



LLS News

03/03/2023



Dear families

This week we have been celebrating our love of reading and books. During Book Week we have been taking part in lots of engaging activities such as Paddington Bear sensory stories in our newly refurbished library. Today everyone looked amazing dressed up as book characters to celebrate World Book Day.

Our Alba Centre teachers have been working closely with NHS England and The Co-Production Collective on a Hearing Checks in Special Residential Schools project. Please read the leaflet included in this newsletter for more information. There is also an easy read version attached with the newsletter.

Also attached with this newsletter is a leaflet from the developers of Struan House which is located on Augustus Road, adjacent to the Linden Lodge site. Jackie Valin, CEO, & Steve Elson, COO, of the Southfields MAT have met with the developers, The Terrapin Group, and feel able to support the plan. If you have any questions please email info@lindenlodge.wandsworth.sch.uk and we will arrange for the developers to meet with you.

Parent Teacher Consultations will take place on 20th, 21st & 22nd March. If you haven't arranged a time yet please contact your child's class teacher.

Have a lovely weekend.

Star of the Week/Kindness Award

Ikjot (Joty)- For good listening to letter sounds/ names, observing letter shapes, locating letter keys on the class keyboard and pressing keys to spell words (name and timetable activities).

Lily for doing some amazing independent bench sitting!

Nicolas for Being so focused and for showing independence during his morning timetable sessions this week. Nicolas is using speech meaningfully during these lessons.



Term Dates

Spring Term 2023

Last day for pupils
Friday 31st March 2023

Summer Term 2023

- **First day for pupils** - Monday 17th April 2023
- **Bank Holiday** - Monday 1st May 2023
- **Bank Holiday** - Monday 8th May 2023
- **Half term** - Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June 2023
- **INSET Day 4 (no pupils)** - Monday 5th June 2023 INSET
- **Last day for pupils** - Wednesday 19th July 2023

Dates for your diary

Parent Teacher Consultations—20th, 21st & 22nd March.

Earwig parent session
24.03.2023 at 10:00

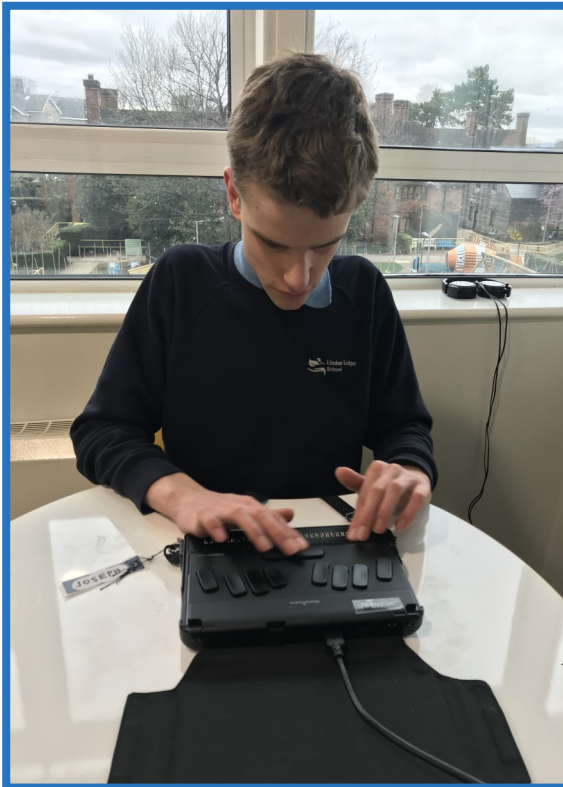


Learning at Linden Lodge



**WORLD
WILDLIFE DAY**
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This week in Minerva we learnt about World Wildlife Day, and its importance in raising awareness regarding conservation and its benefits



'The 03/03/2023 was a day decided by the United Nations to celebrate and raise awareness of the world's wild fauna and flora.

Fauna and flora means all the plant and animals on earth.

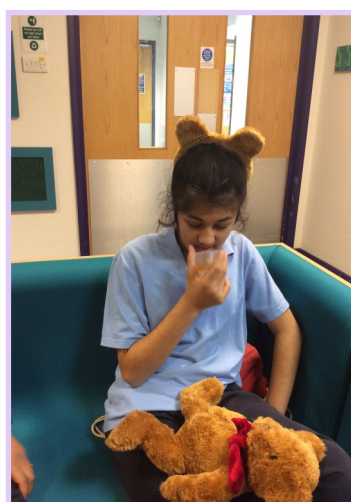
This day also looks at the benefits that their conservation provides to people.

