



LLS News

06/01/2023



Dear families

Welcome back and a warm welcome to all new pupils and staff who have joined us this week.

This week we celebrated World Braille Day. We have featured some of the fantastic work that classes have been doing to mark the occasion in this newsletter. We have also included links and information about some exciting resources and events.

Booster vaccinations will be taking place for Year 9 pupils on 24th January. Full details and a permission form have been emailed to all Year 9 parents and carers today.

Have a lovely weekend.



Dinner money

School dinner for the Spring term (3rd Jan—31st March) is £151.20



Term Dates

Spring Term 2023

- **First day for pupils**
Tuesday 3rd January 2023
- **Last day for pupils**
Friday 31st March 2023
- **Half term break** Monday 13th to Friday 17th February 2023
- **Planning and Preparation Day (no pupils)**
Monday 20th February 2023

Dates for your diary

Earwig workshops for parents

Spring term 1:
09.02.2023 at 10:00

Spring term 2:
24.03.2023 at 10:00

Star of the Week/Kindness Award

Lucien - for using his voice to sing/say the whole alphabet, letter names/sounds.



Learning at Linden Lodge

World Braille Day Wednesday 4th January 2023

Braille Note Touch Workshop in Minerva Centre to Celebrate World Braille Day

On Wednesday 4th January, the Minerva Centre celebrated World Braille Day with a second workshop on how to optimise the use of their Braille Note Touches.

Their focus was to explore and develop Web browsing skills.

The workshop was organised by Elizabeth and ran via Teams by Martin Roberts from Humanware.

The students loved the workshop and said they couldn't wait for more.

The workshop will not only help them with their academic work but will also prepare them to become more independent braille users and will ready them for college and the world of work.

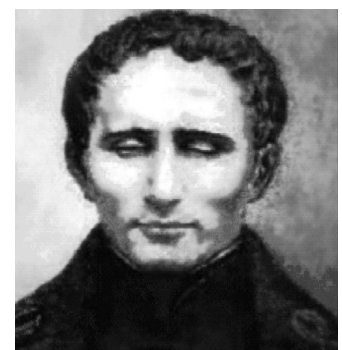
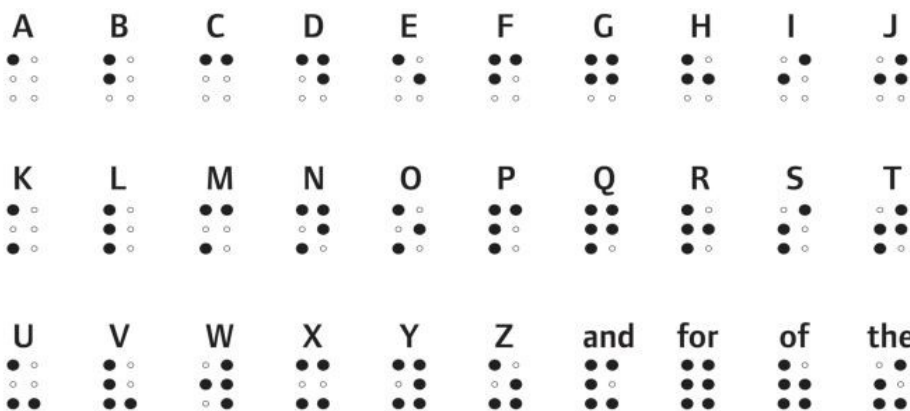
The Story of Braille and Louis Braille

By Minerva 1

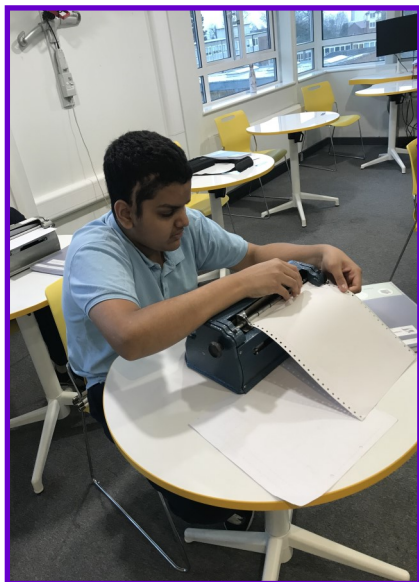
For International Braille Day we researched Louis Braille. He attended a special school for blind students and he met a captain from the French military who had invented the code system for the soldiers to communicate at night. The captain introduced his system to the student. Louis thought that he could create a better way of reading for blind people and make it much easier to read.

