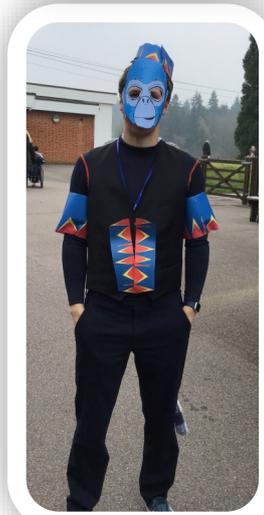


# Valence News

## World Book Day at Valence

WORLD  
BOOK  
DAY

7 MARCH 2024



What a wonderful day, full article in next weeks newsletter

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# Will you push the purple button?



Purple Day – 26 March 2024

Simmonds 5 would like to ask “who will push the purple button?!!” on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March and come to school wearing purple.



Simmonds 5 are coming to school wearing purple and leading an assembly on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March in aid of

## Epilepsy Awareness Day

All Valence students are invited to join S5 and wear purple, if possible, please bring in a small donation for Epilepsy Action.

**Shakespeare Schools Festival**  
**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March**



Students from Valence will be taking part in these national events and you will have the opportunity to see them at Woodville Halls Theatre

**Last chance to get your tickets**

## PE Activities

On Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February the students of Hawking 3 class welcomed students from Meadowfield School to a Boccia Tournament! It was the first time we have seen visitors come to compete at the school for some time, so there was a real buzz around the corridors when our friends arrived. The students all played 3 games against each other with some excellent throwing and coordination skills on show. All of the practice in PE lessons and lunch time clubs paid off with both Valence teams finishing in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place! We are not looking forward to inviting more schools to come and join us for some sport in the coming months!



On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March, students in Simmonds 1 went on an adventure to the new Marjorie McClure School for a "Come try event". This was a Motor activity training program event where students took part in a range of activities including a welcome disco, parachute games sensory and immersion room activities and physical challenges such as bowling and polybat! All the students had a fantastic time and really enjoyed the experience of mixing with other students in a new environment!



## Friday 1st March Valence School celebrated International Wheelchair Day

Students took part in a range of activities. Hawking 7 took in the role of reporters and their full report will be in next weeks newsletter. In the meantime here is a article that Evie produced as part of the day

### International wheelchair news



Road safety



Wheelchair Basketball



Care for your chair!



BREAKING NEWS!

### Road safety: Out and about



Driving a wheelchair in public spaces can be dangerous if you don't know how to maneuver your chair safely. You can put yourself at risk, as well as pedestrians, animals such as dogs being walked, cyclists and even motorists. Young children and the elderly are particularly at risk as well as anyone who is sight or hearing impaired.

To keep yourself and others safe, follow these simple tips: Cross roads safely. Stop, Look, Listen. Be careful of uneven surfaces, kerbs and slopes. Leave space to move, and enough room for people to move around you, in case they haven't seen you approach. Remember, manual chairs are hard to see in a crowd; use your voice, don't be afraid to speak up and politely let people know you are there. You are helping them to help you.

### Lorem Ipsum Headline



A successful trip to Japan for the GB Women's team as they won the Osaka Cup 2024 this past weekend, winning all of their games against Australia, Thailand, and Japan. The series of friendlies took place 16<sup>th</sup>–18<sup>th</sup> February 2024, providing a vital preparation opportunity for the squad ahead of the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games.

Throughout the tournament and alongside the playing schedule, the GB Women's players have been taking part in activities with schools and junior groups to help grow the sport. A Valence student, Evie Gardner played in her local club for a year at primary school, and still supports the national team and follows their news.

### Care for your Chair



Your chair gives you your freedom and independence. It is important to keep it in good condition.

Your wheels should have a good grip, with the tyres at the correct pressure. Check your brakes, anti-tip wheels, lap strap and footplates are secure. If you are assisted, ask your assistant to check that the handles are secure and at the right height.

Dirt, dust, moisture and grit can damage moving parts (as well as stopping your chair look it's best!). Ask for help cleaning and oiling your chair and make sure it is serviced regularly.

### Flying chair spotted over British Countryside



Members of the public were shocked to see a man flying a chair over Westerham on Sunday afternoon.

The chair, seemingly propelled by a jet engine, soared through the sky.

Mrs Evelyn Spotkettle says: "I was hanging out the washing and heard a sound like 'WHEEEE!'. I looked up and nearly dropped the pegs. He was going very fast".

The mysterious and apparently crazy driver was last seen on the church roof taking photographs, before heading towards Valence school, which is close to the town.

*Friends of  
Valence presents  
Musical  
Bingo*

*Join Friends of Valence for a singalong afternoon of bingo... hear the tune, mark your card! Cash prizes to be won, raffle and refreshments available.*

**23RD MARCH 2024**

2PM-5PM | Location: Valence School Hall

*Adult entry £5, child entry free. £1 per bingo card. To purchase tickets and arrange payment please email [friends@valence.kent.sch.uk](mailto:friends@valence.kent.sch.uk). Limited spaces so book early to avoid disappointment!  
(Advance booking only)*



'Should you need to know what your child is studying each term please look at the curriculum overviews which are on the school website/students' black organiser.'

# Senior Staff On-call Rota from 8th March 2024

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**Jo Chivers**      **07896 905095**

Day	Date	Time	On-call	Overnight
Friday	08/03/24	09:00 To midday	Jo Chivers	Closed Weekend
		Midday to 4pm	Lisa Kavanagh	
Monday	11/03/24	07:30 To midday	Matt Strange	Lisa Kavanagh
		Midday to 4pm	Matt Strange	
Tuesday	12/03/24	09:00 To midday	Lisa Kavanagh	Roland Gooding
		Midday to 4pm	Roland Gooding	
Wednesday	13/03/24	09:00 To midday	Roland Gooding	Jo Chivers
		Midday to 4pm	Jo Chivers	
Thursday	14/03/24	09:00 To midday	Jo Chivers	Matt Strange
		Midday to 4pm	Matt Strange	
Friday	15/03/24	09:00 To midday	Matt Strange	Closed Weekend
		Midday to 4pm	Matt Strange	



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