Conservation is protecting the Earth's natural resources'

Book Week and World Book Day at Linden Lodge



Classes have been visiting the library this week for a special Paddington-themed sensory story! Pupils have gone on a train journey from deepest darkest Peru to London, smelling and tasting marmalade sandwiches and encountering all sorts of typical British weather on the way!



Primary Department World Book Day Assembly.

The children (and staff) embraced the opportunity to dress up as their favourite characters. We celebrated and had a mini parade in our Assembly.



As part of the World Book Day celebrations, Oboe, Clarinet and Flute class had a special visit from ClearVision to explore some tactile books together.



There is still time to take part in the Book Week Quiz written by Minerva and there will be a prize for the first 3 correct entries.

Please send to margaret.carey@lindenlodge.wandsworth.sch.uk

World book day quiz.

1. What is the best-selling books for children in 2022?
2. What anniversary does world book day celebrate in 2023?
3. What is the name of David Walliams latest book?
4. Who wrote Kat in the hat?
5. Who is the most famous author of all time?
6. Who created Where's Wally?
7. When was the first children's book released?
8. In Roald Dahl's The BFG, what kind of shoes does the BFG wear?
9. How many friends does Harry potter have?
10. What is the name of Harry Potter's owl?
11. Who is the main character in the railway children?
12. What did David Attenborough do to receive his knighthood?
13. What is the name of Mr Filch's cat in Harry Potter. A. Lorris B. Morris c. Dorris D. Norris
14. What country does Paddington Bear originally come from? A. Peru B. Brazil C. Chile
15. Which of the following books has not turn into a film? A. The Jungle book B. Matilda C. Awful Auntie D. Ice Monster
16. Who is the villain in the Tempest? A. Miranda B. Caliban C. Prospero
17. Who are the two main characters in the Tempest? A Miranda and Caliban B. Ariel and Tantonio
18. Who is the Head Teacher of Hogwarts School? A. Dumbledore B. Professor Umeridge
19. Which famous book character has a brother called Perfect Peter?
20. Which famous author wrote the following books? Billionaire Boy, The World's Worst Children?

Introducing

Lisa Emberson—Catering Manager

Hello! My name is Lisa Emberson and I have worked in catering for over twenty years including in primary and secondary schools. I have had experience in a number of roles over the years—catering assistant, assistant cook and catering manager at my previous school. I am delighted to have joined Linden Lodge and I'm committed to providing healthy, nutritious meals for the children and young people.

Our menu has been updated and can be found on our school website here: <https://www.lindenlodge.wandsworth.sch.uk/menu>

Please feel free to contact me by emailing info@lindenlodge.wandsworth.sch.uk if you have any questions.



Thursday 9 March, 10am to 12pm (in person meeting)

**Off the Record
Supporting young people with
emotional well-being issues**

**with Matthew Taylor (Senior Mental Health Practitioner)
& Gosia Pawlowska (Merton Schools Wellbeing Team
Service Manager)**

**Hear about Merton's Off the Record service for young people aged 11-25
who live in Merton, or have a Merton GP.**

Find out how young people can access free & confidential emotional support ranging from ongoing support via individual online (text-based) & face-to face counselling, through to one-off support via a telephone support line, plus support for parents & carers of young people struggling with self-harm or school avoidance.

**Matthew will also be talking through some strategies you can use at home
with your children.**

In person meeting at Chaucer Centre (combi room), Canterbury Road, Morden, SM4 6PX

Please contact me on: 07929670645 / kf.admin@mertonmencap.org.uk

**Thank you.
Tahina**

Hearing checks in residential special schools

About the project

Children and young people who are autistic and/or have a learning disability don't always have access to hearing checks or the checks are not always appropriate to meet their needs. We want to change this.



As part of the [NHS Long Term Plan](#), NHS England has been looking at ways to provide hearing checks for every child.

Co-Production Collective are working with NHS England to put on a series of 'Hearing Health' events and set up 'a network'. Attendees at these events will have a chance to work on plans for a paediatric audiology 'network', specifically for those committed to supporting children and young people who are autistic and/or have a learning disability and working in a collaborative way with this demographic.

What is this Hearing Health 'network' and series of events about?

