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Valence School
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Valence News

Brilliant boccia team battle hard to bring back the gold medal.

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been another busy week at Valence and on Thursday, a number of students attended the Sevenoaks Boccia Festival at Sevenoaks School. Having been practicing hard over the last few weeks, the team which consisted of Mason, J'ssiah, Lily, Paige, Zara and Hannah arrived full of confidence.

Eight schools took part and played each other in a 'round robin' competition, with the Valence team winning all seven of their matches! This put them in the final which was a close game and with both teams on the same score at the final end, it was decided that both should be awarded first place!

In addition to the team taking part in this event, Valence School provided sports leaders to help organise and officiate. Alan, Fred, Calum and Jamie were fine ambassadors for our school and having been involved in a demonstration match at the start of the festival, were fully involved in officiating all of the games as well as supporting all those taking part.

We hope that you have seen the list of Christmas activities that are taking place this year – a letter was sent home last week via email confirming the dates.

Matt Strange Vice Principal

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A Christmas Carol Trip- H4

H4 had a thrilling start to the week with a theatre trip to watch 'A Christmas Carol' at New Wimbledon Theatre. This is one of the texts they are studying for their GCSE English Literature course and they all agreed it was an astounding experience!

The cast only featured two actors and the set was minimal but with the wonderful ambience and the fantastic vocal/physical skills, the performance was a success and allowed us the opportunity to see the play from a different perspective (not to mention Scrooge was played by a female!)

The theatre had wonderful access and we can't wait to return. The students said the following:

" I found the show very enjoyable and my favourite character was Scrooge. My favourite memory was when they sang 'We wish you a merry Christmas at the end of the show."- Matthew

""I liked the part where the actors changed their voices to fit their characters, 5/5"- Daniel

"I thought it was a very interesting experience, and a great trip, however personally I feel the two member cast may have taken away slightly from the story itself, although it was good to see how two-man shows happen. And it was overall very enjoyable." – Aggy

News from Computing

Several students from the Simmonds and Hawking Pathway have been creating adverts online as part of their 'Audio and Video' coursework unit. They have had to write their own scripts, find images, record background music, put it altogether on a software and show it to their class. They have been amazing to watch. Keep up the good work everyone!!

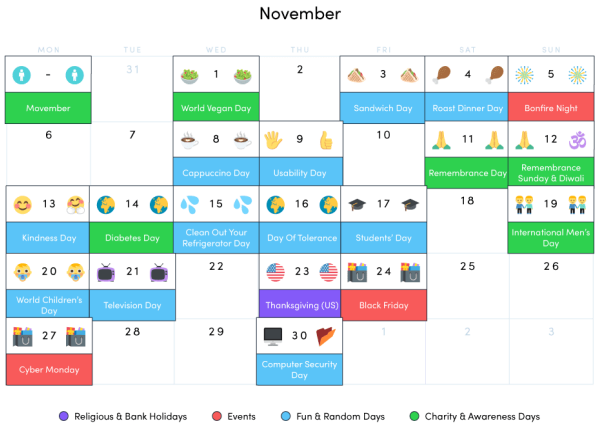
Since September our Virtual Reality headsets have been used across the school in Keller, Simmonds, and Hawking. Students have experienced rollercoaster rides, looking through the different seasons, underwater adventures, and encounters with wild animals. Every Monday lunchtime is 'VR Club'. Come along and have a go!

This month in the social media calendar is:

27th November: **Cyber Monday**

30th November: **Computer Security Day**

Keep a look out for any useful information that may come out around these dates.



News from the Cooking Room

S4, S5 and S6 are all working towards an AQA award for working as a team supporting a community project. So far this term classes have made, fruit jam, chilli jam and Christmas Mincemeat all to be sold in our Valence Community shop in Westerham. I have been advised that the chilli jam sold out in 1 day! Why not go and have a browse in the shop, Christmas Chutney is yet to be made and delivered!

Take a look as some of the food the BTEC students have been making…..

Apple Crumbles

Chicken and veggie wraps

<u>Dates for the Diary:</u>

We will be holding 'meet the teacher' evenings after Christmas on the dates below.

Details will be sent as soon as we return in term 3.

- **16th January 2024, 4:30pm – 7:00pm**
- **23rd January 2024, 4:30pm – 7:00pm**
- **30th January 2024, 4:30pm – 7:00pm**

at School

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 24th November 2023

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Day	Date	Time	On-call	Overnight
Friday	24/11/23	09:00 To midday	Jo Chivers	Closed Weekend
		Midday to 4pm	Matt Strange	
Saturday Sunday	25/11/23 26/11/23	Closed Weekend		
Monday	27/11/23	07.30 To midday	Matt Strange	Lisa Kavanagh
		Midday to 4pm	Lisa Kavanagh	
Tuesday	28/11/23	09:00 To midday	Lisa Kavanagh	Roland Gooding
		Midday to 4pm	Roland Gooding	
Wednesday	29/11/23	09:00 To midday	Lisa Kavanagh	Matt Strange
		Midday to 4pm	Matt Strange	
Thursday	30/11/23	09:00 To midday	Matt Strange	Jo Chivers
		Midday to 4pm	Jo Chivers	
Friday	01/12/23	09:00 To midday	Jo Chivers	Open Weekend Roland Gooding
		Midday to 4pm	Lisa Kavanagh	

The Christmas Trees have arrived and the Christmas Post Box will be in Reception for Christmas Cards to Students and Staff soon