905605
Lisa Kavanagh	07912 124724
Matt Strange	07894 483673

Day	Date	Time	On-call	Overnight
Friday	10/11/23	09:00 To midday	Jo Chivers	Open Weekend – Lisa Kavanagh
		Midday to 4pm	Lisa Kavanagh	
Saturday Sunday	11/11/23 12/11/23	Open Weekend – Lisa Kavanagh		
Monday	13/11/23	07.30 To midday	Matt Strange	Lisa Kavanagh
		Midday to 4pm	Lisa Kavanagh	
Tuesday	14/11/23	09:00 To midday	Lisa Kavanagh	Roland Gooding
		Midday to 4pm	Lisa Kavanagh	
Wednesday	15/11/23	09:00 To midday	Roland Gooding	Matt Strange
		Midday to 4pm	Matt Strange	
Thursday	16/11/23	09:00 To midday	Matt Strange	Jo Chivers
		Midday to 4pm	Jo Chivers	
Friday	17/11/23	09:00 To midday	Jo Chivers	Closed
		Midday to 4pm	Lisa Kavanagh	