He invented his own system, by using a combination of raised dots to represent different letters, words, symbols and numbers. He met the French King to tell him about his new invention but no one was convinced to use his system in first, but he did not give up.

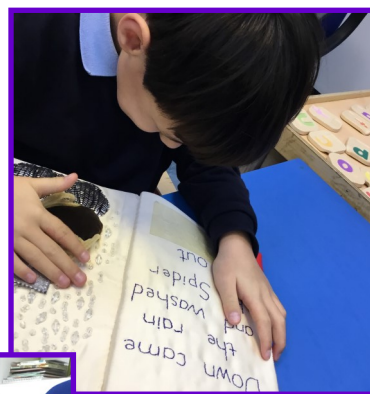
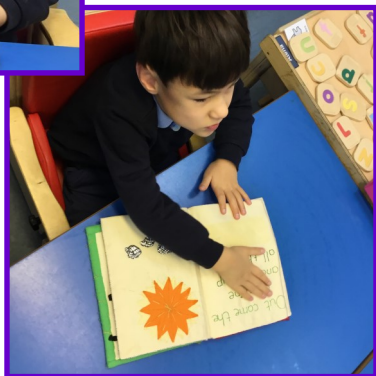
Finally he got success, blind people all over the world use his system. Thank you Mr Braille for inventing this lovely method, without this, blind people could not read or write and access to the knowledge of the world. One more thing we have learnt from Braille's story is great challenges can be overcome by Creativity, Determination and Hard Work.



Minerva 2 created some Braille art



Harp class explored books, stories, puzzles, poems and their names in Braille

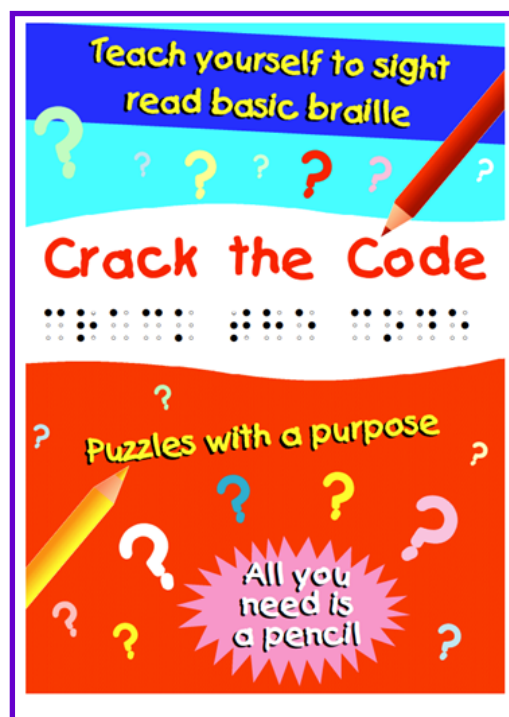
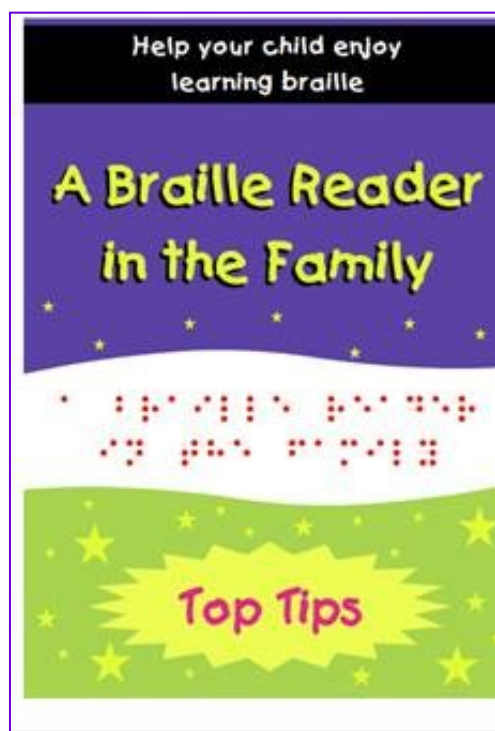


Resources and events

'**A Braille Reader in the Family**' is a booklet for parents. It contains information about braille and tips on how to help a child who is or who will be learning braille.

