



LLS News

31/03/2023



Dear families

Thank you for all of your support this term and a big thank you to everyone who made a donation to Comic Relief on Red Nose Day. We raised £88.

We have had a busy week. On Wednesday we enjoyed a visit from renowned storyteller Andy Copps. Classes really enjoyed the sessions. We will share some photos of the visit after the Easter break.

Later on Wednesday Gamelan enjoyed a visit to a local café.

On Thursday Sixth Form opened the café for an Easter Extravaganza. Staff and students enjoyed milkshakes and hot cross buns made by Sixth Form. Secondary students also joined in by making Easter nests in their Food Technology lessons.

School will reopen at 9.50am on Monday 17th April.

Have a lovely Easter.



Star of the Week/Kindness Award

Nicolas for Independently eating and drinking during lunch time

Daniel for moving to level 3 in Sounds of Intent!



Term Dates

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

After school club restarts on:

25th April Tuesday
27th April Thursday

Earwig parent and carer sessions

Summer term 1:
15.05.2023 at 11:00

Summer term 2:
12.07.2023 at 10:00



Learning at Linden Lodge

Food Technology

I'm a Sixth form1 student and working towards my Level 1 Award in Home Cooking Skills. During food technology lessons I study how to plan healthy meals which I can cook from basic ingredients, and build my cooking skills to be able to complete recipes safely. Over the years I became more confident and I really enjoy cooking. I proudly take home the food I cook in school share it with my family. Learning how to cook is helping me to know how to stay healthy and to become independent to cook for myself at home. Have a look at the pictures of me cooking at school, and I hope it will inspire you to do the same.



This week Sixth Form classes were making Hot Cross Buns for the Easter Celebration in Linden Lodge Café, and Secondary classes mixed up Chocolate Easter nests during food technology lessons.



Spring Term Co-Headteachers' Awards

EYFS

Kai	For such a fantastic start to school! Kai is becoming more engaged in school life everyday and his bubbly personality brings such joy to everyone in class.
Ibby	For showing great understanding of routines, for using his voice in sessions with growing confidence and interacting with his new friends well.

Primary

David	For walking everywhere in the school and joining in class routines. Well done, David!
Atena	For embracing learning and experiences at school, including transitions. For wearing her processors consistently for over three weeks. This has enhanced her communication and literacy skills such as her talking, signing, reading and writing. Well done!
Teddy	For participating and engaging in sessions, tolerating equipment (standing frame, walker and UpSee) for extended periods of time and exploring new cause and effect activities on the Eye Gaze. Well done Teddy!
Joty	For always brightening peoples day with her beautiful smile and always trying her hardest in everything she does.

Secondary

Younes	For making amazing progress in the areas of My Thinking and My Communication. He is now able to organise his day using PCS and can sort items into big and small.
Adrianna	For her enthusiasm towards her work this term. She has worked so hard in reading and writing and is even completing homework to practise her letter formation!
Keelia	For making excellent progress in Speech and Communication development in class and with the therapists. Her Intensive Interaction with the class team and class mates is amazing. Keelia has made such good progress with eating and independent living skills. Well done Keelia!
Royem	For throwing herself into every opportunity presented to her. She demonstrates willingness and unparalleled determination. Nothing gets in her way. She is always positive. She gives thoughtful consideration to her learning. In class, we are inspired by Royem every day.



Alba

Oliver	For being one of the most active and cheerful students in class. Always happy to join any activities and the messier the better! Oliver loves learning and cannot get enough of school. Well done, Oliver!
Bashir	For his engagement during his music therapy sessions allowing him to develop his communication and enjoyment when turn taking with others and becoming more alert during the school day.
Sahra	For great progress in her physical skills, mobility and independent living skills!

Minerva

Sonny	For adapting to life at Linden Lodge so quickly.
Maki	For developing her independence and showing resilience since starting at Linden. We are so proud of you.
Joseph	For making massive progress this year and we are so proud of this. He is always willing to help any students who need it. He always tries his best with his school work, and has worked on his focusing in the classroom. We are proud of Joseph for always being honest, caring and hard-working.

