



# LLS News

20/10/2023



Dear Families

Thank you for all of your support this half term.

As you know October is Black History Month and we have had lots of engaging and fun learning experiences across the whole school, including some amazing African drumming sessions, .

NHS dental screening is due to take place at school during November. Some of you will have received a consent form this week, others will be sent home after the half term break. Please return your child's form as soon as possible. The first session takes place on 3rd November.

You will also have received hearing screening consent forms this week. This consent is part of the school's hearing screening programme. It is separate from the NHS pilot programme we run last year and it is used to develop an annual follow up to further develop our understanding of our students' hearing in order to better to support their learning and communication. If you have any questions about the hearing checks please contact Bela, Nafsika or Diego using the email addresses on the consent form and letter.

School reopens at 9.50am on Monday 30th October.  
Have a lovely half term break.

## Events and dates to remember

### Half Term

Monday 23rd October –  
Friday 27th October

### Dental Screening

3rd, 10th & 17th  
November



## Life after Linden Lodge: school to college, a parent's perspective

Wednesday, Nov 01 at 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM

We know the transition from school to college can be exciting but also daunting. C@LL is delighted to invite all parents, carers and staff to a virtual talk from a past Linden Lodge parent who has been through it. Join us via Zoom on Wednesday

1st November at 8pm to hear Ashling Barve, mum to Kiera, share her experiences of the process and timings, what to look for in a college, pitfalls and top tips. You may have attended a similar C@LL event in the past but this year Ashling will be sharing some new insights on working with external bodies such as local authorities, social care and Integrated Care Boards to get the right outcome for your child. We won't cover Linden Lodge or specific local authority processes, but you'll be able to ask lots of questions on the parent perspective.

So, whether you're about to go through this transition or are curious for future years, please let us know if you're coming and join us via the Zoom link on Classlist.



## Learning at Linden

### Minerva Mental Health Assembly

The Minerva centre were visited by Kings College where they delivered an assembly on Mental Health and strategies of how to deal with different situations.



### Spooky Science!

The Science department are welcoming 'Nutty Scientists' for a spooky Halloween themed Science workshop on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November!** We look forward to an engaging and immersive learning experience.

**nuttyscientists.com**

**Nutty Scientists**  
presents the nuttiest and scariest show ever!!!

Prepare to live a terrifying Halloween. Amid dense fogs, we will hunt ghosts, read secret messages, drink sorcerers' concoctions and **discover amazing mysteries ...** and all of this with incredible experiments that will show us just how fun science is!

**AGES 4 TO 12**

**TERROR SCIENCE**

**Experiments**

- Dark Mists
- Ghosts hunters
- Solidifying ghosts
- Secret message
- Witch's brew
- The garish ladle
- And more...

The poster features a cartoon character with a green face and a red bow tie, a girl in a witch hat, and a haunted house. There are also small photos of children participating in the workshop.



## Black History Month in Residential

Black History Month 2023





### Black History Month

We had lots of fun last week celebrating our Residential multi-cultural connections.



Your Black History Month display is great and is in the right place for all who access Richley to look at and learn about Black History given we have generations represented in our school family.

I really loved the Longman Curriculum specifically for "Hand in Hand Assemblies for our Multiracial Society" Thank you for showing it to me. I will share the great ideas with other parents, for future events, as they promote sensory intergeneration, engagement and interaction. I am certain the Richley children and their families will be interested too.

Winnie Williams: Parent governor



## Black History Month In the Primary Department

Harp class explored various African patterns and enjoyed exploring and counting the dried pasta as they developed their fine motor skills to control their paint brush to paint and create their pasta jewellery. Some children were even confident enough to enjoy the sensory experience by using their fingers to dip in the paint to create beautiful unique necklaces.

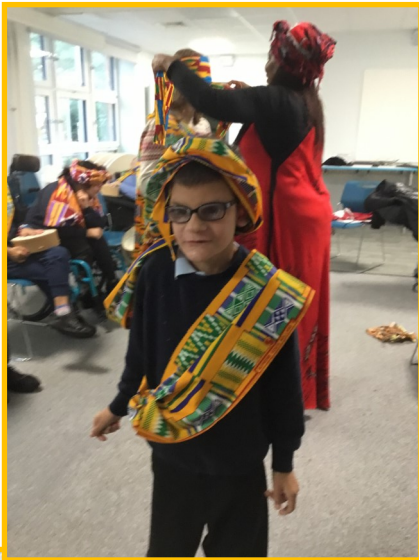




## Black History Month In the Secondary Department







# 5 Tips For Supporting Someone who uses AAC



## 1. Use the AAC device everywhere and with everyone

Use the AAC system regularly throughout the day, in lots of settings, and during different activities. This helps your child recognize how useful the system can be in everyday life.

## 2. Get to know the AAC system

Imagine the AAC system as a new toy or device your child just got. At first, it might seem a bit tricky, but the more you both play and explore, the more fun and useful it becomes. Check out its features and vocabulary. The more familiar you both become with it, the easier and more exciting communication will be!

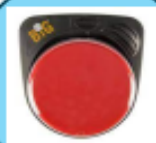


## 3. Build a base of core words

Core words are like the basic toy blocks for chatting. Just as a few blocks can make countless creations, a few simple words like "want," "more," or "go" can help your child share their thoughts. It's about giving them the main pieces to start building their own conversations.

## 4. Responsive Interactions

Pay attention to your child's cues and feedback. If they show interest in a particular topic, expand on it. If they make a communication attempt, whether it's accurate or not, acknowledge it and provide feedback. This responsive interaction promotes a positive communication environment.



## 5. Don't give up!

Learning to use the AAC system is a journey. While there might be times it doesn't seem to be working, it's important to persevere and remain committed. Every interaction, no matter how small, is progress. With support and consistent practice, your child will strengthen their communication skills.



