



MAY 2024

NEWSLETTER



Message from the Principal

It has started to feel like summer at times over the last couple of weeks of this term, with some warmer temperatures and the occasional glimpse of sunshine. As ever, there has been some amazing work done across both schools, from competing in mini-marathons to taking part in Aylesbury in Bloom, from a French day at Booker Park to Denyse's regular Makachat café at Stocklake. We look forward to the host of other events that occupy the calendar for the remainder of the school year.

In amongst these curricular events, in the background there has been some significant work aimed at overcoming the widespread challenges of recruiting to our all-important support staff workforce. As of September, we'll be introducing a new Assistant Teacher position for every class across both schools. This provides opportunities for those currently working within our schools, but seeks to recruit to higher paid positions than where our vacancies currently lie. Whilst this won't remove vacancies in one hit, the demographic we will recruit to is much wider, and should make a significant difference to our current vacancy position.

Enjoy the half term week,

Bradley



Bradley
Taylor
Principal

Enjoy our newsletter offering this time around and please do give us feedback for how you might like to see it develop. Please send all feedback to either office@bookerpark.bucks.sch.uk or office@stocklakepark.bucks.sch.uk



Facilities & Estates Update:

Please support us in keeping our school sites safe and adhere to the end of day collection times. Unless you have a prior agreed arrangement in place for an earlier collection, please do not arrive before:

2:45pm onwards for Booker Park School

2:50pm onwards for Stocklake Park School

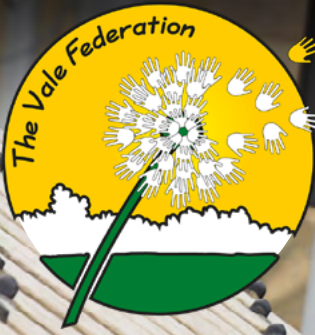
This is the time the gates open and up to this time it is essential that we minimise the vehicles on site and keep the gates closed to ensure the safety and security for all staff and children. Please ensure you have updated the school should your agreed timing change. Members of the Facilities & Estates Team will continue to manage site access and will turn away vehicles that arrive early and are not recorded as early collections.

Catering Update:

Our catering partners, Connect Catering, are looking for your feedback to help shape what future menus look like.



Please click on this link <https://forms.office.com/e/WC0iftFQTM> to complete a quick feedback form which can help support Connect Catering develop their menus further to incorporate your children's favourite meals.



Booker Park

Message from the Head of School

It has been great to have some good weather over this half term. This has enabled the students to be active and outside, and in particular to have participated in the Mini Marathon. Sponsorship towards this will all be toward Alternative and Augmentative Communication equipment which will be used directly by pupils here at school. Many thanks for your support with this, it is much appreciated!

I hope you and your families have a positive half term week, and I look forward to seeing you at the Sports Day events taking place in the second half of the summer term.

Marianne



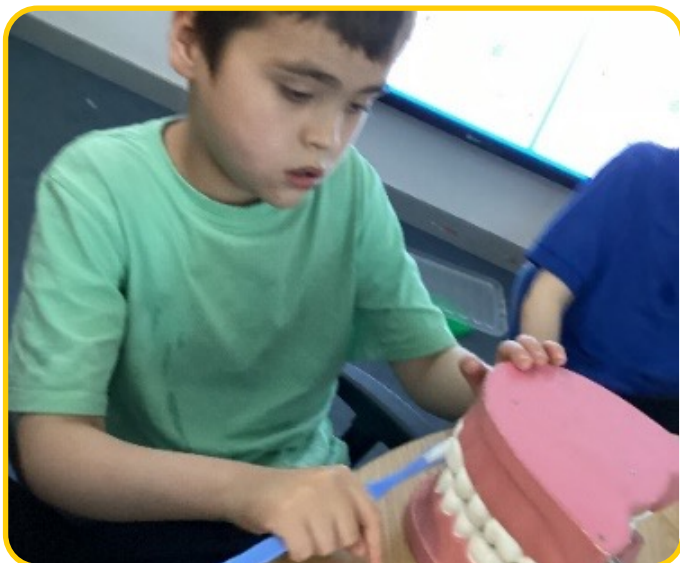
**Marianne
Murphy**
Head of School



Class Updates

Starling class

Starling class have been learning about good hygiene during our learning about me sessions recently. The children enjoyed getting messy with paint and glitter to represent the germs and practiced hand washing with visuals to support learning. We also explored dental hygiene by smelling different toothpastes, looking at our own teeth in the mirror and using toothbrushes to brush the giant teeth props or our own teeth. Well done Starling class!





