

Parent Bulletin

Friday 8 July 2022

Week commencing Monday 11 July 2022

Ethos, Values and Vision

Ethos – (characteristic spirit of a community):
"In Pursuit of **Personal Excellence**"

Values (formerly PRIDE)

- Readiness to learn
- Respect for self and others
- Individual responsibility
- Determination and Ambition
- Enjoyment through belonging

Vision – To develop Test Valley as a small, rural, high achieving school

Dear Parents/Carers

This week we welcomed 120 Year 5 pupils to the school for two taster days. They had the opportunity to experience a variety of lessons including English, Maths, Science, Drama, Geography, German, Food and Nutrition and PE. The visiting pupils met a number of members of staff as well as many of our fantastic pupils. The Year 9 Mentor Team in particular were superb and were a real credit to the school. Feedback shows that the Year 5 pupils had a great time.

Well done to our fabulous swimming team who represented the school so well this week.

Next week we have our final PSHE day of the year on Monday. Pupils will explore some challenging but informative topics which support their wider education. Please take time to discuss what your child has learnt with them.

We are keeping a close eye on the weather forecast and the temperature is due to rise again next week. We are looking at the timings of our Sports Day on Tuesday so that some of the outdoor athletics events take place in the morning to avoid the hottest part of the day.

We are looking ahead to some of the events that will be taking place towards the end of term. Pupils will receive final details of expectations of equipment and behaviour required for Activities Week taking place from 18 - 20 July. These days should provide a fabulous opportunity for pupils to show what they can do in a different setting and we hope that they have a fantastic few days. The final day of term is Thursday 21 July and we will stage our annual Stockfest in the morning before finishing at 12.30pm.

Whether you are watching Wimbledon, Cricket, having a BBQ or simply enjoying time with your family, please have a wonderful weekend.

Andrew Page

Forthcoming Dates:

Monday 11 July – PSHE Day
Tuesday 12 July – Sports Day
Wednesday 13 July – Reserve Sports Day
18-20 July – Summer Celebration Trips
Thursday 21 July - Stockfest
Thursday 21 July – End of Term (12.30pm finish)

#WeAreTestValley

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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Vacancies

We are currently seeking people to fill the following roles:

Cover Supervisor

Behaviour Support Worker

Please see our website for more information: [Test Valley School – Job Vacancies](#)

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 for all enquiries.

Uniform Expectations Next Week

With the rising temperatures we are conscious that school uniform can be quite uncomfortable. Therefore, throughout next week pupils will be allowed to wear school PE kit if they wish to. If they choose to wear their PE kit they must wear trainers (no sandals, sliders or other open-toed footwear). School shorts must also be worn. If pupils would like to wear leggings they may do so but must wear their PE shorts over the top of these. Non-uniform jumpers and hoodies are not acceptable, pupils should wear their school jumper or blazer if they wish to.

Pupils may continue to wear school uniform but do not need to wear a tie, jumper or blazer. Please note that if the uniform requirements are not met we will contact parents in order to bring appropriate clothing to school.

MFL

Congratulations to the MFL stars of the month for June.
We have been very impressed with your work and we hope
you keep it up! Well done to:

French



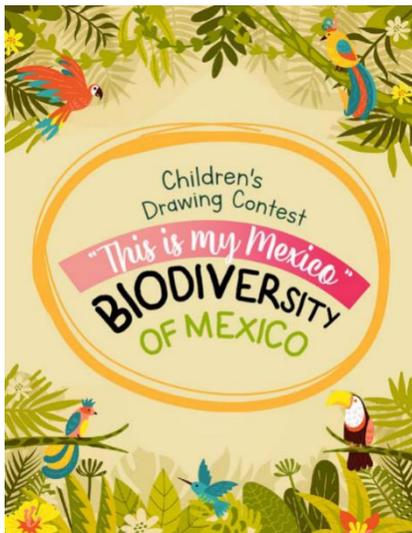
Yr 7 - Amelie H
Yr 8 - Eleanor Y
Yr 9 - Asha P
Yr 10 - Elliott H-S



German

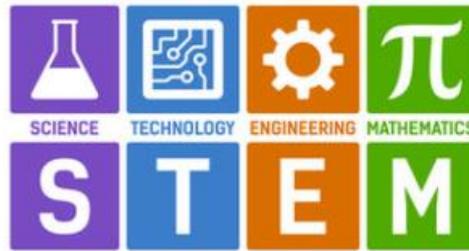


Yr 7 - Kaycie-Lea C
Yr 8 - Taylor C
Yr 9 - Asher P
Yr 10 - Oliver H



The Mexican embassy has an exciting drawing competition to celebrate the biodiversity of Mexico for children between the ages of 6-14. If you are interested in taking part, please speak to your MFL teacher for more details.

On Wednesday this week, we were delighted to meet some primary pupils for the year 5 Taster Day. During the day, the year 5s learned how to describe the weather in German! We played Catchphrase, made up actions for the types of weather and drew weather maps of Germany. Everyone seemed to have a great time, especially us!