Harris Centre

Nayera	For engaging so well in the sensory stories and class activities and for sitting so nicely on the class chair and comfy sofa in the library.
Rianne	For successfully settling back into school life after a prolonged absence. Well done Rianne for working hard in remembering all your routines.
Daniel	For responding so well to his newly introduced timetable and for using his E-Tran Frame and the Eye-Gaze to develop his communication skills.

Sixth Form

Kaci	For his resilience, sense of humour, infectious smile and impeccable sense of style.
Ebony	For her remarkable progress. Ebony participates and engages in lessons with support. In the beginning, Ebony explored the ingredients we would be using to make biscuits and when the dough was ready, she used the cookie cutter to make them. At the end she counted the biscuits she made and accepted adult support throughout the activity.

Residential

Zuriel	For settling in well and getting to know the residential routines.
William	For being a constant source of positivity. He always encourages his friends to be the most independent they can be.

Upcoming events in Minerva after Easter



We have been contacted by the learning team at the Natural History Museum to host 2 workshops in the Minerva department on 18th and 25th April 2023, respectively.

The workshops aim to allow students to explore some of the birds and trees that can be found at Linden Lodge.

Workshop 1 on 18th April 2023: Students will learn to identify some common birds by their calls and songs and will learn more about the bird's behaviour and anatomy as well as interacting with bird specimens from the Museum's collections.

Workshop 2 on 25th April 2023: We will learn to identify some of the trees in our grounds from the feel of the tree bark and the shape of their leaves.

During the sessions we will also be using and developing skills in creative writing and writing for an audience by writing short creative descriptions that will help us and others to match bird song to individual bird species and tree bark patterns to particular tree species.

The creative writing pieces by the students will be used as part of a free public event at the Museum on the evening of May 5th

It's a great opportunity for students to have further exposure to the Natural History Museum, and how their work can be used at the event, which they can attend with their families if they wish.

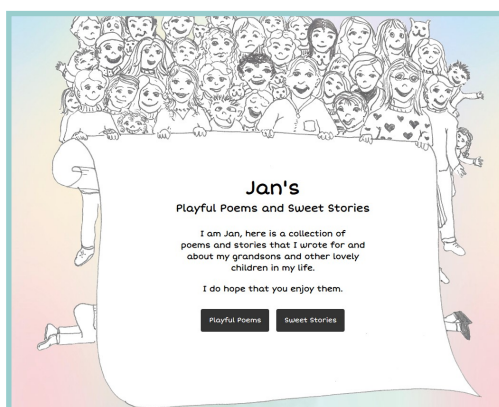
Playful Poems and Sweet Stories

Students from Minerva have been working on an exciting project with Jan Britten.

Jan has written a number of poems and short stories which have been narrated and published online: Playful Poems and Sweet Stories.

The recordings have been shared with two schools in America and there are plans to share them with hospitals and care homes.

Ayyan, David and Lily can be heard here: janspoemsandstories.co.uk along with other narrators such as Richard E Grant.



Gamelan café trip

Gamelan class went on a trip on Wednesday in a local cafe to explore, work on independence, communication and links with the community.

We had a lovely time making choices about what we wanted to order and then enjoy it! We are planning to make it a regular visit to consolidate our skills!



Dietary Needs Update Form

Thank you to everyone who has already completed a dietary needs update form. If you haven't yet had a chance to do so please could complete your child's dietary needs update form by 17th April. Please click [here](#) to complete the form or email jackie.nolan@lindenlodge.wandsworth.sch.uk for a paper copy to be sent to you. The link was also sent via text earlier this week.



Online sessions update and dates for diary

It has been great to speak to so many parents and carers and provide support in accessing the Earwig platform through the half-termly online sessions. If you have not been able to join a meeting so far, we have the following sessions booked in for the summer term:

Summer term 1: 15.05.2023 at 11:00

Summer term 2: 12.07.2023 at 10:00

A Microsoft Teams link will be sent to your email address before the meeting. Please check your junk email just in case.

