

Valence News

Fantastic Events

12th May

The Festival of Motoring is a great event celebrating all things automotive in the grounds of Valence including a parade. Guaranteed to be a fantastic day for families and those with a passion for the cars. See page 7 for details.



22nd May

The Golf is being held at Westerham Golf Club. A fantastic day of golf followed by a Presentation Meal. See page 6 for details



Thursday 2nd May

All borders will be going home. Taxis to pick up at the front of school not the back. Parents pick up as normal.

Fri 3rd May is Inset Day

Mon 6th May is Bank Holiday



'Wear it Green' Day

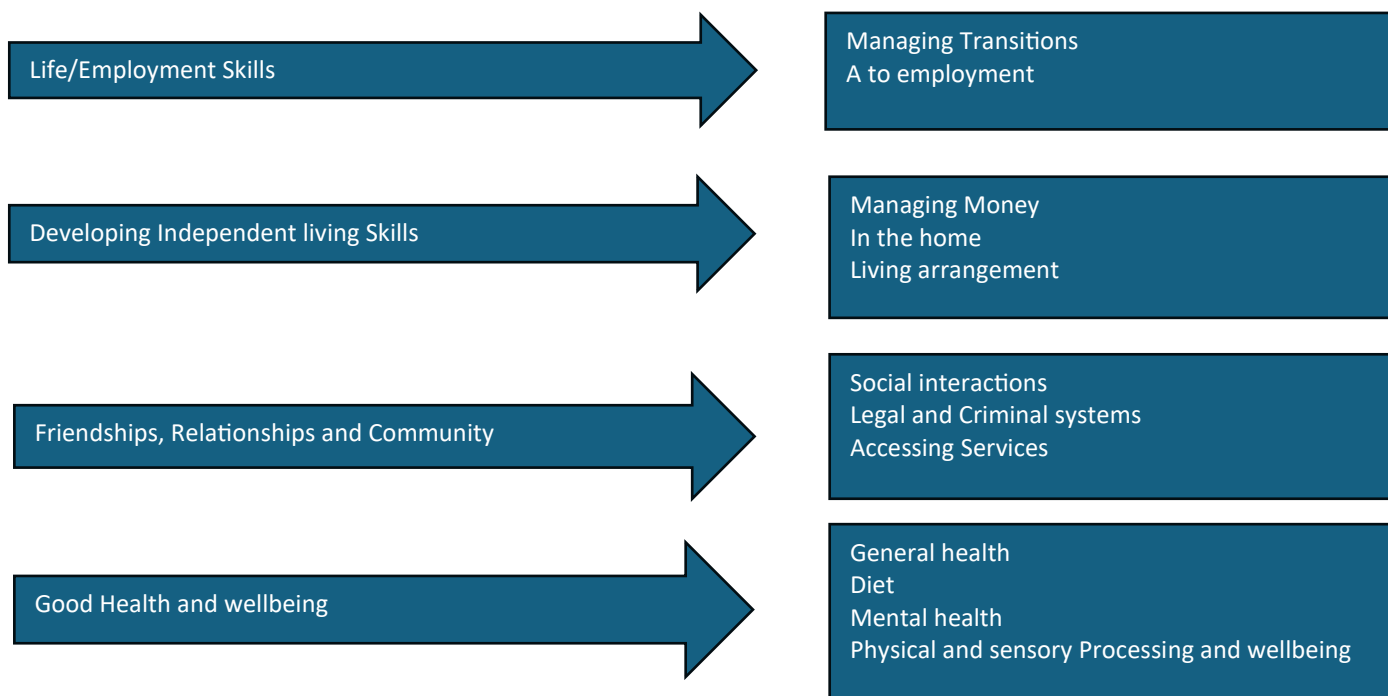
As part of mental health awareness week, Valence will be taking part in 'Wear it Green' Day on **Thursday 16th May**.

Students and staff are invited to come to school wearing something green. This could be anything from a t-shirt, accessory, or snazzy pair of socks! Green ribbon pin badges are also available from Reception or Cedars room 4 for a donation of £1. Donations are also welcomed on the day.

The theme for Mental Health Awareness Week in 2024 is Movement: moving more for our mental health. Movement can have positive effects on our mental health by reducing stress and anxiety, improving mood, and enhancing our sleep quality and cognitive function. Moving more has many benefits for our mental health and wellbeing including:

We will be running different movement-based activities throughout the week as well as discussions around how to improve our mental health and build resilience.





