



# LLS News

19/04/2024



Dear Families

Welcome back to the Summer Term. We hope that you had a lovely Easter holiday.

We have a bumper edition of the newsletter today with lots of information about upcoming events and activities both in school and out of school.

We have included information about this year's Linden Lodge Transitions and Careers Fair on 9th and 10th May on page 4. We look forward to welcoming you to this fantastic opportunity to find out more about options available for our students.

This weekend Emily's dad, Ashley, will be running the London Marathon to raise funds for GOSH. This will be his 9th London Marathon! Please show your support if you are able to by using the link included in Ashley's message on page 8 of this newsletter to donate to GOSH.

Next weekend you are invited to attend C@LL's Birds of Prey exhibition.

Have a lovely weekend.



## Events and dates to remember

### Summer Term

**First day for pupils** – Monday 15th April 2024

**Bank Holiday** - Monday 6th May 2024

**Half term** - Monday 27th May 2024 – Friday 31st May 2024

**Inset Day 5 (no pupils)** – Monday 3rd June 2024

**Last day for pupils** – Tuesday 23rd July 2024

**Planning and Preparation Day 3 (no pupils)** - Wednesday 24th July 2024

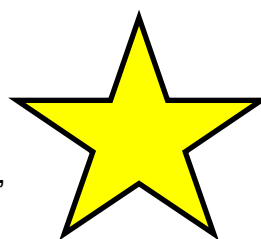
## Stars of the Week

**Pietra** for having a great first week back at school and increasing her stamina in her new chair. Well done, Pietra!

**Abbie** for trying and enjoying 2 new dishes this week.

**Aviyah** for engaging in activities and experimenting with objects

**Atena** for such a positive transition back to school this week. Well done!



## Kindness Award

Oliver for sharing smiles and making everyone else around him smile.



David for showing empathy towards students and staff that are feeling a little under the weather





### **Birds of Prey exhibition**

We are now nine days away from our amazing Berkshire Birds of Prey exhibition!

Everyone is welcome to join us on Sunday 28th of April from 1:30pm-4:30pm.

The Isobel Centre will be open from 12:30pm and families can access the bathroom/kitchenette area.

If you would like to bring a packed lunch you can enjoy a picnic in the school grounds. We will have access to the playground too!

Parking is available in the school car park and there are plenty of spaces available the road if you have a blue badge.

So come on down, this will be your chance to handle gorgeous owls and eagles, if you're brave enough!

Please confirm attendance via Classlist or via [communityatlindenlodge@gmail.com](mailto:communityatlindenlodge@gmail.com)



Meet Bella, who is two years old and absolutely loves hunting frogs!



C@LL is your community:

- Join on ClassList
- Attend Events
- **Get Involved**

The C@LL committee would love to welcome new members to help plan future events for your Linden Lodge Community. The committee meets once every half term either in person or online.

If interested please email [communityatlindenlodge@gmail.com](mailto:communityatlindenlodge@gmail.com) for more information.

C@LL aims to support all parents, carers, staff and their families. Check out past events at [www.communityatlindenlodge.uk](http://www.communityatlindenlodge.uk)

## Linden Lodge Transition and Careers Fair

We are delighted to invite you to our annual Linden Lodge Transition and Careers Fair which will be taking place on **Thursday 9th and Friday 10th May from 10.30- 2.30 pm.**

We have organised a fantastic range of speakers ranging from colleges both day and residential, supported living and charities supporting employability. It will be an opportunity to find out more about options available for our students and to become familiar with providers' offer.

Please see below for the timetable of events and providers who will be attending on each day.

Thursday 9th May	Friday 10th May
Blind in Business (Charity)	Dorton College ( VI Day College, Kent)
Croydon Pathways (Day College)	In Focus ( 52 weeks specialist VI college, Exeter)
National Star (52 weeks Residential College, Gloucester)	Orchard Hill (Day College, Sutton)
Royal National College (52 weeks Residential College, Hereford)	Great Oaks (SEN College, Hounslow)
Nido Volans (Day College, Lambeth)	Young Epilepsy (52 weeks residential College, Sussex)
Thomas Pocklington Trust (Charity)	See Ability Supported Living
Dorton College (VI Day College, Kent)	Vision Ability (Charity)
In Focus (52 weeks specialist VI college, Exeter)	Aurora Centre (Day College, Wandsworth)
Queen Alexandra College (Residential specialist VI College, Birmingham )	Queen Alexandra College (Residential specialist VI College, Birmingham)
Chailey College (Chailey Heritage Foundation is a pioneering charity providing education, residential care, and transition services for children and young people with complex physical disabilities and health needs, Sussex)	

Please note that on **Thursday at 10.30 am** we will have a guest speaker from Chailey Heritage Foundation who will give a presentation on all aspects of post – 19 transition.

