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## Message from Mr. O' Connor

Dear Parents and Friends,

Time flies....'tempo fugit'. **In order to fully appreciate the present we must remember the past, whilst ensuring we are confident about the future.** Many of you will remember Kathy Schutz and myself in Happy Faces, and how the project of Green Valley was 'born' there. Step by step we have implemented Green Valley over the

last years and grown organically, with our first Year 13 students graduating successfully last June. **We are certainly proud of where we have come from, and importantly where we are going!** Our mission remains the same as it was from our Happy Faces days... to achieve human and academic excellence in everything that we do. Kathy and myself remain very much at the 'helm' of Green Valley and Happy Faces, however nowadays we are fortunate enough to work alongside a Senior Leadership Team that help manage the different areas of Happy Faces and Green Valley. We are still very much here and very approachable, the detail is simply that due to the size of the schools, we now also work with a Senior Leadership Team in order to ensure greater efficiency in all areas of school. To summarize, many of you see me on the door most days, and due to the close nature of our community, you know that we are both here for you all. In fact these weekly newsletters demonstrate exactly this! We are now a strong, diverse team and these communications intend to give you a weekly snapshot of all the different events, activities and messages from school. Please do spread the word about the importance of them as this is a truly great way of ensuring you all really appreciate and know what is going on!

Our best wishes as always,

Mr. James O' Connor and Ms. Kathy Schütz

## Primary Section

### Dates for your Diary

- Friday 19th April: Primary Sports Morning and Family Picnic 9:15 - 12:00
- Week beginning 22nd April: English Reading and Book Week
- Tuesday 23rd April: Book Character Dress Up Day
- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April: Y4 to Botanical Gardens
- Week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> May: Outdoor Learning Week

- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May: Y4 Presentation to Parents
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May: Y3 to Fresopolis
- Week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> May: Spanish Week
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May: Y4 Viking Day (presentation to parents at 3:30)
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May: Flamenco Dancing, Children to wear 'Spanish' Costume
- Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May: Y4 to La Caixa Forum
- Tues 4<sup>th</sup> and Wed 5<sup>th</sup> June: Y6 Residential Trip
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June: Transition Day, meeting new Teachers, Y6 go to Y7.
- Tuesday June 11<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday June 12<sup>th</sup>: Primary Summer Production
- **Week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> June: Primary Final Assessment Week**
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June: Y6 Graduation Ceremony 9:30 - 11:00
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June: Summer fair 14:00 - 15:30 so **Primary School ends at 14:00**
- **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June: National Holiday, School closed**
- **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June: Last Day of Summer Term**

## Message from Ms. Jan Harvey

Dear Families,

Thank you so much for coming to join us this morning for our Primary Sports Day. It was wonderful to see so many participating in the family picnic midway through the morning, as well as cheering the children on throughout the morning, they loved it. We listened to feedback from last year and I hope you enjoyed the addition of the coffee being available at this time too!

It was such an enjoyable morning, with the children cheering each other on and being such good sports. I especially loved seeing our older students supporting the younger ones during the activities. Thank you all for being such superstars.

Thank you to Mr. Lubinski and our amazing Y7s for organising the resources, setting everything up and for supporting the teachers during the events.

A huge thank you to Steph Lumley for providing the ice-poles, they were very much appreciated by all, a lovely idea!

Of course, we cannot end before saying CONGRATULATIONS to Formentera who are our sporting champions this year.

Looking forward to our next event, on Monday we begin our English Week. On Tuesday, we are asking the children to come dressed as a character from a book, (as always we remind you that all outfits should be sensible and allow the child to get on with the normal daily activities) and on this day too, there will be a traditional British roast lunch!

Then on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April**, we invite you to come along at **2:30 p.m.** as the children are preparing a short presentation in their classes about their week.

This week on Thursday, Y6 went to the Rafa Nadal Museum where they had a brilliant morning. When we arrived, we had a quick snack then went to the first room which was full of different simulators. You could play tennis, ride mountain bikes, shoot penalties, do an obstacle course, and use virtual reality goggles to ski, ride a rollercoaster or fly! It was great fun, and we could have spent a lot longer here, but we had to move on.

