

## Parent Bulletin

Friday 18 March 2022

Week commencing Monday 21 March 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Again, we apologise for this disruption through two partial school closures this week. We have tried to keep these to a minimum and hope that as more staff start to return than become ill that we will be able to remain fully open next week. As before, we will make an announcement on Sunday evening through all the usual channels if we have to close any year groups on Monday. We will be asking for pupils and staff to continue wearing masks for the time being.

It has been the third week of ClassCharts and the pupils really seem to be buying into the system. Successes are celebrated and rewards for top points earners are given in assemblies. Areas of behaviour for pupils to work on are also highlighted in assemblies. Year 11 remain the highest scorers which is a sign of how hard they are working and how seriously they are taking their forthcoming GCSEs. If, as a parent, you have not yet been able to log on to ClassCharts then please call or email the school.

Forthcoming Dates:

Wednesday 23 March – Year 11 Group Photograph  
Thursday 24 March – Year 9 Parents Evening Online  
Wednesday 30 March – Friday 1 April – School Production  
Thursday 31 March – Last Day for Year 9 Options  
Friday 8 April – Last Day of Spring Term

More about all the activities occurring in and out of lessons at Test Valley School can be found on our Facebook page, Twitter Feed and Instagram Account. Reshares and likes are always appreciated!

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## Venue Hire

Do you require a room for a meeting or sports event? School facilities are available to hire outside of the school day. Please email [leisure@testvalley.hants.sch.uk](mailto:leisure@testvalley.hants.sch.uk) for all enquiries.

## Acceptable Use of Social Media

Earlier in the week we contacted some parents whose children appeared to be accessing some inappropriate content on social media. Thank you for the responses we received from many parents who were grateful that we had informed them so that they could address this with their children. We were also able to follow this up with a number of children who came to talk to us about the content.

We have undertaken a lot of work in school centred around pupils keeping themselves and others safe online. May we suggest that you monitor your child's use of social media sites such as Instagram closely and remove their access to it if they are not using it appropriately.

In order to support parents monitoring their child's use of social media a useful guide has been produced and is available at [The Parent's Guide to Social Media | EduStaff](#)

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you would like further support.

## KS4

### Shoutouts to our top 5 points last week

#### Year 10

Harriet D  
Henry A  
Gideon B  
Oliver H  
Amy S

#### Year 11

Matty G  
Max B  
Archie P  
Charlie T  
Leonardo V

## MFL

Following on from our Duolingo trial, the MFL department have added more challenges on to our French and German groups - use the details below to access the pages and when you are complete, take a screen shot and send it to us for ClassChart points!

[www.duolingo.com/classroom/zyspvt](http://www.duolingo.com/classroom/zyspvt) - German

[www.duolingo.com/classroom/vjhxyj](http://www.duolingo.com/classroom/vjhxyj) - French

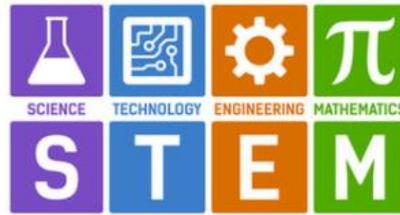
Alternatively:

French: visit [duolingo.com/classroom](http://duolingo.com/classroom) and enter classroom code **V J H X Y**

German: visit [duolingo.com/classroom](http://duolingo.com/classroom) and enter classroom code **Z P X M Z U**

## School Photograph Reminder

The Photographer will be in school on Wednesday 23 March for take the Year 11 group photos.



*STEM Pupil of the week :*

IONA Year 9  
STEM Subject: Maths  
Date: 14 March 2022

*STEM in the News*

## Toxic 'forever chemicals' found in British otters



[Toxic 'forever chemicals' found in British otters - BBC News](#)

*What do YOU think?*

*Pi Day Competition has been extended*

[Room 4 Monday Lunchtime!](#)