- Who will attend? – a mixture of people will attend including adults who are autistic and/or have a learning disability, parents/carers, school staff such as teachers and learning support assistants, people working in healthcare such as audiologists, school nurses, and speech and language therapists.
- What will happen? – at the event, together we will share learning, supporting each other through challenges and generating ideas that build on the project's ongoing work to consider how this 'network' can function and ultimately become self-sustainable, whilst centring the needs of children and young people.

Why is this event important?

- A chance to share your perspective and expertise so that together we can create more acceptable hearing checks and improved access for children and young people who are autistic and/or have a learning disability.
- Discuss your current practice related to hearing or associated areas.
- Contribute to meeting the NHS Long Term Plan's commitment of creating equal access to hearing checks and feed into a nationwide programme.
- Work towards reducing health inequalities for children and young people who are autistic and/or have a learning disability.

Please email Chloe c.apter@ucl.ac.uk for more information.

An Easy Read version of this leaflet is attached with the newsletter.

WSSS Tech Day Drop in VI/MSI Exhibition

NATSIP Conference – Spring 2023

Friday 10th March 10 am – 3 pm

The Isobel Family Centre, Linden Lodge Sensory School
61 Princes Way, SW19 6JB

Welcome back to the WSSS Annual Technology Event taking place in person at The Isobel Family Centre.

Professionals will have the opportunity to come along to an exhibition of providers of VI/MSI related services and technology. You will be able to talk with the exhibitors, have hands on demonstrations and learn more about the latest trends in technologies available to the VI/MSI sector.

Parents and families will have the opportunity to find out more about how technology and organisations can help to support child and young people to achieve in school and beyond.

Joining us at this day are

Associated Optical
Humanware
Optelec
Professional Vision Services
Phonak (tbc)
Blind in Business
Look UK
Clear Vision
Contact Wandsworth



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NatSIP and Linden Lodge School***Family engagement and partnership for learners with vision impairment and multi-sensory impairment*****Friday 10 March 2023 10:00 - 15:30****Linden Lodge School, London SW19 6JB**

Come and join us for a learning and networking event for therapists and educational professionals working with vision impaired and multi-sensory impaired children and young people.

With updates on the latest developments in the SEND framework from the DfE and NatSIP, specialist practitioners talking about best practice, and opportunities to explore how to achieve best outcomes for these young people, there is something for everyone.

Parents and carers are also invited as delegates, especially for lunch, when there will be an exhibition and a chance to meet others, and for the afternoon sessions.

Venue:

The Lawrence Werth Training Space, Linden Lodge School,
61 Princes Way, Wimbledon Park, London SW19 6JB

Cost:

£80/delegate, reduced to £40/delegate for NatSIP-member organisations.

Parents and carers are welcome to attend from 12:30 onwards (including lunch) free of charge.

Speakers:

- **André Imich** (Department for Education)
- **Brian Lamb** (NatSIP)
- **Noel Kenely** (Auditory Verbal UK)
- **Caireen Sutherland** (RNIB)
- **Steve Rose** (Speech and Language Therapist)
- **Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy and Speech and Language Therapy colleagues, members of The Alba Centre, pupils, alumni and staff from Linden Lodge School.**

To book:

Download, complete and return a booking form from the NatSIP website: <https://www.natsip.org.uk>

2023-03-10 NatSIP/Linden Lodge Save The Date v8**SAVE THE DATE**



The next **Messy Church** meeting will be on Sunday 5th March 4.00-5.30pm. Families are invited to take part in crafts, games and lots of fun!



SibSHerd@LindenLodge

We are so excited to welcome Siblings, friends, cousins and young people to the next SH@LL event, designed by your SH@LL committee (Siblings Herd @ Linden Lodge). As always, these events are an opportunity to dedicate time and activities to the amazing brothers, sisters and all young supporters of Linden Lodge pupils. Get to know the school, connect with each other and enjoy fun activities together.

The event will include:

- A unique 'access most areas' scavenger hunt around the amazing school facilities - all ages
- Junk yard percussion music session hosted by Street Style Surgery - groups will be arranged by age
- Pizza, snacks and exploring the new playground!

Date: **12th March 2023**

Time: **3pm-5:30pm**

Venue: Linden Lodge School. Parking available on site.

Please bring a **large recycled object that you can use to make music** e.g. box/ bucket/ bottle.

Parents are welcome to refreshments throughout.

It's a free event, please confirm attendance to allow for planning. Contact us via classlist or communityatlindenlodge@gmail.com with any questions.

We look forward to seeing lots of you soon!

Email us on: communityatlindenlodge@gmail.com