



# LLS News

28/04/2023



Dear families

It's been an exciting week at Linden Lodge. On Tuesday we hosted the official opening of our new playground with The Linden Lodge Charitable Trust. We were delighted to be able to share this wonderful resource for our pupils with the people who made it possible. Please read on for more news and photos of the event.

We were excited to welcome back the Natural History Museum who provided a fantastic opportunity for our Minerva students to explore and identify the many trees on our school site.

We were also delighted to welcome back our volunteer gardeners who spent a day helping to maintain our outdoor environment. They weeded, pruned and planted across the site and removed 15 bags of green waste for composting.

This week sees the introduction of a new weekly item in our newsletter. The PE department will be keeping you up to date with all of their exciting news.

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend.



## Term Dates

### Summer Term 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

## Dates for your diary

### Strike action:

Tuesday 2nd May

### Earwig parent and carer sessions

Summer term 1:  
15.05.2023 at 11:00

Summer term 2:  
12.07.2023 at 10:00

## Star of the Week/Kindness Award

**Daniel** for clearly communicating he wanted 'more' during therapy group through facial expressions and vocalisations. Daniel also said the word, 'yes'!

**Amelia** for doing so well in her mobility lessons - identifying her left from her right and understanding key concepts such as body protect.



## The Kirsten Munro Playground Opening

This week we welcomed friends and supporters of The Linden Lodge Charitable Trust to the opening of our new playground, The Kirsten Munro Playground.

We were delighted to welcome Neil Munro, and members of his family, to join Stephen Hammond MP to officially open the playground and unveil a new sign in memory of Neil's wife Kirsten. Kirsten was a long time supporter of Linden Lodge along with Neil, who is a former Chair of Governors. Kirsten was a much loved regular visitor to our classes and supported reading with the children and young people.

Also named on the new sign are the many supporters and grant awarding organisations who donated the funds to pay for our new playground. We were able to thank many of them in person at this week's event but would also like to say a huge thank you again to everyone involved. The Linden Lodge Charitable Trust have supported the school for many years and we are so appreciative of everything that they do.

Thank you to all the staff involved in the event and a special thank you to all of our students from after school club and Richley House who helped to host the event and conduct the tours of the playground and library, which was also funded by donations raised by The Linden Lodge Charitable Trust.









# Learning at Linden Lodge

## Food technology

I'm a Sixth form1 student and working towards my Level 1 Award in Home Cooking Skills.

I started this course almost 2 years ago and now I am able to use cooking skills to make different meals independently using basic ingredients. When I cook it is very important that I do it safely and hygienically and that I reflect on my learning to know what I need to practice more. I really enjoy the cooking lessons and happy to take home the food I made.





Harp class have been learning all about the life cycle of a plant and our students were so brilliant that we extended the lesson so they could create their own tactile sensory plant life cycle. They all engaged independently and brilliantly. During the session they were reminded of the different things that a plant needed to help it grow such as the sun, soil, seed and water. They used real soil, leaves and seed to recreate a plant life cycle followed by a string to reproduce the roots. It was great fun.



## Science in Minerva

### Identifying trees at Linden Lodge with NHM



Another great opportunity offered to Linden Lodge by the Natural History Museum, where we had the opportunity to explore trees on the Woodland Walk here on the school grounds. It was an enriching experience which meant that students were able to identify trees using descriptions of the leaf and tree bark



Students from Minerva said 'I enjoyed using the sound button, and reading the Braille. used to identify the trees.' and 'it's useful to know how to identify holly trees, so we can be careful of the spikes!'

The Natural History Museum have told us about an event called 'Sensations' and there are two areas that they think will be of interest for our students:

Station 1 will be in Hintze hall and will involve two activities: listening to the sounds of nature and following a set of prompts to draw, write, relax, or identify animals, or playing an animal sounds quiz.

Station 2 will be in marine invertebrates and will invite people to come up with audio descriptions of insect sounds.

If parents would like to park at the museum please contact [sana.uddin@lindenlodge.wandsworth.sch.uk](mailto:sana.uddin@lindenlodge.wandsworth.sch.uk)

See the link below to book tickets:

<https://www.nhm.ac.uk/events/lates.html>

## PE

Welcome to the new PE weekly newsletter. The department wants to share with the Linden Lodge community all of the exciting things that have been happening in PE.

This week we have had fantastic news that we have secured funding to have Hockey Flyerz support us with sessions over lunchtimes until the end of the academic year. Zoe from Hockey Flyerz, is a great coach with a lot of experience and a real connection with our pupils so we are delighted to keep her for the rest of the year this adds to our growing list of community connections.



Fulham Football Club continue to support us and are offering the opportunity for wheelchair students to attend a match on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May to see Fulham FC v Leicester City FC. If anybody would be interested in attending, please contact [alexander.morris@lindenlodge.wandsworth.sch.uk](mailto:alexander.morris@lindenlodge.wandsworth.sch.uk) for more information.