### Information about lunch

We are pleased to be able to offer lunches from The Linden Lodge Café. All delegates will be able to purchase a meal deal from the café at a cost of £3.25. This includes a sandwich, snack and a drink. Please do let us know in advance if you have any specific dietary requirements and we will try our best to accommodate.

### Parking

While we are unable to offer parking on site we are able to sign post delegates to the ample street parking available.

Please use the link below or scan the QR code to register your interest in attending. <https://forms.office.com/e/0xb6109h0U>

Linden Lodge Transition and  
Careers Fair



## After School Club

After school club restarts on Tuesday 23rd April.

Summer Term 1

### Tuesdays:



**23rd April:** Gym/ Library/ Sensory Walk

**30th April:** Rebound/ Ball Games

**7th May:** Music Session/ Games

**14th May:** Sensory Room/ Woodland walks

**21st May:** Games/Arts and crafts

### Thursdays:

**25th April:** Arts and Crafts/Gardening

**2nd May:** Music session/ Dance

**9th May:** Gym/ Games/ Rebound

**16th May:** Library/Games

**23rd May:** Sensory Walk/ Dance

Swimming is also on offer for the children during the sessions.

The last day of Tuesday Club this term will be 21st May 2024

The last day of Thursday Club this term will be 23rd May 2024





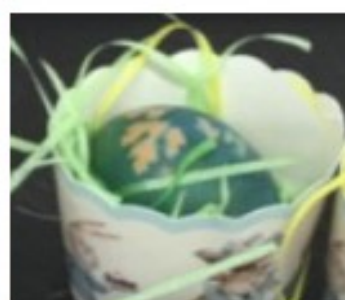
Students had a lot of fun with decorating eggs during food technology lessons as part of The Duke of Edinburgh's award, also to celebrate Easter. We used 4 different methods, all of them using only food ingredients to achieve the final results.



Using dcream topping and food colour. Involved whisking and rolling egg in the



Speckled eggs using uncooked rice with food colour. Involved mixing and gentle shaking.



Stencilled eggs using fresh parsley and food colour. Involved accurate laying of the herb over the egg and wrapping the egg in cheesecloth before submerging in coloured water.



Marble effect using onion skin and food colour. Involved snipping the onion skin into very small pieces, and coating the egg in it. Then wrapping the egg in cheesecloth and boiling egg in coloured water.





## London Marathon

Dear Friends and Supporters,

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/ashleymarathon2024>

2024 marks 10 years since my daughter Emily was diagnosed with a brain tumour and on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April I'm going to be running my 9<sup>th</sup> London Marathon in aid of Great Ormond Street Hospital. We have been so blessed with the treatment, care and support that Emily and we have received there over the past decade and GOSH continues to play a vital role in Emily's life.

So many friends and supporters have been so very generous over many years, supporting my annual fundraising effort for GOSH, and the funds raised so far stand at just under £160,000. It would be wonderful to add another good sum to this total!

Please don't feel obliged to give, but if you wish to do so you can donate via the link above. Any support you are able to offer will mean a great deal. As long as I am able both to run and to raise money, I am resolved to continue running the London Marathon each year for GOSH as a 'thank you' for everything they do for us!

With thanks and best wishes to you all,

Ashley

## Noticeboard

### Free football sessions

British Blind Sport is delighted to announce our upcoming free football sessions in partnership with McDonald's Fun Football for children aged 5-11 years old who are blind or partially sighted.

The five sessions will give children the confidence to learn new football skills, make new friends and have fun!

The London sessions will take place on Wednesdays from April 24<sup>th</sup>-May 22<sup>nd</sup> between 5.30pm and 7.30pm.

