



LLS News

05/05/2023



Dear families

We are delighted to share some fantastic news with you this week. We have received an incredibly generous donation through the Linden Lodge Charitable Trust to fund the purchase of two Innowalks, one large and one small.

Since starting their fundraising campaign for the Innowalks C@LL have raised an amazing £17,000. This additional money will enable us to purchase an extended service contract and to improve and enhance the environment where this fabulous equipment will be located in school. We would like to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone involved for their generous support which will make such a difference to the children and young people at Linden Lodge.

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend.



Term Dates

Summer Term 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

Mental Health Awareness Week
15th—21st 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

Simone for making choices and requests using her widget symbols.

Arjun for fantastic busy finger work. Taking part in different activities using one and two hands, following instructions, counting how many turns and completing the task before moving onto the next activity in his timetable.



Learning at Linden Lodge

Museum in a box

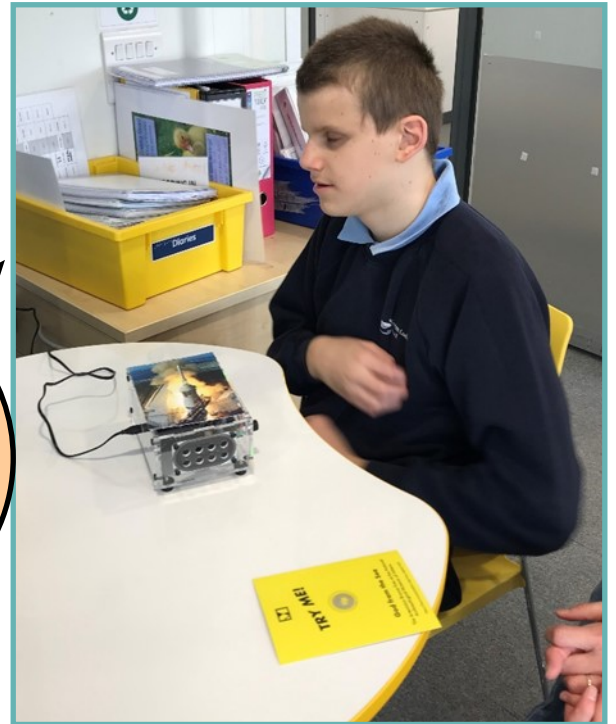


As part of a research project making imaging and analysis of artefacts at the Natural History Museum more accessible to visually impaired individuals, students in Minerva have been exploring 'Museum in a box'

In this introductory session, students tried different cards on the device, and listened to audios describing events in history such as the launch of the Apollo 11 in 1969, and an audio of 'I Love You' by Ella Fitzgerald. The feedback from students will be forwarded to the Natural History Museum for them to develop further.



My favourite was the audio from the Space station. I felt like I was there in 1969!



I am excited to be able to make a difference!

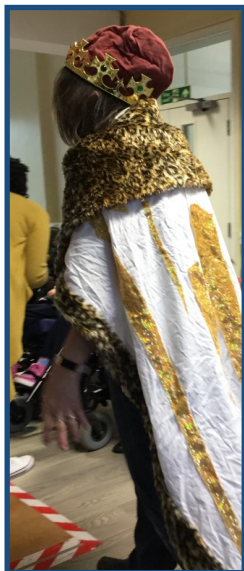


Primary Department Assembly

In this weeks Primary assembly we celebrated the King's Coronation. We learned lots of facts about King Charles. He is green fingered and is passionate about taking care of our environment.



We explored jewels, coins, lavish gowns a crowns. Some of the children wore their own crowns. The students were very engaged and enjoyed marching to celebrate the historical moment in the United Kingdom. We look forward to many more activities to celebrate and expand our learning next week.



Harris Centre Coronation Celebration

The Harris Centre classes (Trombone, Piano and Kalimba) came together to celebrate King Charles III's coronation. We celebrated him officially being crowned King of England. Students and adults had a great time celebrating with friends, singing the national anthem, wearing crowns and showing off our art work.



News from the Habilitation Team



The King's Coronation

The King's Coronation to be broadcast with live accessible commentary and audio description. The coronation of King Charles will be an occasion to bring the country together. The coronation of King Charles III will be broadcast with live accessible commentary on the red button on BBC1 and live audio description on ITV1 on Saturday 6th of May.

How to watch?

BBC1

The event will be broadcast live on BBC1 and blind and partially sighted people will be able to join in through a synchronised accessible commentary on the BBC red button or catch up on iPlayer. This type of accessible commentary is different to audio description. Whilst audio description has traditionally been pre-recorded and mixed into the main audio after filming, this accessible commentary will be transmitted live as the event happens.

ITV1

The Coronation will be broadcast with live audio description on ITV1. This will be the very first broadcast on UK TV with live audio description so a moment in itself to celebrate. Viewers will be able to switch the audio description on in the usual way by pressing the AD/ audio description button on the remote control.