Linden Lodge Earwig email address

If you have any questions or problems regarding Earwig please contact me at the following email address: earwig@lindenlodge.wandsworth.sch.uk

New users: setting up your Earwig account

In order to access your child's photos and videos on Earwig, you will need to set up your account first. An email will have been automatically sent through to your email address by Earwig (please check your junk folder). If you have not yet received the launch email, please contact me using the Earwig email address (above) outlining that you require the launch email to be sent to you.

I wish you all a pleasant and restful holiday.

David Shaw
Deputy Head





C@LL ONLINE MUSIC SESSION

FREE, FUN & ACCESSIBLE
WITH LUCY OSBORNE ON ZOOM

Thursday 6th April 2023

Time: 10 - 11am

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

**Music making
for everyone!**

*communityatlindenlodge
@gmail.com*



Eco News

We are pleased to let you know that our grounds maintenance company, Green Team, have purchased new, environmentally friendly equipment for looking after our site. They are using all electric string trimmers, mowers and hedge cutters. This will reduce pollution and nuisance noise for our pupils.

Wellbeing

Active April 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
 <p>3 Listen to your body and be grateful for what it can do</p>	 <p>4 Eat healthy and natural food today and drink lots of water</p>	 <p>5 Turn a regular activity into a playful game today</p>	 <p>6 Do a body-scan meditation and really notice how your body feels</p>	<p>7 Get natural light early in the day. Dim the lights in the evening</p>	<p>1 Commit to being more active this month, starting today</p>	<p>2 Spend as much time as possible outdoors today</p>
<p>10 Have a day with less screen time and more movement</p>	<p>11 Set yourself an exercise goal or sign up to an activity challenge</p>	<p>12 Move as much as possible, even if you're stuck inside</p>	<p>13 Make sleep a priority and go to bed in good time</p>	<p>14 Relax your body & mind with yoga, tai chi or meditation</p>	<p>15 Get active by singing today (even if you think you can't sing!)</p>	<p>9 Turn your housework or chores into a fun form of exercise</p>
<p>17 Be active outside. Dig up weeds or plant some seeds</p>	<p>18 Try a new online exercise, activity or dance class</p>	<p>19 Spend less time sitting today. Get up and move more often</p>	<p>20 Focus on 'eating a rainbow' of multi-coloured vegetables today</p>	<p>21 Regularly pause to stretch and breathe during the day</p>	<p>22 Enjoy moving to your favourite music. Really go for it</p>	<p>16 Go exploring around your local area and notice new things</p>
<p>24 Get active in nature. Feed the birds or go wildlife-spotting</p>	<p>25 Have a 'no screens' night and take time to recharge yourself</p>	<p>26 Take an extra break in your day and walk outside for 15 minutes</p>	<p>27 Find a fun exercise to do while waiting for the kettle to boil</p>	<p>28 Meet a friend outside for a walk and a chat</p>	<p>29 Become an activist for a cause you really believe in</p>	<p>30 Make time to run, swim, dance, cycle or stretch today</p>

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Noticeboard

Young people aged 11-25yrs who live with Usher syndrome can register now for 'USHthis' summer camp 2023.

This year's camp takes place at Fairplay House in Essex, from 23rd - 28th July 2023. This is a great opportunity to learn skills and strategies which are useful in everyday life, and build friendships with peers and role models who live with Usher syndrome. A limited number of spaces are available, so register your interest now: <https://tinyurl.com/USHthis23camps>

St Paul's Pantry supplies people in need within the community with a complimentary bag of groceries containing essential dried and tinned goods.

The Pantry is open every first and third Thursday of the month. Those in need of essential groceries should just come along between 6.30pm and 8.00pm. No referral is necessary. If you need help you are always welcome.

St Paul's Pantry will be open on **6th April at the earlier time of 6.00pm—7.00pm**

If you are unable to collect a bag please contact pantry@stpaulsparkside.org.uk or call 0208788 2024. St Paul's Church Parkside, Augustus Road, SW19 6EW



Messy Church is on **Sunday 2nd April from 4.0-5.30pm** in St Paul's church.



