



# LLS News

10/11/2023



Dear Families

## Teaching and learning themes at Linden Lodge:

The teaching and learning team has reviewed the themes for the next three years and below you can find the themes classes will be learning about across the school. Teaching and learning themes give context for learning for all of our students and are a great vehicle for cross-curricular learning. This term we have been exploring the theme of 'adventures' and all students have been engaging in this theme in a variety of ways.

If you have any further questions about the new themes, please discuss them with your child's class teacher.

Year	Overarching	Autumn	Spring	Summer
1	Passport to the world	Adventures	Global cultures	Cuisines of the world
2	Our universe	Space	Our planet	Our environment
3	Our world	People of the world	Nature	Elements

Please return all Christmas card orders to the school office by Wednesday 15th November. Payment is by cash or cheque made payable to Linden Lodge School.

We would like to wish everyone celebrating this weekend a very happy Diwali.

Have a lovely weekend.



## Events and dates to remember

**Dental Screening**  
17th November

**Children in Need**  
Friday 17th November  
Wear something spotty!

**Parent Teacher Consultations**  
20th & 21st November

**Maths Workshop**  
Bassoon, Flute, Tambourine, Harp, Maracas, Ukulele, Oboe, Clarinet classes  
Thursday 7th December  
11am

**Winter Concerts**  
Please see full details on back page

**Last Day of Autumn Term for Pupils**  
20th December at 1.30pm

**Remembrance Day**  
11/11/2023



## Stars of the Week

**Matteo** for having a great transition back into class and developing positive relationships with staff and students! Well done, Matteo!

**Jack** for speaking so clearly in long sentences in a variety of sessions this week. Well done!



## Kindness Award

**Reuben** for having a fantastic birthday and sharing with his friends— party games, cake and present





### Life After Linden Lodge

Last week a record 23 families, joined our annual parent led talk on the transition to college after Linden Lodge. Ashling Barvé shared unique insights, powerful advice and heartfelt stories about her daughter Kiera's move to college.

Thank you to all of you who attended and asked questions. Ashling's slides along with a very helpful transition timeline are now on Classlist.

### SEN with Sam, Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 10am via Zoom

C@LL is delighted to invite you to this very special session on what's going on in the world of SEN right now and how it affects our children. You may know Sam Carlisle from when her daughter Elvi was at Linden Lodge or from her always to the point posts on our Classlist group. Sam is an award winning journalist and campaigner. With a general election looming, hear how the political parties are faring on disability policy and other extraordinary insights from Sam's work with government, charities and families of disabled children across the country.

Sam really understands our world so do join us for this rare opportunity to hear how the big issues at play impact our lives, it's going to be a very relevant session for all of us.

Zoom details on Classlist or request them via [communityatlindenlodge@gmail.com](mailto:communityatlindenlodge@gmail.com)  
Sam Carlisle

*Sam is mum to ex-Linden Lodge pupil Elvi, 22, and a co-founder of C@LL. A former journalist, she now runs Cause Communications, a PR company that works with charities. Her campaign work with the Disabled Children's Partnership has won multiple awards, and Cause's Guinness World Record winning campaign with Hidden Disabilities Sunflower has just won Campaign of the Year at the Shaw Trust 100. She regularly writes about life with Elvi in the media.*





# SANTA'S GROTTO

JOIN US FOR ARTS & CRAFTS, MUSIC  
AND DELICIOUS TREATS!

SUNDAY 3RD  
DECEMBER  
3:00-5:00PM



# Learning at Linden

## Food Technology

Not sure what to do with your left over pumpkins? Why not try this delicious recipe from our Food Technology department?



Pumpkin cake

### Ingredients

300g self-raising flour  
300g light soft brown sugar  
3 teaspoons mixed spice  
2 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda  
175g raisins  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon salt  
4 eggs  
200g dairy free spread  
1 orange  
1 tablespoon orange juice  
500g pumpkin puree

### For frosting

200g soft cheese  
85g dairy free spread  
100g icing sugar  
1 orange (zest and juice of half)



### Instructions

Preheat oven to 160C. Weigh and measure all ingredients. Crack the eggs. Zest and juice oranges. Melt the 200g spread.