Class Updates

Robin Class

Robin Class have been busy this term starting with the Mini Marathon walk around our school and the local area.

Our topic this term is 'ready steady go', and we spent time in our favourite sessions doing different activities.





Class Updates

Ready Steady Cook!

In Blackbird class this term we have been having a bake off! We have been measuring, mixing, sharing resources and independently following recipes. We've learnt how to break eggs safely, how to cream sugar and butter and knead dough. Some of us have conquered our fears of touching wet food. We hope that Blackbird families have enjoyed the results we have been bringing home.





Stocklake Park

Message from the Head of School

I hope that you have lovely things planned for the half term. We have been gearing up for class trips out (watch out for emails about your child's class) and have been practicing for our sports days.

Based on feedback from students, staff and parents last year, there will be three sports day events. This will reduce waiting time for students, reduce the volume of people in the school at one time to help students not to become overwhelmed, but still give the feeling of classes coming together and celebrating their achievements. These will all be happening during National Sports Week, 17th -21st June. We will confirm times in letters to each of the groups after the half term break.

Monday 17th June: Sunflower, Willow, Rowan, Maple and Beech

Wednesday 19th June: Oak, Hazel, Cedar and Cherry

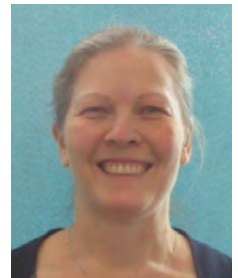
Friday 21st June: Ikigai, Ubuntu, Kuumba and Dragon

Here are a few photos showing a snapshot of some of the horticulture activities from last week.



Have a lovely half term.

Rhonda



Rhonda
Head of School

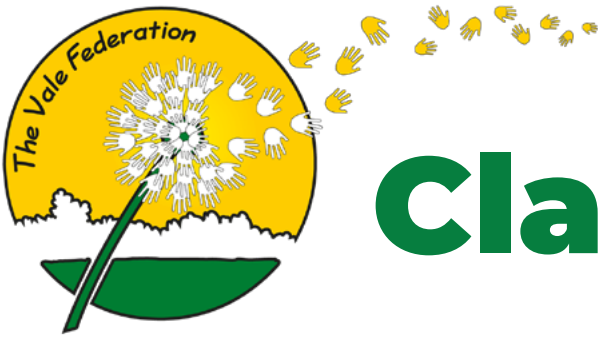


Class Updates

Dragon Tree Class

Dragon Tree Class has had an absolutely fantastic half term! As we reflect on our journey, we've been delighted to embark on new topics and dive deep into exciting learning experiences. Throughout this term, our classroom has been alive with enthusiasm and discovery. Here are some highlights of the enriching adventures we've shared - English Poetry: We've explored various poetic forms. Maths Data: Our students have been collecting and interpreting data. Recycling Project: We're promoting environmental responsibility through hands-on recycling initiatives. PE Games and Sports: Students have enjoyed participating in a variety of physical activities.

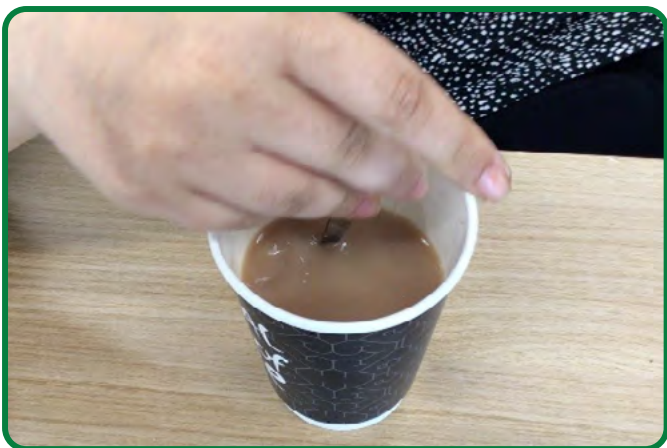




Class Updates

Ikigai class

In Ikigai class our focus in Life Skills and Functional Communication has been about further developing our independence and life skills by doing some tea-riffic work! Students voted to make tea and toast as part of this, and have been working hard using high and low tech AAC (augmentative alternative communication) such as talkers, sentence strips, core boards, and communication books to plan what they need, make requests and follow instructions. It has been great to see students becoming more confident with the next steps, preparing their items with greater independence and use equipment with different levels of independence. Some students have focused on using objects, sounds and body signifiers to make requests and choices about how they want to spend leisure time and to support them accessing their activities! Great work Ikigai class!