The activities and games have been suggested by teachers and parents, and most do not require knowledge of braille. The booklet also includes positive quotes from braille readers of all ages.

You can download the booklet here: <http://www.clearvisionproject.org/resources/index.html>



Where can I learn the code?

Would you like to get to grips with reading the uncontracted braille code? Download Clearvision's fantastic 'Crack the Code' booklet here:

http://www.clearvisionproject.org/resources/crack_the_code.pdf

Already mastered this and ready to move on to the contracted code? <https://uebonline.org/> enables you to practice reading and writing braille, simulating the Perkins brailler using your computer keyboard.

The Power of Touch: From Clarke Reynolds

'The Power of Touch' is the first London solo exhibition from acclaimed 41-year-old Portsmouth artist Clarke Reynolds, celebrated for using Braille in his artworks. Opening on the 11th of January at Quantus Gallery, visitors to The Power of Touch will wear special glasses where they can sample Clarke's distinctive braille art in much the same way a blind/partially sighted person would.



Lego Braille Bricks Seminars

In 2023, the LEGO Foundation continues to offer live monthly sessions on how Braille Bricks can be used to support learners.

Register your interest here: <https://legobraillebricks.com/facilitation/live-sessions>

Upcoming sessions:

- School aged numeracy
- Daily living activities
- Music
- STEM
- Orientation and Mobility

Missed a webinar? You can watch a replay on their YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqeu5UnSaa-8CmcotDKiciQ>



Eco-News

Minerva Centre ECO- STEM project

Minerva students met today to discuss their goals for the ECO-STEM project for this half term.

They came up with the following things that they want to achieve before the end of the Spring Term:

1. To raise money for tree planting and to plant at least three young trees in the school grounds.
2. To run a campaign to make everyone at school more aware of plastic waste. They will do this through organising meetings and assemblies across the school, making posters for staff and creating raps and chants and braille documents for students.
3. Set up a project in Minerva so that students learn how to grow food, such as plants and vegetable so that they have these eco-skills for the future.
4. To lobby the school and to encourage everyone to go paperless as much as possible.
5. To lobby local councillors and MPs about protecting our planet for the future.

Good luck to all our wonderful students with their fantastic goals and their passion to protect our planet!



Do you need to print this?

Remember!



Can you go paperless?

Can you help save our planet?

Don't waste paper!

Save money!

Save resources!

Save the world!