New biometrics laws urgently needed, review finds



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-61896187>

What do YOU think?

STEM Pupil of the week

Jamie D Year 7

STEM Subject: DT

Date: 4 July 2022

Maths

Exciting news! All pupils will be using the "Complete Maths : TUTOR" online platform to support learning and HLTs next year.

A letter will be with you soon explaining all about it. However, there is an online webinar at 6:30pm on Monday 11 July that you may wish to see on this link:

[Select a Date & Time - Calendly](#)

TUTOR is an online maths platform designed to be an affordable, but equally effective, alternative to private tuition. TUTOR covers every level of maths from learning to count all the way up to calculus, and pupils can choose to follow a set course, or let TUTOR choose the right starting point for them.

TUTOR will help your child revise and improve their maths through a mixture of videos and quizzes — it is easy to use, and your child will have unlimited access to all of the online lessons and support at any time.

Through Parent View, you will be able to encourage your child at home as they earn awards or complete goals on TUTOR, or even work with them on their TUTOR courses, dramatically strengthening their mathematical skills.

Complete Maths TUTOR is **FREE** as the school has covered the cost of this software. However, should you wish to help other children, and you can afford it, they may ask for **£1 a week** donation. You do not have to do this but if you can then this helps support providing the platform for free to other pupils that may not be able to afford it.

The Complete Mathematics TUTOR movement is simple: all students should be able to access tuition in mathematics, regardless of their background or socioeconomic status.

Here at Test Valley School, we believe that all pupils should be able to achieve great results. We hope you will encourage your child/children you use the platform on at least a “little and often” basis over the holiday so that they start the next academic year in the best possible place and feeling confident about maths.

Swimming Gala

A great result for our swimming gala team! Well done everyone involved.



Shoutouts to our top 5 points last week

Year 9

Holly G
Sam J
Riley M
Daisy C
Jemima L

Year 10

Henry A
Gideon B
Harriet D
Amy S
Ruby A
Emma M

PSHE Day

We are looking forward to holding our last PSHE day for this academic year on Monday. Please see below the focus for each year group:

Year 7	Thinking Skills – how I learn, how do I increase my memory and organisational skills
Year 8	Resilience with the Armed Forces (2hrs), looking at respect in school and beyond
Year 9	Resilience with the Armed Forces (3hrs), knowledge of consent, sexual consent and abuse.
Year 10	Ambassador event – Learning about the world of work and routes into different careers

Sports Day

This will take place on Tuesday 12 July. The weather will be very warm so most of the main running events have been scheduled for the morning. The day will be broken up so that pupils do not have to remain outside for excessively long periods of time. Pupils must bring water and wear sun cream. They are welcome to wear a hat in addition. Unfortunately, this event is not open to parents.

Women and Girls Cricket at Andover Cricket Club

<https://www.testvalley.hants.sch.uk/content/uploads/2022/07/Poster-2022.pdf>

Gemini Netball Club

<https://www.testvalley.hants.sch.uk/content/uploads/2022/07/Summer-Camps-2022.pdf>



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Stockfest

Thursday 21st July
10.30am – 12.30pm

The PTA are running the BBQ and tuckshop for this legendary event and celebration of the school year.

Any BBQ experts who would like to come and help for the morning will be gratefully received and extra helpers for the tuck shop are always appreciated.

We will be setting up from 9am and you will also witness the amazing talented pupils and teachers performing live!

If you can offer help please contact:

testvalleypta@gmail.com

Thank you.

This event is sponsored by





School may be out for the summer, but Kooth is still here whenever you need us.

Here are 5 top tips for maintaining good mental health over the summer period:

1. **Connect with friends or family** to beat feelings of loneliness
2. **Stay active** - doing something active (brisk walking, cycling, swimming, running, playing tennis, dancing, skateboarding - whatever you enjoy!) for 30 minutes a day is fantastic for maintaining good mental health. It gets your endorphins going, boosts your mood and raises self-esteem.
3. **Get outside** - there are loads of benefits to getting outdoors, even just for a little while! Just being outside is enough to noticeably lower our stress levels. In fact, the power of nature for our wellbeing is so great that even a picture of a calming natural scene can be enough to create positive feelings of wellbeing! Spending time in nature has also been shown to have strong benefits for those with diagnoses of autism and ADHD and being outdoors promotes a sense of calm. For those who find crowds stressful or struggle with sensory overload, the peace and quiet of nature provides an excellent solution.
4. **Be creative** - doing something creative can help create a sense of calm, allow you to express yourself in a different way, takes your mind off of things that are worrying you, and provides a relaxing distraction to lower stress levels.
5. **Make a plan** - use this time to relax, unwind, reassess your priorities, plan out your time to try a new activity, learn a skill, achieve a personal goal (no matter how big or small), or maintain a healthy routine with a good sleep schedule.

Please share Kooth's [Summer Holidays 2022 Wellbeing Checklist](#) with young people to encourage them to do something each week to support their wellbeing within the Kooth community.