Useful Links



To find out more about the Buckinghamshire Council Family Support Service, please click below:

[Family support service | Family Information Service \(buckinghamshire.gov.uk\)](https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk)

.....

Please use the link below for some fun May half term activities to access for all the family:

[May Half-Term Kids Activities in Buckinghamshire](#)

[May Half-Term Activities in Oxfordshire](#)

[What's On in Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes](#)

[Activities for SEND](#)



**Things to Do this
May Half Term
with the Kids**



PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING MAY HALF TERM 2024

moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free



LAS IGUANAS

Join 'My Las Iguanas' via the App & Niños eat free with every adult main

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase an adult's main meal (App needed)

PUREZZA

Children under the age of 10 get free pizza at Purezza with every adult meal purchased

TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

MORRISONS

Spend £4.49 and get one free kids meal all day, every day.

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

YO! SUSHI

From Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May 2024, kids eat free all day at YO! Sushi (minimum adult spend £10).

WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

BILLS

Two kids can eat free ALL DAY (Weekdays) from Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May 2024, with one adult main dish.

DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES

At Dobbies, for every adult breakfast or lunch purchase, kids eat for FREE. Every Day!

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.

Copyright of MONEY SAVING CENTRAL



Discounts

for young people with SEND

There are various schemes and charities which can help save money if your child has an additional or special need.

Max Card

Max Card is a national, local authority-commissioned discount initiative for looked after children and children with additional needs aged 0 to 19 years. The scheme enables families to visit hundreds of attractions across the UK at a free or discounted rate.

Sign up to the Disabled Children Register to receive a card for free.

Merlin's Magic Wand

Merlin's Magic Wand offers magical days out at Merlin Entertainments attractions such as Legoland, Sea Life Centres and Madame Tussauds. They welcome applications on behalf of children aged 2 to 18 years with a confirmed serious illness/long term illness, disability or disadvantage.

CEA Card

CEA Card enables a disabled cinema guest to receive a complimentary ticket for someone to go with them when they visit a participating cinema.

Access Card

The Access Card translates your disability/impairment into symbols that highlight the barriers you face and the reasonable adjustments you might need. It then informs providers quickly and discreetly about the support you need and may gain you access to things like concessionary ticket prices and complex reasonable adjustments without having to go into loads of personal detail.

It costs £15 for three years.

For more local and national discount schemes visit the [Discounted sport, entertainment and travel page](#).



Foodbanks and food sharing

Here is a list of Foodbanks in Buckinghamshire. To get a foodbank referral and vouchers speak to your Family Centre, Health Visitor or Social Worker or local Citizens Advice office.

You can also use the [Trussell Trust's website](#) to find its 400-strong network of Foodbanks.

Aylesbury - Store House

Storehouse helps anyone in need by providing food and other items like furniture and clothing to people on low incomes, benefits or who are in temporary hardship.

Areas covered: Aylesbury Vale area.

Referral or voucher needed.

Aylesbury Foodbank

Aylesbury Foodbank provides three days' nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to people with a voucher or referral.

Areas covered: Aylesbury.

Referral or voucher needed.

FoodCycle Aylesbury

FoodCycle Aylesbury welcomes anyone to attend as a guest and enjoy a FREE hot meal. No need to book. Just turn up on the day!

Come and enjoy company and conversation with others from your local area over a delicious meal, prepared with care by FoodCycle volunteers.

Areas covered: Aylesbury and the surrounding areas..

No Referral or voucher needed.



Foodbanks and food sharing

Berryfields Community Store

Berryfields Community Store is open each Thursday morning from 10.30am for anyone in a financial crisis. For a £5 donation, you can choose 25 items of food including fresh meat, vegetables and household items (depending on available stock).

The address is Roman Park, Sir Henry Lee Crescent, HP18 0YT. For further information please contact help@romanparktrust.org.uk.

Areas covered: Aylesbury

No referral or voucher needed

Beaconsfield - Hope Community Drop-in

[Hope Community Drop-in](#) is a drop-in service where local people referred by doctors or social services can receive an emergency food package. The drop-in runs every Friday at the Holtspur Youth Club building from 8:45 am to midday.

Areas covered: Beaconsfield and neighbouring villages.

Referral or voucher needed.

Burnham - Care and Share Food Distribution Project

Burnham Health Promotion Trust (BHPT) [Care and Share food distribution project](#) is a collaborative community initiative which offers pre-filled food bags and a voucher to buy fresh fruit and vegetables.

