

Valley Park Parish Council Newsletter

2023 - Summer Edition

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Valley Park Parish Councillors



TVBC Councillors

Alan Dowden and Celia Dowden were re-elected as Valley Park Borough Councillors in the recent local elections on 4th May 2023 with 81% of the vote.

"A huge thank you to all of those people who voted for us. We will continue to work to keep Valley Park the special place it is, and to ensure it grows sustainably in the future".



Cllr Alan Dowden
Chairman



Cllr Clive Anderson
Vice Chairman



Cllr Ray Bryan



Cllr Simon Cross



Cllr Celia Dowden



Cllr Jamie Fryer



Cllr Donna Green



Cllr Suk Shahi



Cllr Kath Woods-Townsend

A warm welcome to our new Parish councillors Suk Shahi and Jamie Fryer. For all information related to our Parish, please contact our borough and parish councillors and regularly visit our website www.valleyparkparish.org and Facebook page.

Valley Park Floral Display

Despite the extreme difficult weather conditions at the beginning of June, our floral display are now in full bloom. The Council is looking into planting more wildflower areas in the future. Some of our residents took a lovely initiative and planted some wildflower seeds in their local area.



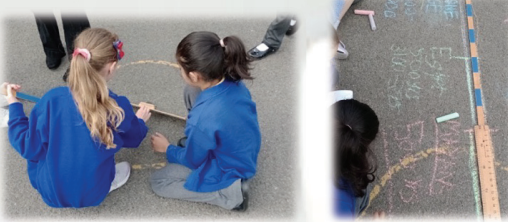
News in Brief

- Following the travellers break in on the grounds of Glendowan open space, Cllr Alan Dowden was informed as they were entering the grounds and took immediate action to alert Test Valley Borough Council and the Police. He then visited the site and took photos of their encampment. Test Valley Borough Council re-secured the site and heightened the security measures. Chairman, Cllr Alan Dowden stated: "I have requested that Test Valley do everything they can to implement security measures to deter further invasions. I have received police support in order for these works to be carried out. The Police have the power to escort travellers to a designated site. However, frustratingly, TVBC have not yet provided a travellers site despite this annual issue".
- The orchard site designated by TVBC on Salcombe Close has an old Roman Road running beneath it. The trees were removed and will be replanted in Autumn in another location within Valley Park. Following a suggestion from a local resident, our Parish Council asked the Borough Council to provide an educational notice board on the old Roman Road site.

News from Knightwood Primary School

Knightwood children have been having lots of fun this year. Here are a few highlights of the learning and activities the children have got up to!

Year 4 have really enjoyed taking their learning outside. We have done some History, Maths and Art activities. These are some of the things the children have said "It's super fun!"; "It makes learning more fun and it's good to get more fresh air" and "It's nice to have a change and it really helped me focus more." We've even got some outdoor learning homework too!



Year 2 have started learning about our new history topic, Florence Nightingale. We had a Florence Nightingale themed day where we role-played hospital scenes, made our own lamps, learnt where she had a great impact and found out interesting facts. We had so much fun!



Year 1 had a fabulous time at Hillier's Arboretum. The sun shone and we enjoyed learning all about plants and playing lots of games to help us with our learning.



It is that time of year again where we have the joy of watching ducklings hatch and grow! Meet (right to left) Honey, Jazzy, Pom Pom, Wendy and Pingu. We have had so much fun in Year R looking after the ducklings as part of our growing topic. We watched them swim for the first time and we even got to hold them! To record their progress we kept a 'Duckling Diary', which we wrote in every day using our Phonic sounds and finger spaces.



In Year 5 we have been learning about Antarctica. We built our own base in Antarctica to collect information about Antarctica and return to base. We have considered different routes we could take to Antarctica using different modes of transport and using compass points to describe direction accurately.



We had a great time doing our different activities on Sports Day this week! We all had a go at everything! We enjoyed showing our grown-ups what we have been learning in our PE sessions! We loved having the whole school out for the relay in the afternoon and Mr White's expert commentary! A huge thanks to Miss Brown and Mr Williamson and Mr White for organising such a fun day!



We had a lovely time celebrating King Charles III's coronation. Some of us spent some time learning about King Charles and his family. Some of us spent some time learning about what a coronation is and tried to spot the differences between the one we will see tomorrow and Queen Elizabeth's Coronation 70 years ago! All the classes made crowns to wear whilst we enjoyed our Royal Picnic!



News from St Francis CoE Primary School

Sports Day

A glorious day full of cheer, competitiveness, school pride and community. Yellow house were the winners of 2023 Sports Day. Well done Yellow House! However, all children can be so proud of all their efforts. No one gave up and everyone gave it their best.

Prior to our Sports Day in front of parents, all children participated in a range of events in house groups in P.E lessons: long jump, shot put, javelin etc. All events earned points towards the grand total. On the day in front of parents, there were a range of winners across the year and house groups and plenty of children with success stickers proudly stuck to their tops at the end of the afternoon. Yellow house came out on top but 24 points separated the winners this year with green house coming in a close 2nd. Thank you for all the parents who came and supported and also for those who entered the parents' race- the children loved it. We also managed to fit a tug of war match in this year for every child which was a personal highlight. Thanks again to all the St Francis Staff who helped to support the running of the event on the day. A good team effort!



On Sunday 11th June, members of our choir and orchestra attended St Francis Church service to share with them our musical talents. We performed several pieces and had a fantastic reception from the congregation. Well done to all those who participated and a big thank you to parents for supporting us with this collaborative event.