Each of our Pathways have been working on the Preparing for Adulthood Outcomes Toolkit with the support from the pathway lead. Through engaging in collaborative working together, we equip our young people with highly tailored curriculum framework, enabling them to succeed, and flourish. This approach consists of careful planning and consideration to ensure that every young person is included regardless of their learning styles.

Hawkins:

In the Hawking Pathway students looked at different aspects of the Preparing for Adulthood framework.

Independent Travel and shopping to a budget:

The students were tasked with Planning a trip to Sevenoaks. They had to look at everything that needed planning from staffing, booking a minibus and planning the route. They were given £5 to buy the ingredients to make a dessert of their choice. Once they arrived in Sevenoaks accompanied by a member of staff, they were tasked with asking a member of the public for directions to Waitrose. Once they found Waitrose, they had to approach members of staff to ask where the items on their shopping list were. They then had to select the items they needed all the time working to their £5 maximum budget.

Skills:

Students planned questions to ask staff at local shops about their jobs within their workplace. They had to think of questions that relate to; duties, shift hours, expected number of hours to be worked in the week etc.

Students then visited the Tesco Supermarket in Riverhead with lots of questions for the Staff, the Students were encouraged to bravely and with minimal support approach the Tesco's staff to ask them these questions.

Students also created a personal profile, that helps show employers their skills, strengths, qualifications, and experience when applying for a job.

Simmonds :

Students worked on safety in the community. Students were

asked to independently find Waitrose in Sevenoaks

Kitty used google maps on her phone to locate Waitrose, she followed the instructions.

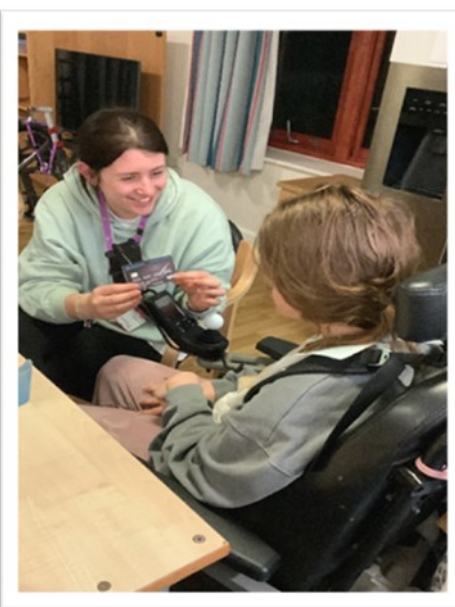
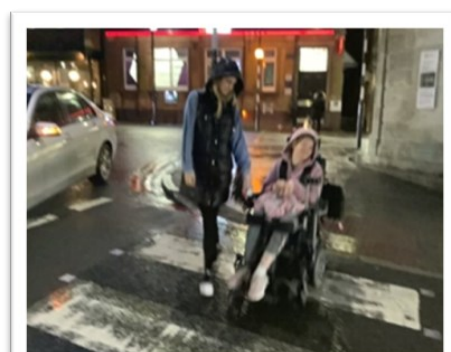
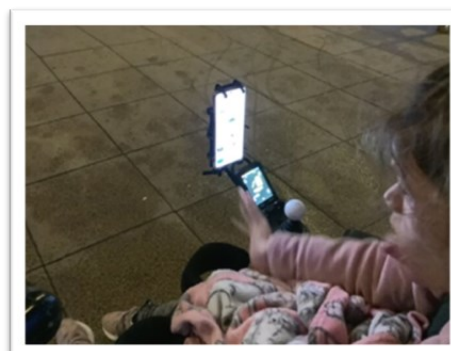
When Amy forgot the directions, she asked another member of the public to direct her to Waitrose.

Once they had found Waitrose which Isobel said had a green and yellow sign, all students were asked to find a safe place to cross the road, Teigan suggested a zebra crossing, she said she knew she had found a zebra crossing when she saw the lights and stripes.

Whilst looking for the crossing, discussions were held with staff about needing a dropped kerb and waiting for traffic to stop at the crossing.



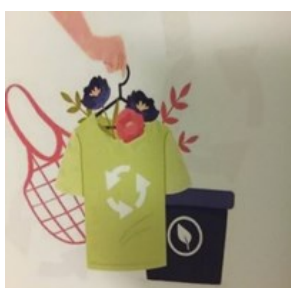
The Simmonds students have been doing work around budes/ payments.