Poster by
Ryan—Minerva

This poster has been
displayed around the
school

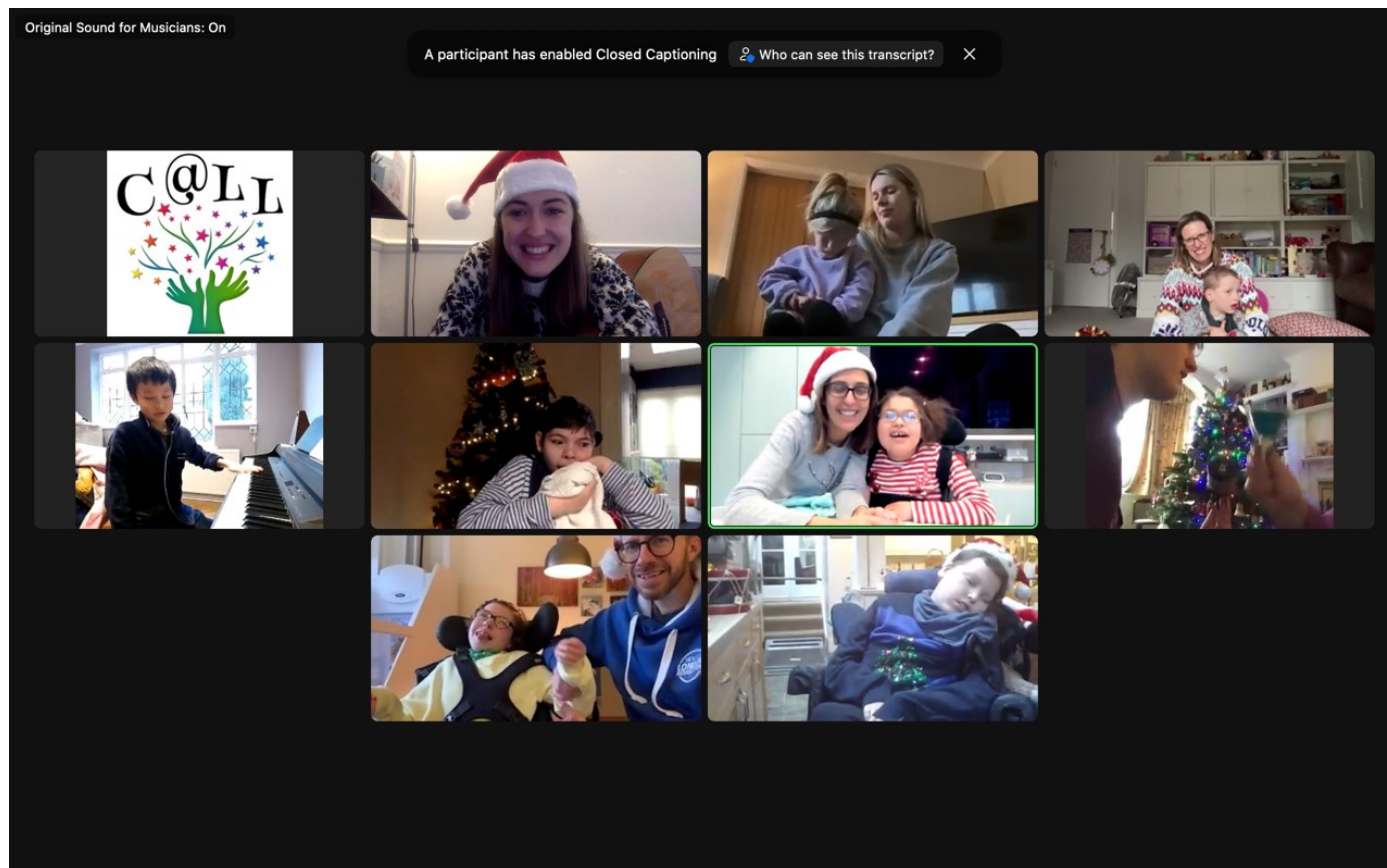
Spring bulb growing

Our Spring bulb growing has got off to a fantastic start and we are already starting to see little shoots emerging from the soil.



Happy New Year from everyone at C@LL!

It was wonderful to enjoy some festive cheer with you all last term. The Santa's grotto event was a huge success with our largest ever event turnout. Online music was joyous and interactive and C's accompaniment on the piano was breath taking. And Christmas baking was delicious, if slightly messy!



Here are some updates for this term:

Unfortunately, due to a serious family emergency, Dr Mark Brown has had to postpone the online continence workshop scheduled for Friday 13th of January 2023.

The workshop will be rescheduled as soon as possible. An update will be shared once he reaches out with a new date.

Thank you all for your understanding.



C@LL is hosting an ONLINE session on Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE). Tuesday 31st of January 2023, from 8pm until 9pm. Please confirm attendance via Classlist or via communityatlin-denlodge@gmail.com

As the parent or carer of a child with special needs, you may dismiss RSHE as not relevant to you. The devastating truth is that those with special needs and disabilities are more likely to experience all kinds of abuse. But equally, understanding RSHE can help us all build better relationships with our children and young people.

The first part of the session will be information-sharing led by Teacher & RSHE Lead Sinéad Bevan, Occupational Therapy Lead Fiona Pringle, and Speech and Language Therapy Lead Megan Armstrong.

The second part of the session will be a Q&A. Please fill out the pre-session survey here: <https://forms.office.com/r/h0TZGxLeur>



Noticeboard



The Royal National College for the Blind (RNC) is the UK's leading specialist residential college for young people aged 16 to 25 who are blind or partially sighted.

Address: RNC Campus, Venns Lane, Hereford, HR1 1DT

UPCOMING EVENT



RNC Open Day

Friday 27 January 2023 | 10am to 4pm

For prospective students and families who have a young person with a visual impairment.

An informative day where you can meet current students and staff, discuss funding, careers and transitions, explore the residential areas and find out about our campus' academic and vocational programmes.

Read More & Book Here: <https://www.rnc.ac.uk/event-item.aspx?id=70>

BOOKING FORM

RNC Open Day: <https://www.rnc.ac.uk/form/10>

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If you require any further information or have any questions, please email or call us.
Or, email us to request the booking forms in a word document.