

Valence News

A visit from the neighbours

Dear Parents and Carers

Every day as you move around school you cannot escape the wonderful view we have of the lakes and the golf club beyond. This morning was no different, and as the sun was rising over the clubhouse in the distance, and frost melting on all the green space in between, it was a fitting time to welcome some guests from Westerham Golf Club to our whole school assembly.



The assembly itself was led by Simmonds 1 who brilliantly shared their passion and interests with the school through a variety of mediums. They also shared what they had been doing in class this term making us think about all our differences as a school community. Their assembly finished with a song of celebration for a Friday during which we were all encouraged to join in with the class and dance. This really set the tone of celebration for the day.

The visitors from the golf club are members of a group that play on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and over the last few years, they have been collecting money from players in the form of 'fines' for missed shots and blunders! This has amounted to £4050.00, and the group have donated this money to the school. We were also joined in assembly by representatives from the Friends of Valence Committee who received the cheque for this amount on behalf of the school.



Recently, the Student Council have asked for the common room to be re-decorated and for additional resources to be available for clubs and lunchtime activities and so the FOV committee have agreed that this donation will be handed to the Student Council to decide of how this will be spent. As part of the assembly, all students were challenged to think of ideas and to pass these to their council representative for discussion.

We look forward to sharing with you how this develops, and we are of course extremely grateful for this kind donation. As you can see from the photos, it is a lot of money!



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Primary Lego League Competition

We are thrilled to bring you an update on the recent Primary Lego League Competition, which took place at Sevenoaks School on Thursday, 18th January 2024.

Our standout moment comes as our students' kicked off the league in spectacular fashion. The team emerged victorious in the initial competition by constructing the tallest tower. It's a testament to their exceptional creativity and engineering prowess. The competition was a vibrant showcase of collaborative efforts, innovation, and the impressive problem-solving skills that our students possess. It's fantastic to witness the depth of talent within our school community.

As we venture further into the Lego League, we will continue to rally behind our outstanding primary team and anticipate even more remarkable creations in the challenges ahead. A massive congratulations to the students for their well-deserved win! And representing the school with such enthusiasm and ingenuity.

Stay tuned for regular updates of this exciting Lego League journey with more thrills, challenges, and, undoubtedly, further opportunities for our students to shine.



News from Design Technology

S4 and S6 had a very successful first two terms completing their Christmas tree project. Each student made 2 trees, one for home and one for sale in the school shop.

Simmonds pathway students have now moved on to looking at Escher lizards with a view to creating their own.

In the Hawking pathway we have been building knowledge and skills towards GCSE. We have had some exciting results from student Key ring projects.

Key rings have been designed using CAD (Computer Aided Design) which is then cut out and engraved on our Laser cutter.

Engravings are then coloured using nail varnish which is then sanded back leaving colours only in the engraving. This technique is valuable across a variety of products we make.



Senior Staff On-call Rota from 19th January 2024

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Day	Date	Time	On-call	Overnight
Friday	19/01/24	09:00 To midday	Jo Chivers	Closed Weekend
		Midday to 4pm	Lisa Kavanagh	
Saturday Sunday	20/01/24 21/01/24	Closed Weekend		
Monday	22/01/24	07:30 To midday	Matt Strange	Lisa Kavanagh
		Midday to 4pm	Lisa Kavanagh	
Tuesday	23/01/24	09:00 To midday	Lisa Kavanagh	Roland Gooding
		Midday to 4pm	Roland Gooding	
Wednesday	24/01/24	08:00 To midday	Roland Gooding	Matt Strange
		Midday to 4pm	Matt Strange	
Thursday	25/01/24	09:00 To midday	Matt Strange	Jo Chivers
		Midday to 4pm	Jo Chivers	
Friday	26/01/24	09:00 To midday	Jo Chivers	Open Weekend Matt Strange
		Midday to 4pm	Lisa Kavanagh	

