



# LLS News

10/03/2023



Dear families

As you will have seen advertised in previous newsletters Linden Lodge hosted a conference today in partnership with NatSIP, the National Sensory Impairment Partnership. The theme was family engagement and partnership for children and young people with vision impairment and multi-sensory impairment. It was lovely to see some of our parents at the event. We will share some news about the day in next week's newsletter.

Next week is British Sign Language Week and Neurodiversity Celebration Week. Please keep reading to find out more.

We will be celebrating Red Nose Day on Friday 17th of March. To make this day special we will be running activities in each classroom and would love to see the students in dressed in red. If you are able to donate to this cause we would appreciate it if you sent £1 in with your child or use the just giving link: [www.justgiving.com/rednoseday23-linden-lodge-school](http://www.justgiving.com/rednoseday23-linden-lodge-school)

If you would like to order some noses, flower bombs for the garden or t-shirts to dress up in we have attached the links below.

<https://shop.comicrelief.com/>

<https://www.homebase.co.uk/red-nose-that-grows.list>

<https://www.tkmaxx.com/uk/en/red-nose-day>

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/b?node=55841900031>

Have a lovely weekend.

## Term Dates

### Spring Term 2023

**Last day for pupils**  
Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

### Summer Term 2023

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

## Star of the Week/Kindness Award

**Arjun** for listening to and repeating practiced sentences to ask questions and using his voice to make choices.

**Simone** for using the blender during cooking!

**Elsa** for developing her cause and effect skills on a trike! Elsa was able to initiate movement (forwards and backwards) and lift her head for short periods :)



## Dates for your diary

Parent Teacher Consultations—20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

Earwig parent session  
24.03.2023 at 10:00

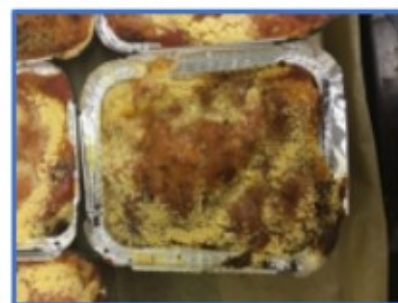


# Learning at Linden Lodge

## Food Technology

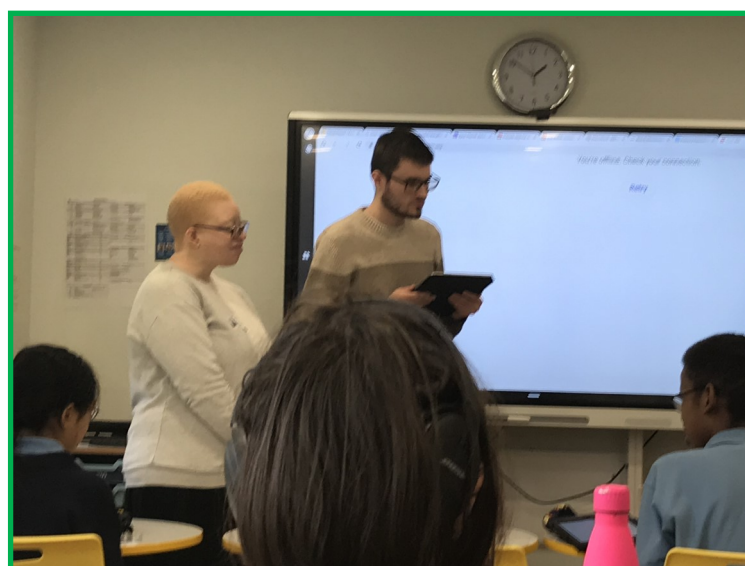
Hello Everyone!

I'm a Sixth form student from the Minerva2 class, and I would like to share with you some of the things have been learning during food technology lessons this year. I think it is very important to learn cooking skills, because it enables me to be independent and cook nutritious meals for myself, my family and friends. I had the chance to learn a lot of different cooking skills, how to cook safely and hygienically and how to apply my food safety knowledge when I cook. I made lots of different recipes each week, enjoyed the lessons and take home the food I made. Here are some pictures me cooking.



