



LLS News

16/06/2023



Dear families

This week learning walks have been taking place. It was great to see our dynamic provision in action and pupils enjoying a variety of activities outside in our beautiful grounds. We were joined one of our Co-Chairs of Governors who enjoyed the opportunity to speak to staff and pupils.

Today you will have received information about your child's class, department and therapy team. During the next five weeks there will be a focus on transitions. Teachers and the therapy team will be planning personalised transitions for pupils and pupils will be having the opportunity to visit their new classes and get to know the class team and their peers.

During the current hot weather please remember to send a water bottle, where appropriate, sun cream and a hat to school for your child.

Have a lovely weekend

Term Dates

Summer Term 2023

- **Last day for pupils -** Wednesday 19th July 2023

Dates for your diary

Past Pupils Event

Saturday 24th June
Please email pastpupils@lindenlodge.wandsworth.sch.uk for details.

C@LL Family Portrait Day

Sunday 25th June
Visit the C@LL website to book

Earwig parent and carer sessions

Summer term 2:
12.07.2023 at 10:00

C@LL Wimbledon Common Walk and Summer BBQ

Sunday 16th July
Details to follow after half term

Dinner money

The dinner money amount for this half term is £76.80.

Please remember that payment can only be made through the School Gateway App.

Please could any outstanding dinner money be paid by the end of term.

Star of the Week/Kindness Award

Jack for extending his vocabulary on a daily basis and for his determination to practice and say words clearly. Well done Jack!



Learning at Linden Lodge

Rugby day

On Thursday 8th June 2023, Harlequin Rugby club organised an inclusive event for Rugby day. Our students had the opportunity to try out and learn new sports skills. They had an amazing time at the Twickenham stoop stadium where they worked with some of the Rugby players.



Careers

Earlier in the week we were thrilled to be joined by Barney Skinner as part of our careers enrichment. Some of our students had met Barney on our last visit to the Blind in Business Office. He is an extremely inspirational young man who has an amazing story. Barney who is vision impaired himself has just graduated from University and is due to start on the Tesco Graduate scheme as a product developer. Barney is also a National Power Lifter and regularly takes part in National tournaments. Barney spoke to us all about the importance of commitment to your goals and never being afraid to ask for help. He spoke to us about Access to Work, living on your own and studying at university while having a vision impairment.

Barney also shared his favourite hacks that could support vision impaired young people as well as fails and successes he has had along the way. All the students asked meaningful questions and really enjoyed the session. Barney will be coming back next week to speak to another group and we are very much looking forward to staying in touch



Healthy Eating Week in Linden Lodge

Our students enjoyed to participate in different activities this week for the British Nutrition Foundation's Healthy Eating Week initiative.



Minerva students used plant-based protein when making Green Thai Curry



Students and staff enjoyed refreshing infused water from our Hydration



Students in Secondary classes made fruit kebabs to make sure they have their 5a Day.





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Dear Parents & Carers,

The online world is posing an ever-increasing risk to our children and their families, and it is important that as a school we take an active role in educating our community about online dangers. Learning how to act safely when using the internet is an incredibly important part of safeguarding our children.

We are committed to protecting our pupils and our families and are now working with National Online Safety who will support us in delivering resources for all parents and carers.

The resources include Parents & Carers courses (presented by Myleene Klass), online video resources and weekly guides covering a huge range of topics.

As a parent or carer you now have access to all resources through the National Online Safety platform.

To create your account, please click on the link below and complete your details. When you're set up, you'll be able to set 'Parent/Carer' as your user type.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/linden-lodge-school>

You can access National Online Safety online via any device- including their brand-new smartphone app. To download the app, please go to:

<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/national-online-safety/id1530342372>

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=uk.co.nationaleducationgroup.nos>

Alternatively, search for 'National Online Safety' in the App Store/Google Play Store.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding accessing your National Online Safety platform.

Kind Regards,

David Shaw
Deputy Head

If you have any E-Safety concerns please contact the Linden Lodge safeguarding team at: safeguarding@lindenlodge.wandsworth.sch.uk or call 0208 788 0107 and ask to be put through to the safeguarding team.



