

Mrs Buley—Principal

Happy Friday!

I hope you all had a lovely break and did not let the wet and windy weather stop you from enjoying yourselves.

I would firstly like to say a huge thank you to the many of you who have been in contact this week to congratulate me on my permanent appointment in the role of Principal of Thames Valley School. It is an absolute privilege to lead this school, a school that I care so much about full of the most amazing pupils and dedicated, caring staff, as well as supported by our fantastic families. I am so proud to be a part of this school community, and a position that I will never take for granted. Over the last few years, the school has been on such a journey, and I am so excited to work with you all as we continue this upwards positive trajectory, together.

As we welcomed back the pupils on Monday, we would not have guessed what a busy week would await us, but it was fantastic to see them all and hear about what they had been up to over the break!

As you will be aware, this week we were visited by Ofsted on Tuesday and Wednesday for a graded inspection where the two inspectors spent time with pupils and staff, visited lessons, looked at pupil books and reviewed documentation, as well as meeting with representatives from our Governing Body and Trustees. Although we cannot yet share the outcome of this inspection with you, we want to thank you for your support and the many well wishes we received. We are also so proud of the pupils and their participation in this inspection – the inspectors commented on how warm and welcoming the pupils were and how well they engaged with their questions and how eager they were to show them their work! I would like to specifically mention our Year 10 pupils who jumped at the opportunity to meet with the inspectors, greeting them with a handshake and talking about their experiences of Thames Valley School – they are fantastic ambassadors of our school community.

Whilst this was ongoing, Miss Eden has been working hard to finalise examinations arrangements, ensuring our staff have undertaken invigilation training in advance of Year 11 exams and that Year 10 pupils are prepared for their mocks.

Mr Villar has also been busy preparing for our 'Earth Day' afternoon on Monday, where pupils from Primary to Year 10 will engage in a variety of activities on the theme of 'Planet Vs. Plastic'.

Primary and Year 7 had a visit from the Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service this afternoon where they explored how to keep safe in water, by roads and in case of fire.

On Monday, we will send home additional information regarding our plans for Sports Day next Wednesday – we apologise for the delay in sending home the timings of this and hope you understand that much of our forward planning that we were hoping to complete this week, has been slightly pushed back due to our unexpected visitors!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Buley



Pupil Awards

This academic year, we will be celebrating three pupils each week who have been nominated by staff for demonstrating our school principles.

We are pleased to announce that this week's winners are:

Thoughtful – Kian Chapman has been awarded this week for his valued participation and contributions with our Ofsted visitors, demonstrating great enthusiasm and passion for his learning.

Value – Dexter Mitchell has been awarded this week for a positive and constructive transition into his new class and engaging brilliantly in his PE lesson.

Safe – Aaron Brown has been awarded this week for his participation in PSHE and his class contribution towards a greater understanding of keeping himself safe online and in the world around him.







A huge congratulations to these 3 pupils from all the staff.

Personal Development

Summer Term 1

This term, in Personal Development, students will be learning all about neurodiversity.

Across the school, this will include different topics such as:

<p>Autism and self-esteem</p> 	<p>Understanding wants and needs</p> 	<p>Individual differences</p> 
<p>Social models</p> 	<p>Individualised regulation strategies</p> 	<p>Autism in the community</p> 

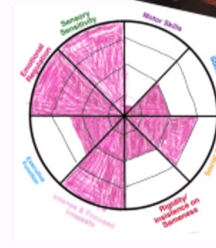
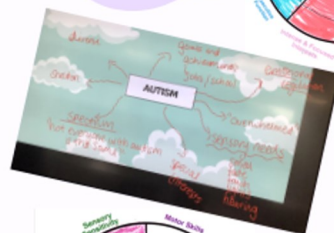


Can you identify the myths from the facts?

This week:



	Myth	Fact
1- Autism is a male condition	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2- All autistic people have special abilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3- Those with autism stim in different ways	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4- Autistic people have different sensory needs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5- Autistic people are shy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6- Autistic people cannot live independently	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7- Autistic people only like trains	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8- Everyone is a bit autistic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9- There is an autistic pupil in every school	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10- Being autistic is part of someone's identity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11- Many autistic people like routine	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12- Mental health conditions are more common in those with autism	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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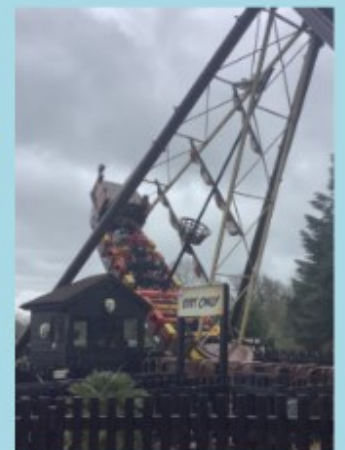
ON WEDNESDAY 27TH MARCH, PRIMARY PUPILS TOOK A TRIP TO LEGOLAND TO EXPLORE HOW FORCES ARE USED IN THEME PARKS:

THEY STARTED WITH A ROLLERCOASTER WORKSHOP



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**THEN THEY
EXPLORED THE
PARK**



Curriculum Map - Term 5

What we are learning this term - Summer 1 2024

	English	Maths	Science	Humanities	Art	Computing	Food Tech	Life skills
Scorpius	Newspaper reports 	Fractions and Decimals 	Fossils and soils and Plant Growth 	Roman Britain 	Mandala Coaster 	Photo editing 		Food Prep and Hygiene
Phoenix	Persuasive Writing 	Fractions, Percentages and Decimals 	variation and adaptation 	Vikings and Rivers 	Mandala Coaster 	Vector Graphics 		Food Prep and Hygiene
Year 7	Adventure and Fantasy 	Geometric Notation 	Chemistry- Atomic Structure 	Migration 	Cubist's masks 	Programming 	Where Food comes from 	Travel in the Local Community
Year 8	Short Stories 	Angles in lines and polygons 	Chemistry - Renewable and non-renewable fuels. 	What is development? 	Still Life 	Mobile App development 	Food Origins 	Money Management
Year 9	Gothic literature 	Enlargement and similarity 	Chemistry - atoms 	Personal Projects 	Masks from around the world 	Cyber Security 	Food Commodities 	Household Management

Dates for your dairy

22nd April - Earth Day

24th April - Sports Day

22nd April to 12th May - Year 10 Mocks

Wishing All our families a lovely weekend!