## Careers

This week in our careers session we were joined by Tyana and Joe who presented us with our certificates for participating in The Blind in Business Building Prospects workshops. We were also joined by Emilia who is vision impaired, she currently lives in RNIB accommodation, works as a manger for the cabinet office and is training to be a solicitor. Emilia helped us with our self advocacy and was great fun to talk to. We had so much fun .





## What is Neurodiversity?

When it comes to inclusion, neurodiversity refers to a world where neurological differences are recognised and respected as all other human variations.

Depending on how our brains are wired we think, move, process information and communicate in different ways. Many people in our community use neurodiversity as an umbrella term used to describe alternative thinking styles such as Dyslexia, DCD (Dyspraxia), Dyscalculia, Autism and ADHD. But regardless of labels, neurodiversity is about recognising those who think differently. And no matter whether you are a school, university or organisation you can benefit from different thinkers!

Approximately 15-20% of population has a neurological difference. Instead of labelling people with deficits or disorders, when we use the term neurodiversity, we take a balanced view of an individual's unique strengths and challenges. Many 'challenges' neurodivergent people face are more to do with the environment and systems they are placed in, often designed by a majority population.

Please click on the link for some resources for families—<https://www.neurodiversityweek.com/parent-resources>

## Sign Language Week

Join us in celebrating and raising awareness of Sign Language by learning some fingerspelling.



BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE (BSL) FINGERSPELLING ALPHABET



## Term dates 2023—2024

### Autumn Term 2023

- First day for staff (no pupils) - Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023
- First day for pupils – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023
- Last day for pupils – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023
- Half-term break – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2023 – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023
- Planning and Preparation Day 1 (no pupils) - Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023
- Planning and Preparation Day 2 (no pupils) - Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023
- Inset Day 1 (no pupils) – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023
- Inset Day 2 (no pupils) – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023

### Spring Term 2024

- First day for pupils - Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024
- Last day for pupils – Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024
- Half term break – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024 to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024
- Inset Day 3 (no pupils) - Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024
- Inset Day 4 (no pupils) - Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

### Summer Term 2024

- First day for pupils – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024
- Last day for pupils – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024
- Bank Holiday - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024
- Half term - Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2024 – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024
- Inset Day 5 (no pupils) – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024
- Planning and Preparation Day 3 (no pupils) - Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024

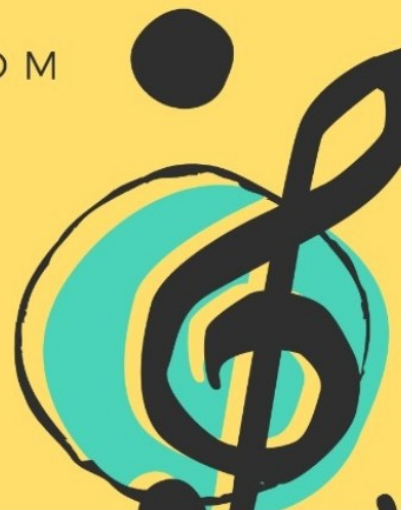
# C@LL ONLINE MUSIC SESSION

FREE, FUN & ACCESSIBLE  
WITH LUCY OSBORNE ON ZOOM

**Wednesday 15th March 2023**

**Time: 10 - 11am**

Please visit Classlist events to register  
your interest and access the link





# Siblings take over linden again!

## Details:

Date: 12th March 2023  
Time: 3pm-5:30pm  
Venue: Linden Lodge School.  
Parking available on site.



## What will we do?

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



## Confirmation:

It's a free event, please confirm attendance to allow for planning. Contact us via Classlist or [communityatlindenlodge@gmail.com](mailto:communityatlindenlodge@gmail.com) with any questions.

# SEE YOU THEN!!!!