This is the very first time that a live programme on UK TV will be made accessible for viewers with sight loss. ITV and BBC are using pioneering methods to deliver live AD which could become blueprints for future events.

Poetry in the Secondary Department

This term, we have been learning about poetry. We have learnt that the beautiful thing about poetry is that it can never be wrong. This week, we used a prompt to write our own poems.

Why don't you try using the same prompt to write your own poem:

My name is _____ (name)

Today I feel like a/an _____ (adjective)
_____ (verb)ing _____ in the (noun)

Sometimes I am a/an _____ (noun)
Sometimes I am a/an _____ (noun)

But always I am _____ (adjective)

I ask the world, " _____ ?" (question)

And the answer is a/an _____. (repeat your words from line 2)



Our poems

My name is Royem
Today I feel like a superstar at school
in the class
Sometimes I am a chair
Sometimes I am a cartoon character
But always I am happy
I ask the world "who will be my
friend?"
And the answer is a superstar at
school in the class

My name is Murtaza
Today I feel like a moody pasta
moaning outside
Sometimes I am a cow
Sometimes I am Harry
But I am always moody
I ask the world, "why am I moody?"
And the answer is
Because I am a moody pasta
moaning outside

My name is Caitlin
Today I feel like a happy dancing
dragon in the cold cave
Sometimes I am a cloud
Sometimes I am a star
But always I am grumpy
I ask the world, "why am I grumpy?"
And the answer is a happy dancing
dragon in the cold cave

My name is Anabel
Today I feel like a grumpy dog eating
grass in the fields
Sometimes I am a flower
Sometimes I am a snail
But always I am happy
I ask the world, "are you okay?"
And the answer is a grumpy dog
eating grass in the fields

My name is Harry
Today I feel like a happy tree dancing in the park
Sometimes I am a dog
Sometimes I am a football
But always I am funny
I ask the world, "why am I funny?"
And the answer is a happy tree dancing in the park

My name is Peyton
Today I feel like a lovely puppy kissing in the face
and nose
Sometimes I am a teddy bear
Sometimes I am a butterfly
But always I am excited
I ask the world, "why do I feel love?"
And the answer is a lovely puppy kissing in the
face and nose

My name is Savannah
Today I feel like a tired sloth awoken in the morn-
ing
Sometimes I am a duck
Sometimes I am a chicken
But always I am funny
I ask the world, "why am I so funny?"
And the answer is a tired sloth awoken in the
morning

My name is DJ
Today I feel like an optimistic person running into
the bank
Sometimes I am a crow
Sometimes I am a cheetah
But always I am intelligent
I ask the world, "when is my pay check?"

My name is Naseebah
Today I feel like a happy girl at home in the kitch-
en
Sometimes I am a chair
Sometimes I am Sheebah
But always I am happy
I ask the world, "when will someone play with
me?"



Dinner money

Dinner money for the next half term up to 26.5.2023 is £64.80

Letters will be sent to parents to inform them of any outstanding dinner money which is calculated from September.

Payments can be made using the School Gateway App

If you have any payment issues please contact finance@lindenlodge.wandsworth.sch.uk



PE

This week has been a very short but exciting week for the Linden Lodge PE department, we have seen progress towards targets and skills learned in previous sessions being generalised to new sports.

On Tuesday the department were able to deliver sport sessions to the residential students to give them access to more sport and the opportunity to work on their fitness. The team liaised with one of our providers, Metro Tennis, to deliver fun engaging sessions.

The PE team have been strongly focused on further developing our provision. Ramona, PE Teacher, has attended the latest round of rebound therapy training. Hannie, our PE assistant has completed her own CPD with the Special Olympics and undertaken the Motor Activity Training Programme course online, connecting with experts working at the highest levels of sport for people with intellectual and physical disabilities. The department are very excited to use this knowledge to expand and improve PE lessons for our PMLD students and beyond.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who has supported the PE department this week and ask that we all are mindful about how our children and young people are staying active or engaging in physical activity in their own way.

Have a great week everyone!

Alex and the PE Team



Community
at Linden Lodge

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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!

Continence Information Session

C@LL organised a continence information sharing session on Wednesday morning. It was wonderful to see parents and carers coming together to share their experiences, both positive and negative in a safe and judgement free environment. The ensuing discussions were open and honest and we all learned a lot from each other. Perhaps, this could be a start of a new tradition?

Parents and carers often undervalue their own expertise, the session highlighted the wisdom from each and every one of you. Thank you for attending!

C@LL Skate and Summer Event

Unfortunately due to logistical issues, we are not able to go ahead with the Battersea Park Skate scheduled for Sunday 21st May. Huge apologies if you were holding this in your diaries and looking forward to the event.

On the upside, we now have a date for our summer event which will be going ahead! Please save Sunday 16th July for activities, food and fun at the school. All designed with our wonderful pupils, staff and their families in mind.





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:
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