

Valence News

#### Celebrate the power of positive relationships

**Dear Parents and Carers** 

Staff and Students at Valence School have been dressing up in 'spots' today and celebrating the power of positive relationships in their life.



Valence School enabling independence

Activities within tutor time were linked to this year's 'BBC Children in Need' theme, which prompts children and young people consider those adults who are a positive influence in their lives and to recognise how to learn from these. These people could be family members, Teachers, Support Workers, Sports Coaches, Youth Workers, just to name a few.

Simmonds 5 led a whole school assembly and challenged everyone to think about this important message. They also talked about the history of the event including some interesting facts such as the first appeal was broadcast on radio in 1927 on Christmas Day and that Pudsey Bear first made an appearance on the television in 1985.

At the end of their assembly, the Simmonds 5 students informed everyone that on Tuesday next week (21st November) it is 'Say Hello Day' – and challenged all students to say hello to at least 10 people on that day.







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#### Bungalow 2 enjoyed a Christmas night out at Gillingham Ice Rink











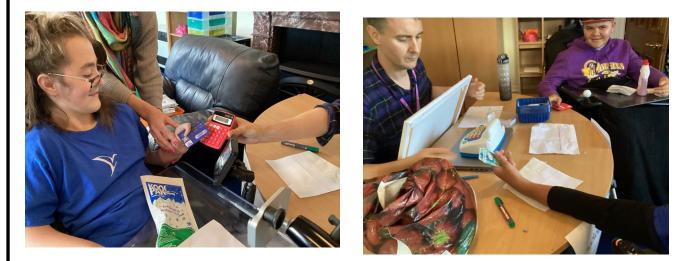


# Simmonds 3 Independence

This term during their independence lessons, S3 have been learning about finance. They discussed different ways they could pay for items when out shopping. This week the students practiced the skill of paying for an item with a roleplay. They headed over to the student common room to buy items from the Valence 'random shop'.



Students had a certain item they needed to identify from the shop and were given a form of payment to select. They then had to pay for the item at the checkout. Students were challenged to complete the roleplay with minimal support. They used their communication skills to direct staff where they needed help.



Students have been learning addition of money in their maths lessons. This activity helped to conceptualize their learning and added relevance. Over the rest of the term S3 will be exploring value, discussing needs and wants, and learning how to set budgets.

#### Coffee mornings

Whilst you don't need to book and can just turn up we do of course need an indication of numbers for coffee and refreshments and any handouts that might need to be available.

If you could therefore let our receptionist Karen know that you are intending to attend a session. Friday sessions will start at 10.30 arrival for coffee, with any planned information session to start at 11.00. For the Friday mornings we will also ensure parents can stay on site if they are then collecting their children after lunch. Other days the session will start at 9.30 arrival for coffee, with any planned information session to start at 10.00. Below is a brief outline of dates and suggested topics –

Date	ThemeActivity		
Friday November 24 <sup>th</sup>	PE at Valence		
Friday December 8 <sup>th</sup>	Post 19		
Friday January 19 <sup>th</sup>	OT and Physio at Valence		
Friday February 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Communication / ACC		
Friday March 15 <sup>th</sup>	Social media		
Friday April 26 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee morning		
Friday May 10 <sup>th</sup>	Moving and handling – parent back care tbc		
Tuesday June 11 <sup>th</sup>	Music at Valence		
Friday July 19 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee morning		

We still have additional topics that we will look to add – so there may be additional dates and days. We look forward to welcoming you back into school and provide that valuable opportunity for parents to meet together and share ideas and experiences.

#### S4 News

We have been watching Just William and the Little Girl in the White Dress as part of their WJEC Exploring Characters and Events in Audio/Visual Texts module. This week in role play they were acting the part of William playing



fairies with Violet Elizabeth. Unlike William, they all

found it very amusing having to play 'girlie games' and dress up with fairy wings. Below are just couple of the photographs taken:



#### Westerham Town Remembrance Sunday Service

Four Valence students represented the school at this years Remembrance Sunday service in Westerham.

Thomas, Simmonds 1

Oakley, Keller 1

Freddy, Hawking 6

Daisy, Hawking 6





The students joined a procession along the high street (while traffic was stopped) to St Mary's Church where the war memorial is located. During the service Daisy laid a wreath of poppies from Valence school.

After the service we all enjoyed getting warm in the school shop Valence on the Green.



## **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





### Senior Staff On-call Rota from 17th November 2023

#### **Contact details:**

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Day	Date	Time	On-call	Overnight
Friday	17/11/23	09:00 To midday	Jo Chivers	Closed Weekend
		Midday to 4pm	Jo Chivers	
Saturday Sunday	18/11/23 19/11/23	Closed Weekend		
Monday	20/11/23	07.30 To midday	Matt Strange	Lisa Kavanagh
		Midday to 4pm	Lisa Kavanagh	Lisa Kavanagii
Tuesday	21/11/23	09:00 To midday	Lisa Kavanagh	Roland Gooding
		Midday to 4pm	Matt Strange	
Wednesday	22/11/23	09:00 To midday	Roland Gooding	Matt Strange
		Midday to 4pm	Matt Strange	
Thursday	23/11/23	09:00 To midday	Matt Strange	Jo Chivers
		Midday to 4pm	Jo Chivers	
Friday	24/11/23	09:00 To midday	Jo Chivers	Closed Weekend
		Midday to 4pm	Lisa Kavanagh	Weekellu