1. Put the flour, sugar, spice, bicarbonate of soda, sultanas and salt into a large bowl and stir to combine.
2. Beat the eggs into the melted butter, stir in the orange zest and juice.
3. Tip in and mix with the dry ingredients till combined.
4. Add and stir in the pumpkin.
5. Pour the batter into a 25x30cm tin and bake for 30 minutes, or until golden and springy to the touch.
6. Until cake is baking make the frosting.
7. Tip soft cheese, butter, icing sugar, orange zest and 1 tsp of the juice into a clean mixing bowl and beat using an electric mixer until smooth and creamy.
8. Set aside in the fridge. When the cake is done, cool for 5 mins then turn it onto a cooling rack. Prick it all over with a skewer and drizzle with the rest of the orange juice while still warm. Leave to cool completely. Give the frosting a quick beat to loosen, then, using a palette knife, spread over the top of the cake in peaks and swirls



## Maths Workshop

For Parents and Carers of students in Bassoon, Flute, Tambourine, Harp, Maracas, Ukulele, Oboe, Clarinet classes.



You are invited to attend an online Maths workshop on Thursday 7 December at 11am, where we shall cover:

- How children learn to count
- The areas of Maths in our adapted curriculum
- Ways of introducing Maths and My Thinking activities at home
- Suggestions for making a Maths tool kit at home
- Suggested books and websites



If you are interested in attending, please register your interest by emailing [rbracknell.212@lgflmail.org](mailto:rbracknell.212@lgflmail.org)

## Minerva Sports Report

### Sports update.



- For Formula 1 there is only 2 races left in the current season the next race they are going to is the Las Vegas Grand Prix between the 17th of November to the 19th of November then they will go to the Abu Dhabi Grand Prix between the 22nd of November to the 24th of November to finish the current season.
- For Football, the Premier League is going into its 12th week of the current season for only some teams then it will be the international break then the rest of the teams will go into week 12 and all the other games in all of the other cup games have already happened.



By RyWh Minerva 3



# THE FANTASTIC FREDDIE FOUNDATION



The Fantastic Freddie Foundation was inspired by Freddie Lower, a well loved student that attended Linden Lodge School for most of his life. Freddie loved his time at Linden Lodge, making friends for life and forming unbreakable relationships with his teachers. We are so pleased to be working closely with the school and its pupils.

Anyone who was privileged to know Freddie could see what a happy and fun loving man he was. He never let his disability get in the way of him living his life the way he wanted and always had a smile on his face. Freddie loved his football, loved his fashion and most importantly loved his life.



## About The Foundation

The Fantastic Freddie Foundation wants to provide young disabled adults aged 15-30 with opportunities to enjoy their lives. We want to encourage young people to have fun at every opportunity and grow existing hobbies as well as form new ones. Please visit our website for more information.

## What to look forward to from The FFF

- ✂ Focus groups with Linden Lodge Students and Parents to find out what you want to be getting involved with
- ✂ Fully accessible trips to popular destinations
- ✂ Regular accessible club nights
- ✂ Accessible trips to music festivals and events
- ✂ Accessible sporting opportunities and trips to sporting events (e.g football matches)
- ✂ Regular days out with popular activities (e.g Cinema, Seaside)
- ✂ Anything! By popular request



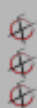
## The FFF Christmas and New year party

The Foundation is planning to host a Christmas and New years party on the 27th December 2024 for you and your parents/carers. There will be food, drinks, dancing, a live DJ and plenty more festivities. It will be held at Sutton United FC's MBA lounge. We would love to see as many Linden Lodge Students there as possible and tickets are free of charge so please get in touch if you are interested!

## The Fantastic Freddie Foundation Launch

Our official launch is on the 22nd February 2024 from 6pm and is also hosted in Sutton United FC's MBA Lounge. It will be complete with a buffet, fully licensed bar and a DJ. There will be information from the Foundation, its partners and a celebrity guest speaker so keep your ear to the ground!

If you are interested in attending either event or have any queries please contact Charlie - Development Manager on any of the details below.











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## Winter Concerts

Day	Time	Theme	Classes	Location
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 	10am	Little Snowflakes	Maracas, Tambourine 	Jasmine Centre
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	10am 	Going on a Santa Hunt	Guitar, Violin, Drum, Harp, Ukulele	SPACe 
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	1.30pm	Winter Wonderland 	Minerva 1, 2, 3	SPACe
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	10.30am 	Festive Extravaganza	Tabla, Gamelan, Trombone, SF1, SF2a, SF2b	Isobel Centre 
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 	2pm	Winter Adventures	Kalimba and Piano Oboe and Clarinet Flute and Bassoon	SPACe 