Keller: Students from the Keller pathway have been learning about environment safety, using visual learning and social stories

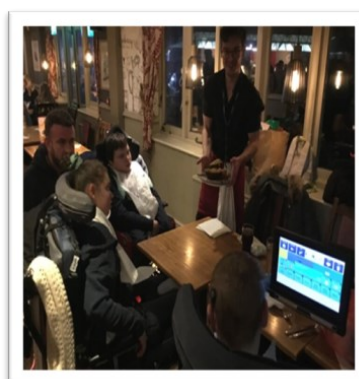
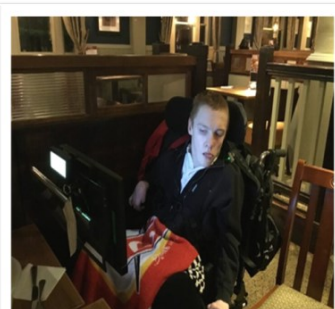
Unfortunately, a little naughty dog called Andy have broken into their bungalow! He got hold of their waste bins, leaving a great deal of mess behind.

Luckily the students have been learning about responsibilities around infection control and keeping the environment safe,. Although at first glance, the mess was slightly overwhelming! they made staff put Hi-vis on and got stuck right in , identifying which bin to use for what items to dispose of, see pictures below.



Follow on from the food waste disposal social story, the Keller crew enjoyed a fabulous feast at the Toby Carvery in Bromley. Staff assisted the students with ordering food by giving them choices from the menu.

The students watched as the restaurant staff took their orders. Once they had sampled the culinary delights of the Carvery, the students observed how the staff worked in the restaurant. The students used their big mack communication devices to ask the staff questions, such as “what do you do?”



Staff demonstrated what they do by clearing the plates from the table and presenting the card machine. Staff helped the students to present their

Friends of Valence 100 Club

Draw April 2024



Winning Numbers	1st	2nd	3rd
	32	15	21
	Anonymous	Mark Pantry	William Ayles

FRIENDS OF VALENCE

GOLF DAY 2024
WESTERHAM GOLF CLUB

22 MAY 2024

£95 Per Player to include:

Coffee & Bacon Roll on Arrival

Putting Competition

18 Holes Stableford Competition

Live 'on Course' Scoring

Quality Prizes (Team & Individual)

Nearest the Pin - Longest Drive

Two Course Presentation Meal - Games

To register email:
friends@valence.kent.sch.uk



Friends of Valence and
Sevenoaks & District Motor Club



Festival of Motoring

A celebration of all things
automotive, including an auto solo
competition, a display paddock
and the chance to parade up the
traditional hill climb course.

9am to 5pm
Sunday 12th May
Valence School
Westerham
TN16 1QN

Adult spectator - £7.50

Child spectator - £5

(aged 4 - 16 years)

Family £20

(2 adults and up to 4 kids)

Bring a picnic or enjoy
one of the many food
vans or bar!



Do you have a vintage,
performance or unique car
that you wish to display in
the paddock?

To pre book a car please email as below
£10 a car
to include up to 5 people



scan to book

Email to book:
friends@valence.kent.sch.uk

If anyone is interested in volunteering on the day
please contact friends@valence.kent.sch.uk



Valence School's Festival of Motoring 2024.

This promises to be a fantastic occasion and we hope to see
many of you there! Admission tickets
will be available to buy on the day at
the entrance.



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Day	Date	Time	On-call	Overnight
Friday	26/04/24	09:00 To midday	Lisa Kavanagh	Open weekend Jo Chivers
		Midday to 4pm	Jo Chivers	
Monday	29/04/24	7.30 To midday	Matt Strange	Lisa Kavanagh
		Midday to 4pm	Lisa Kavanagh	
Tuesday	30/04/24	09:00 To midday	Lisa Kavanagh	Jo Chivers
		Midday to 4pm	Jo Chivers	
Wednesday	01/05/24	09:00 To midday	Jo Chivers	Matt Strange
		Midday to 4pm	Matt Strange	
Thursday	02/05/24	09:00 To midday	Matt Strange	Closed
		Midday to 4pm	Jo Chivers	
Friday	03/05/24	Inset Day		

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