Royal Society for Blind Children

We are excited to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III and are inviting friends and families to join us on **Wednesday the 5th of April from 11am-2pm**.

Royal Spring Fun Day

When: Wednesday 5th of April, 11am-2pm

Who: All Ages & Families

Where: Life Without Limits Centre

10 Lower Thames St,
London, EC3R 6EN

Sign-up here: <https://www.rsbc.org.uk/events/royal-spring-fun-day/>

On the day we will be making crowns and a very exciting time capsule! For the time capsule we are asking young people and families to think of any memories or things you want to add. This could be some artwork, a small item, some photographs and maybe a letter! We will have a pop-up photo booth to take polaroid photos to add as well.

We will have our usual drop-in activities such as video games and cooking, as well as a chance to have YOUR say on what you want at RSBC! Drop in and try out some different things this Spring! We are mindful Ramadan is happening at the moment although there will be some cooking activities, young people will be welcome to take the food home.

Finally, we will also be launching our Royal Art Competition for young people age 0-25yrs! Find out more here: <https://www.rsbc.org.uk/events/its-a-royal-spring-rsbc-royal-art-competition/>



Wandsworth School Age Immunisation Team
Hounslow & Richmond Community Healthcare NHS Trust
020 3903 3374

To the Parent/Guardians:

**YEAR 9 DIPHTHERIA, TETANUS PERTUSSIS AND POLIO, MENACWY VACCINE –
COMMUNITY CATCH-UP CLINIC. THESE VACCINATION ARE THE LAST OF ROU-
TINE CHILDHOOD IMMUNISATIONS UK SCHEDULE**

You are duly invited to attend a catch-up clinic:

On Tuesday 16th May 2023

From 10am-2pm

At: St John's Therapy centre, 162 St John's Hill, SW11 1SW.

**This clinic is for Year 9 students only. Please submit a consent form using the link be-
low**

[Hounslow and Richmond Community Healthcare NHS Trust \(hrch.nhs.uk\)](https://hrch.nhs.uk)

Yours sincerely,

Sabrina John

WANDSWORTH SCHOOL AGE IMMUNISATION TEAM:

Email: hrch.immunisationteammailboxwandsworth@nhs.net

Contacts on the day are as follows:

Sabrina: 07917093429

Natalie: 07917092927



Have your say in shaping new special educational needs and disability (SEND) policy

Thomas Pocklington Trust (TPT) with the Department for Education (DfE) are holding an event to hear from young people about their experiences of moving into post 16 education and what needs to be improved.

When: 18th April 2023

Time: 5pm-6pm

Where: online

We at TPT are delighted to be working closely with DfE to support the development of new national standards for transitions. Through this work we will raise the voice of blind and partially sighted young people to inform shape SEND policy. This event provides an opportunity for blind and partially sighted young people to have their voices heard.

Why are we holding this event?

On 2 March 2023, the Department for Education published the [SEND and Alternative Provision Improvement plan](#) in response to the Green Paper published in March last year. The improvement plan outlines the Government's mission for the SEND and alternative provision system to fulfil children's potential, build parent's trust and provide financial sustainability.

The Government is aiming to ensure that every area in the country works in the same way by introducing new National Standards for SEND and Alternative Provision. The standards will explain what support should be available, who should provide it and who should pay for it.

"We want to work together with children, young people, families, and other people to write these standards and make sure they are fair. This is where we need you!" DfE

The National Standard for Transitions will provide guidance which supports children and young people to successfully move through education and into adulthood, regardless of whether they have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP), through the wide variety of routes available. This will initially focus on into and out of post-16 transitions. We would love to have you join us to discuss:

- How was the transition from secondary school to college?
- What information and advice were given about this move?
- Do you know about the various routes into further education such as vocational courses and supported internships?

What changes would you recommend improving the experience for other blind and partially sighted young people?

How to join

You can join this event by registering your interest below. Once you have registered, a zoom link will be sent to you by email.

[Have your say in shaping new special educational needs and disability \(SEND\) policy](#)

Now is your chance to get your voice heard and influence positive change for the future of SEND education!