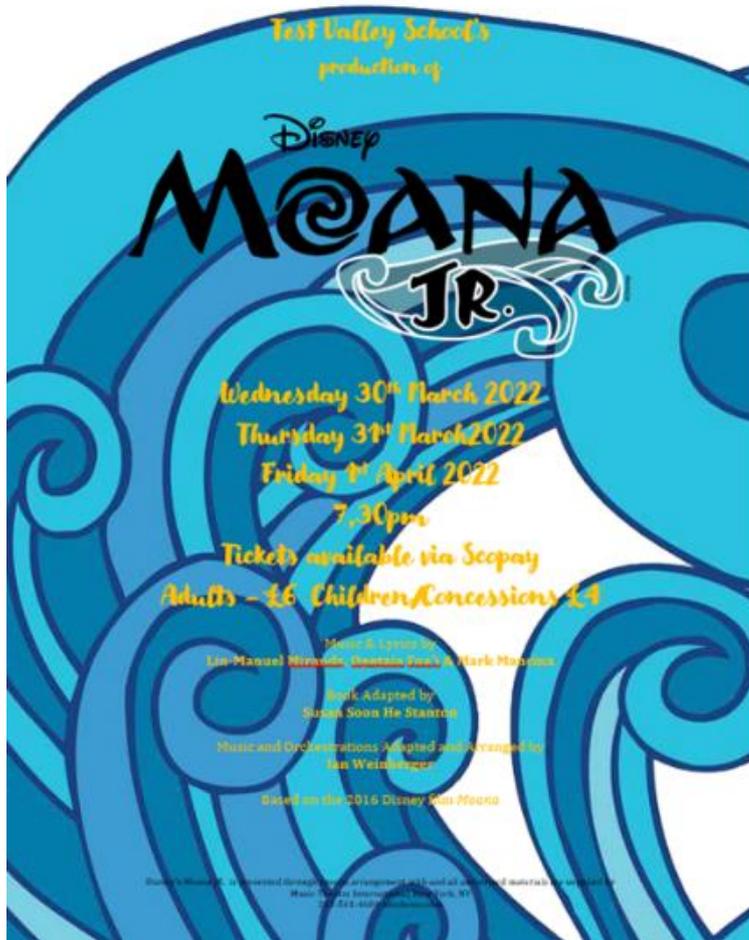
Pi is all about circles—why not have a go at baking something circular?  
Cookies, Cakes or even a Pie!

Pi-Memorisation Competition:

How many digits can you memorise?

3.1415926535 8979323846 .....

## School Production



After what seems like a very long time, our Drama department is extremely excited to be working with our pupils again on the production of our next school play.

This year's production is **Moana Jr!**

*Moana Jr is a stage adaptation of the hit Disney film, Moana.*

*An adventurous teenager sails out on a daring mission to save her people. During her journey, Moana meets the once-mighty demigod Maui, who guides her in her quest to become a master way-finder. Together they sail across the open ocean on an action-packed voyage, encountering enormous monsters and impossible odds. Along the way, Moana fulfils the ancient quest of her ancestors and discovers the one thing she always sought: her own identity.*

Further information regarding dates and how to book tickets is in the link below.

<https://www.testvalley.hants.sch.uk/content/uploads/2022/03/moana-poster-3.pdf>

## Visitor Feedback

We are very proud of our pupils especially our Prefects so it is wonderful when visitors to our school see how fantastic they are too. Recently Matilda conducted a tour of the school and the feedback was amazing, well done Matilda:

*"Matilda is an amazing ambassador for her school, her family and herself, she showed me every aspect of the school, was able to answer all my questions, and those given to me by my son. She was kind caring, polite, holding the door open for me, excellent social skills and I'm sure she will go far with her wonderful attitude to her studies."*

## Little Troopers Charity

We are very excited to be receiving some new books into the Library from Little Troopers. The books are an investigation of women's roles within WWII

## Library

### 'Love You Library' Podcast

This week we wanted to recommend the podcast by Hampshire Libraries, which features interviews with a different author, and book recommendations from library staff. It is a great way to discover your next read!

[Home | Love your library](#)

## Yellow Brick Road



The 'drug bus' visited Test Valley School on Thursday to help educate some of our young people, not only on the dangers of taking drugs, but on how to recognise that they may be vulnerable to County Lines, how to recognise that they may be being coerced and how to make their own decisions rather than making poor choices.

Councillor David Drew, Community Engagement Manager Andrew Piley and PCSO Marie Stubbington also joined us for the morning to see the great work that the drug bus is doing in educating young people.



## Red Nose Day

Thank you for your donations to Red Nose Day today (18 March). Every donation helps people to live free from poverty, violence and discrimination. A final total of how much has been collected will be announced in a future bulletin.