Jack Petchey Achievement Awards



Congratulations to our winners of the Jack Petchey Achievement Awards. Each winner will receive a certificate, pin badge and a book and will be able to choose how to spend a £300 grant to benefit the school.

Name	Nomination
Amelia	Amelia is maturing into a happy and confident young adult who has had an exceptional year, making outstanding progress in all areas of her learning and development. Amelia communicates effectively to make her likes and dislikes known. Amelia's level of engagement and concentration has increased, whereby she is more able to interact with her peers when working on shared tasks. Amelia shows persistence in directing her own learning by demonstrating increased realisation and problem solving skills which gives her greater autonomy and independence. Amelia's tolerance and stamina has significantly improved when using her therapy equipment, having a positive impact on her emotional and physical well-being. Amelia has also settled extremely well at Richley House, where she accesses weekly overnight stays in preparation for adulthood. Amelia has adapted well to her new routine and has an increased social circle. Well done Amelia, we are all very proud of you.
Finn	Finn for making very good progress in class, engaging so well with his peers and familiar staff. When out of his wheelchair he has been demonstrating a keen interest to independently move towards his fellow peers and initiate gentle interactions / communication with them. Well done Finn.
Anabel	Anabel is new to Linden Lodge but she already brings endless joy to our classroom and powerful positivity to her learning. Her parents have commented that she has made such a turnaround, she is like a different person since she began at our school. We describe Anabel as our ray of sunshine. She throws herself into every opportunity offered to her. She shows a particular flair for Drama, where she has everyone in fits of laughter taking on all the characters. Anabel cares deeply for her friends and is very good at making sure we all drink enough water during the day. She likes responsibility and is a fantastically confident salesperson. She excels in undertaking work experience in the Linden Lodge Café.
Yusuf	Yusuf has begun tolerating his hearing aids for the entire day in school. As a result he has made amazing progress in communication, social and cognition. He interacts more with the staff and his classmates. He is also very helpful to the pupils in his class. His behaviour has improved significantly and we are all so very proud of him. Well done Yusuf!





SUMMER EVENT

Sunday 16 JULY 2023



Join us for a fun all-accessible walk around Wimbledon Common and meet other pupils, parents, school staff and pets. Everyone is welcome!

10:00 Meet at school (free parking)

10:30 Leave for the walk

11:30 Meet the rangers and their horses at the Windmill

12:30 Return to school for a delicious BBQ (free)

13:30 15:00 Sensory storytelling and other surprises.

More information to come via Classlist or email us at communityatlindenlodge@gmail.com



C@LL Continence Session, Tuesday 27th June, 8.00 – 9.30 pm via Zoom

Could continence be a reality for our children?

Ever been told that your child is too old/too complex/not ready to be continent? Does the thought of toilet training fill you with dread?

Following the success of our parent led session on toilet training, C@LL has arranged for specialist paediatric nurse, Davina Richardson to talk to families about how ALL children and young people can attempt toilet training. Davina is from Bladder and Bowel UK

and has extensive experience in this field and with SEN children.

Whether you've already started the journey or not, Davina will give expert and practical advice and answer your questions.

Zoom details will be on Classlist and will be emailed with this newsletter.

Noticeboard

The poster is for 'DANCE IN THE PARK' and is part of 'Learning Disability Week'. It features a pink background with musical notes, a disco ball, and illustrations of people dancing. The text is in various colors and fonts, including pink, black, and white. The Learning Disability Week logo is in the top right corner. The Merton Mencap logo is in the bottom right corner. The Malookoo logo is in the bottom left corner.

DANCE IN THE PARK

Learning Disability Week

Get ready to celebrate! You are invited!

**Join us in celebrating Learning Disability Week 2023
& have some fun!**

**This activity is accessible to people with any ability
(including those with accessibility needs)**

Friday 23rd June 1pm-2pm at Morden Hall Park

**Contact Maria Solari to register your free place on
community.engagement@mertonmencap.org.uk or call 07709 715206**

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