



# LLS News

13/01/2023



Dear families

This week our children and young people have been working on some very exciting projects.

Sixth Form students are enjoying some wonderful work experience opportunities and Minerva pupils have been busy raising awareness of the need for us to reduce plastic use and to think about the amount of paper that we use. Their ECO STEM project also includes some outdoor learning and gardening activities. You can find out more on page 4 of the newsletter.

We would like to thank all of the external organisations who support the learning at Linden Lodge.

Have a lovely weekend.

## Term Dates

### Spring Term 2023

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

## Dates for your diary

**24th January** - Year 9 booster vaccinations  
(for pupils with returned permission forms)

**31st January**—8-9pm —C@LL—RHSE talk for parents and carers

**6th –10th February**—Children's Mental Health Week

**7th February**—Safer Internet Day

Earwig workshops for parents  
Spring term 1: **09.02.2023** at 10:00  
Spring term 2: **24.03.2023** at 10:00

**17th March**—Red Nose Day

## Learning at Linden Lodge

### Welcoming our new Minerva student

Last week the Minerva Centre welcomed a new student. Her name is Maki and she is from Japan. To show her how happy we all are to have us with us, we learned how to write Japanese Haiku.

Haiku are very beautiful and they have a very interesting structure. The first line has 5 syllables, the second has 7 and the third has 5.

Here are some of the Haiku the students wrote.

#### **Snow**

By Ryan and Nathan

Snow falls soft from trees.

Freezing snow drips from  
chill leaves.

Birds migrate to heat.

#### **Snow**

By Jo and Asad

Crunchy, white blanket.

Cold enchanting visitor.

Shiver, tingling gift.

#### **Rain**

By David, Lillie and Maki

Rain falls on my head.

My hair feels like wet seaweed.

I can feel the rain.

#### **Rain**

The rain pours and drips.

Like the chocolate fountain.

Murmurs to willows.



## Science Week is coming this March 2023!

We have some exciting events planned for all students to be able to immerse themselves in the world of Science. The theme this year is 'connections'

We have some duck eggs coming in, in an incubator and we all have our fingers crossed for hatching! Following successful hatching we will run a 'Meet and Greet', to allow students the opportunity to come and visit (and hold!) some of the ducks before we bid them farewell!



We also have some Science experts coming in to run a Science workshop which will include some exciting and engaging demonstrations. They are called Professor Bubble works <https://professorbubbleworks.com/>

10-19 March  
**British  
Science  
Week  
2023**

We are very proud to announce that our application to plant some trees with the Woodland Trust as part of the Eco STEM project in Minerva, has been approved. Planting of the trees will commence in March 2023.



## Star of the Week/Kindness Award

Arjun for completing his first full week back at school and taking part in sessions on his timetable.

Leyla for listening to instructions and making clear choices.



## Eco-News

### Using less plastic around the school



Minerva students accessed some programmes on the use of plastic and its effects on the world around us. They then led a discussion on how we can reduce our use of plastic and how we can raise awareness around the school.

Here are the ways in which we will raise awareness:

- Put signs up around the school
- Encourage individuals verbally about recycling plastic as much as possible
- Use paper or fabric bags
- Encourage students to invest in metal bottles
- Create posters in Braille as well so that they are accessible to our students.



Bassoon class have been happily planting their Spring bulbs this week.





## Work Experience Updates

As many of you will know, in the Sixth Form we have several students out on work experience this term. We are so incredibly proud that we have received so much positive feedback about all of our wonderful students.

This week one of our students has been out and about on work experience at *The Gym Group* in Southfields. The Gym Group Team has been absolutely amazing at creating a bespoke work experience programme for our students and we will be sending more students out to *The Gym Group* in March. We are really pleased to have built an ongoing partnership with the team.

Lukas from the team stated that;

*"He is very engaged and makes an effort to learn all the details about our daily operations. He is asking a lot of questions and meeting many people. The first day he arrived 20 minutes earlier, which is something I personally really appreciate a lot, as this shows his commitment."*



Another student has been very busy this year and is working once a week at *St Mike's Café* as well as at *The Media Centre* in Southfields School. The feedback has been beyond incredible and we are so proud of him.

Later on in March we will be sending out another group of students as part of the Mayor of London's Pan Out Project to work with some amazing employers such as *Vauxhall City Farm*.

The Cats Protection Society are also coming in at the beginning of March to give us some virtual work experience sessions in Animal Management. We are also thrilled that as well as our ongoing partnership with *Blind in Business* we will now also be working with *Vision Ability* which is a new organisation set up by a young man who has a vision impairment himself. He has gone on to found vision ability which is a charity that supports and inspires young vision impaired people in London. In one of our careers sessions while practicing job searches on Even Break it came about that our students felt strongly that there were not enough jobs for vision impaired people in London. The students felt that they wanted to use their sessions to write to Rishi Sunak to explain this. Students also wrote to him explaining that they felt there was not enough investment in technology for vision impaired people such as Apps. We decided as a group that we would audit the top ten apps out there and see what was missing. We have now decided that we will work with our IT department to design and create our own App.

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](mailto: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>