In the second room, we saw many trophies that Nadal has won throughout the years. We also saw some of his shoes and t-shirts from tournaments. As well as tennis memorabilia, there was also basketball, football, and golf equipment from many famous players.

It was a very interesting place to visit, and we'd love to go back! (Ms. Victoria)

Don't forget to check on MME in the Quicklinks to see all the photographs of this and other events throughout the term.

Next week, Y4 are looking forward to going to visit the Botanical Gardens in Soller as part of their Science topic and we will bring you a report on this next Friday.

**Just a couple of reminders:**

- Please remember we are a nut free school, so no nuts for snack or in packed lunches please.
- All hair, girls and boys, should be tied up once it reaches shoulder length.
- Don't forget, we do not allow smart watches in our Primary School.

All that remains is to thank you as always for all your amazing support and to wish you a lovely weekend.

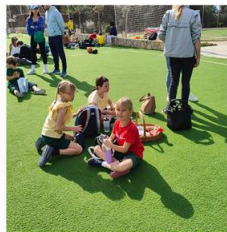
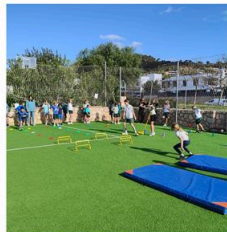
Kind regards,

Ms. Jan Harvey

Head of Primary



**Formentera Sports Day Champions**





## Secondary Section

### Dates for Your Diary

- **KS3 Assessments next week**
  - Tuesday 23rd April: Y7 Maths test
- **Sant Jordi Writing Competition**
  - Friday 26th April: Last day to participate for Y7 Spanish, Y8 Spanish & Catalan, Y9 Spanish & Catalan
- **Year 11 & Year 13 Exam Season**
  - Friday 19th April to Thursday 13th June
- **Year 13 Graduation Ceremony**
  - Friday 17th May
- **KS3 Comprehensive Exams**
  - Monday 3rd June to Friday 7th June
  - Mathematics, Science, English, Spanish, Catalan, German, French, & Swedish
- **Year 10 & Year 12 Progress Check Tests**

- Wednesday 29th May to Tuesday 4th June

- **Year 6 Transition Day**

- Friday 7th June

- **Secondary Production**

- Tuesday 18th June

- **Summer Fair**

- Friday 21st June

- **End of Year Reports**

- Tuesday 25th June

### **Message from Mr. Drew Sparkman**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we navigate through this bustling academic year, I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to everyone who played a part in the exceptional IB Visual Arts Exhibition. The creativity and dedication displayed by our students were truly inspirational, and such events could not succeed without the supportive presence of our parents and the tireless efforts of Mr. Mercer. Thank you all for making the event a resounding success.

We are now entering a crucial phase of the academic year with the commencement of the exam season for Year 11 and Year 13 students. Please note, this will necessitate some adjustments to class locations, details of which will be communicated shortly to tutors, teachers, and students. We ask for your understanding and cooperation as these changes are implemented to facilitate a smooth examination process.

I am also thrilled to share that, for the first time in the history of Green Valley Secondary School, we have initiated an appraisal system aimed at enhancing our commitment to fostering an environment of both human and academic excellence. We are nearing the completion of our inaugural round of appraisals, and I am pleased to

report that it has been a highly productive endeavour.

In the realm of languages, our Spanish students in KS3 and our Catalan students in Year 8 and Year 9 are gearing up for an exciting opportunity as they prepare to participate in a creative writing competition. This is a wonderful chance for them to showcase their linguistic talents, and we are eager to support them in this creative pursuit. Please read more information about this from Ms. Bet.

Lastly, please read below for upcoming important dates in your diaries, which will include various school events and activities planned for the rest of the term. These dates are crucial for ensuring that everyone is informed and prepared for the exciting times ahead.

Thank you all for your continued support and engagement.

Warm regards,

Drew Sparkman, MEd

Head of Secondary

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