

Linden Lodge Newsflash

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Bridge Afternoon

On 27th January the Linden Lodge Trust held their annual Bridge Afternoon. This year the venue was the Wimbledon Club in Church Road Wimbledon. As usual, the event was very well attended with 104 people coming along. In addition to playing bridge the guests were entertained by some of our pianists. Francis and Emmanuel Cole, Aminah Aslam, Bobby Ogogo and Adam Branston all took a turn on the piano. Particular thanks go to Marina Penna, Leonore Mendoza and Liz Caldecote for organising this successful event which raised just over £2,000. It was a splendid afternoon and we are indebted to all those who attended with a view to support the children and the work of the school.



Jack Petchey Award

We are pleased to announce this term's winners of the Jack Petchey Award which celebrates achievement. They are Can Kilinc from Class 14 for good listening using his radio aid, and Ursule Sumbulu from Class 7 for excellent responses in literacy. Well done to them and also to Rosemary Crisostomo who received 3 nominations for this year's Jack Petchey Leaders Award. She was put forward to celebrate her outstanding commitment for supporting students at Linden Lodge over the years.



Baby Brain Gym



On Wednesday 3rd February we held our taster session for sensory Baby Brain Gym. Parents from the Wandsworth VI Playgroup met with Taisa Martinucci, our advanced skills teacher, in South House lounge to learn about Brain Gym. The



session was supported by Shelina Mitha, our speech and language therapist. The babies and parents all had a great time. The Wednesday morning slot will hopefully become an opportunity for parents to participate in Sing and Sign, and

Brain Gym sessions on a regular basis. If you would like to find out more about Brain gym or Makaton signing please get in touch with the Wandsworth VI playgroup.

Turning of the Sod

This morning at 11.00am we had the 'Turning of the Sod' ceremony marking the beginning of the Apogee Performing Arts and Movement Development Centre. Our project starts on 8th February and we are delighted that Jason Collins and Barry Ferdinand Executive Directors of the Apogee Corporation could join us for the ceremony. They were joined by Des and James Thomas of Thomas Sinden Ltd who will be building the Centre. Class 15 and Abigail from Class 8 also took part along with Neil Munro, Chair of Governors and Cllr Elizabeth Howlett. We also welcomed Shanee Buxton, Head of School at Oak Lodge. It was a splendid morning with lovely sandwiches from Eleanor.