Finally, the PE Department would like to celebrate some excellent performances in PE this week, firstly Minerva One for engaging fully in their PE lessons and as a group have improved their special awareness when playing football and have been working as a team. Also, Clarinet have developed their visually impaired cricket skills and have been engaging more, exploring brand new equipment and enjoying the experience.

We are excited to keep you up to date with all of the exciting goings on in PE form now on!





## Primary Assembly

In this week's Primary assembly we celebrated National Shakespeare Day.

We explored music for the children of the time and listened to how the music is very different to modern music.

Alex told the story of the Tempest using sensory props such as water sprays, pompoms, noise makers to simulate the sound of thunder played alongside some classical music. The group listened to some passages from the play while Alex dressed up as Caliban, the villain of the play, before coming together and celebrating all of the successes of the Primary department this week!





## C@LL's future

Would you like to get to know other parents and staff, make a difference to the children at Linden Lodge and be part of something really exciting? Joining the award-winning C@LL committee is a really rewarding, low intensity way to achieve all of this.

We have a few parent, carer and staff spaces opening up on the committee for ordinary committee members and we're also really in need of a Secretary. All roles are open to anyone interested, including the Chair!

We appreciate how much time it takes to deal with our children's paperwork, hospital appointments and support battles but the committee is set up to allow for this, with parents/staff covering for each other. It doesn't matter where you live, or where your child is in the school.

For a no obligation chat to find out more, please contact Naseem via Classlist, David Shaw or email us on [communityatlindenlodge@gmail.com](mailto:communityatlindenlodge@gmail.com).

Without volunteers, C@LL can't continue so we look forward to hearing from you.



## AGM Annual General Meeting



**If you've benefited from C@LL, please join  
the Annual General Meeting via Zoom on  
Wednesday 17th May from 12:00 until 13:00**

**Help Keep us Going!**





# A Celebration of Vision Impairment Education

16 June | 14:00 - 16:00

The Assembly Room at The  
Exchange, Birmingham / Online



The University of Birmingham and VIEW have created an award to recognise the contribution made by vision impairment educators. There are two awards in 2023:

An educator who has shown leadership in promoting vision impairment education

A young person with vision impairment who has shown leadership in promoting vision impairment education

### A Celebration of Vision Impairment education – including call for nominations for awards

Vision Impairment Centre for Teaching and Research are delighted to invite you to attend a special afternoon on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023 to celebrate the contribution made by vision impairment educators. This event is being organised in conjunction with the IBSA World Games, which are being hosted by University of Birmingham in August 2023. It is being run as a hybrid event to facilitate attendance from across the UK and overseas.

During this event we will explore why the contribution of vision impairment educators is so important and will hear from several young people who will reflect on their educational experience. We will present on the recently launched Curriculum Framework for Children and Young People with Vision Impairment and consider its future role in vision impairment education. We will also recognise the contribution of [nominated individuals through the presentation of awards](#).

Anyone who has an interest in vision impairment education is welcome to attend this event. This will include specialist VI professionals, young people, parents, policy makers, academics, and members of the charity sector.

#### Key information

Date: Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2-4pm, followed by a drink's reception

Venue: The Assembly Rooms at The Exchange, 3 Centenary Sq, Birmingham, B1 2DR / Online  
Registration

Tickets to attend in person and online can be accessed via our [Eventbrite booking page](#)

For further information

If you have any further questions, please contact the event organiser Dr Rachel Hewett:  
[r.g.hewett@bham.ac.uk](mailto:r.g.hewett@bham.ac.uk)







 

# Coronation Picnic

## at Wimbledon Common

May 8 2023 at 12:00 PM  
(meeting at the Windmill)

**12:30–14:00 Activities:**  
Scavenger hunt "Spot the animals and plants that live in the common".

Yummy vegetarian and nut free lunch.  
Bring and share.

**14:00–16:00 Litter picking:**  
Litter picking to show how much we care about the world around us.

Please bring blankets and  
vegetarian/nut free food to share!

If you wish to join us please RSVP to Agior Arani at:  
[youth@wimshul.org](mailto:youth@wimshul.org)  
[youth@stpaulsparkside.org.uk](mailto:youth@stpaulsparkside.org.uk)

# DES HAMILTON CASTING

[Des Hamilton Casting](#) are a BAFTA-winning Casting Company for Film and TV. We specialise in finding new talent, who may never have acted before. Our credits include the Oscar-winning 'Jojo Rabbit' and the BAFTA-winning Netflix series 'Top Boy'. Please have a look at our website for further examples of our work - [www.deshamilton.com](http://www.deshamilton.com)

We are currently casting a film about the extraordinary Mabel Hubbard (May), a young deaf woman whose voice coach was Alexander Graham Bell.

We are interested in reaching people both with, and without, acting experience for the lead role. Please see the character description below, it would be great if you could spread the word about this unique opportunity.

## **Mabel Hubbard (May)**

Female, 16-21 years old. White.

Confident and thoughtful.

May lost her hearing as a child. She lip-reads and speaks with confidence.

We are looking for someone with similar life experience for this role, and there are no specific signing requirements.

NO ACTING EXPERIENCE NECESSARY, THIS ROLE WILL BE PAID.

To apply, please follow this [link](#).