Voucher needed.

Chiltern - Chiltern Foodbank

[Chiltern Foodbank](#) provides three days' nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to people with a voucher or referral.

Areas covered: The Chiltern District and nearby surrounding areas such as Wendover.

Referral or voucher needed.



Foodbanks and food sharing

Chesham Community Fridge

Chesham Community Fridge distributes free surplus food that is good to eat to anyone who comes to the Fridge. There is no referral or voucher needed. Chesham Community Fridge is open Wednesday and Saturday mornings in the yard behind Broadway Baptist Church, Chesham.

Areas covered: Chesham.

No referral or voucher needed.

High Wycombe - One Can

One Can provide free, nutritious food parcels to those deemed 'in crisis' by their partner organisations.

Areas served: High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire and surrounding areas.

Referral or voucher needed.

Wycombe Community Fridge

Wycombe Community Fridge shares food locally with anyone and everyone regardless of income or means. No referrals are needed.

No referral or voucher needed.

Wycombe Food Hub

Wycombe Food Hub collects crates of unsold food like bread, fruit, vegetables, chilled and frozen foods every week from supermarkets, farms and shops. The products are then made available to people unable to buy food.

No referral or voucher needed but food is available for a small donation.

Milton Keynes - The MK Foodbank

The MK Foodbank provide food parcels that can be picked up from one of their serving sessions located around the city. Clients can receive a food parcel 5 times within a rolling 12-month period.

Areas served: Milton Keynes.

Referral or voucher needed.



Foodbanks and food sharing

Thame Food Bank

Thame foodbank provides emergency supplies of essential food items to those in the community who are struggling financially.

Areas covered: Thame.

Referral needed.

Wendover - Wendover Free Church Foodbank

Wendover Free Church Foodbank provides food parcels for the local area.

Areas served: Wendover and neighbouring villages.

Referral or voucher needed.

Wing Foodbank

Areas covered: Wing

No referral needed.

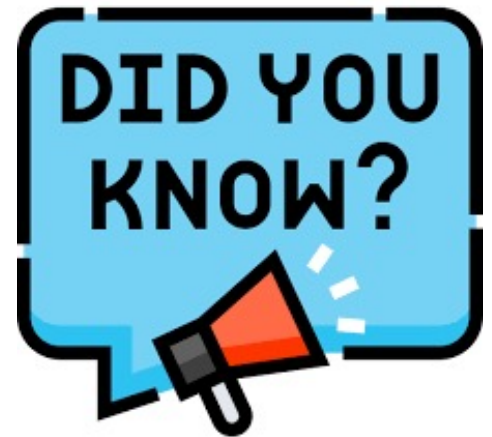
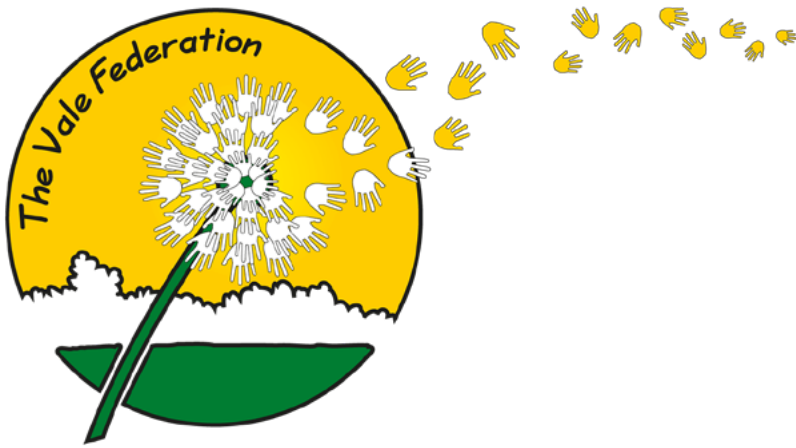
Not in Buckinghamshire but nearby

Rickmansworth Foodbank

Rickmansworth Foodbank provides food parcels for the local area.

Areas served: Rickmansworth and nearby towns and villages.

Referral or voucher needed.



We offer exclusive hire of our soft play centre!

Soft Play - 3 hour hire time
Mon- Fri £100 plus VAT - School holidays only
Sat - Sun £112.50 plus VAT
Additional hours on request

Capacity: up to 20, Maximum number of children on the equipment at one time is 5. No children over 8 years old

Includes: Exclusive Use/Toilets/Tables & Chairs

For further information please contact
facilitiesbookings@thevalefederation.com