**Venue: King Solomon Academy,  
Penfold Street, London, NW1  
6RW**

To sign up for a free space, parents/guardians should complete the following booking form:

[www.britishblindsport.org.uk/forms/view/mcdonaldsfunfootballlondon](http://www.britishblindsport.org.uk/forms/view/mcdonaldsfunfootballlondon)



A young girl playing football on an indoor hall at a BBS 'Have a Go'

## Kidz to Adultz South

Where is Kidz to Adultz South?  
Farnborough International  
Exhibition & Conference Centre  
(Gate F, GU14 6TQ)

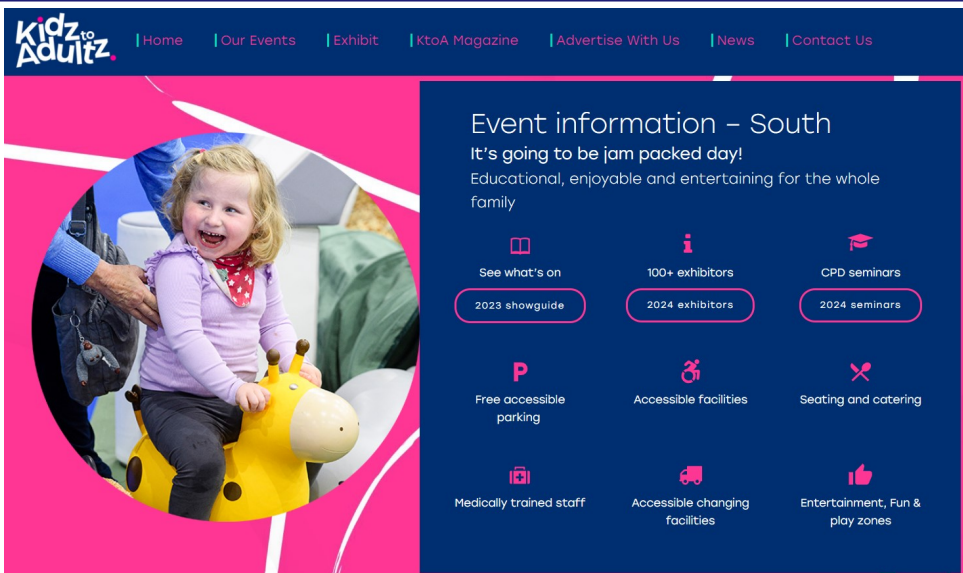
When?  
Thursday 2nd May 2024  
9:30am to 4pm

Cost? Free! Register online for  
tickets.

What is it? A free exhibition where  
parents, children/young people  
and therapists who can attend for specialist exhibitors on an array of equipment, products and  
services. There are specialist seminars and support services which you will be able to explore and  
learn more about what's out there!

Some of the Linden Lodge therapy team will be attending so please let your therapists know if you will  
attend so they can support you or email the therapy email [therapy@lindenlodge.org.uk](mailto:therapy@lindenlodge.org.uk)

Full details and tickets:  
<https://www.kidzexhibitions.co.uk/kidz-south/>



## Can your blind child benefit simply from watching TV?

### Help us estimate the value of creative audio description!

We are looking for **children and teenagers who are blind or visually impaired**,  
willing to take part in a study involving watching a video animation and a  
short interview.

**Total estimated time: 30 min**

Meetings will happen in the University of York's School of Arts and  
Creative Technologies, Heslington, York, **or in another place more  
convenient for you – in your city.**

**Compensation: £30 shopping voucher**

If you would like to take part in the survey or get more information about it,  
please contact us by e-mail:

**Dr Monika Zabrocka** - [monika.zabrocka@york.ac.uk](mailto:monika.zabrocka@york.ac.uk)



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**Milton Court Concert Hall, London**  
Sunday 21 April 2024

**Bristol Beacon, Bristol**  
Saturday 4 May 2024

**Lighthouse, Poole**  
Saturday 18 May 2024

**Birmingham Town Hall**  
Sunday 2 June 2024



***“A rare kind of joyous celebration often absent from the concert hall.” – Thoroughly Good Classical Music***

Join 24 brilliant young disabled and non-disabled musicians for an uplifting afternoon of contemporary classic music mixing acoustic, electronic and accessible instruments – including the Seaboard RISE and the Clarion which some musicians play with head movement.

Come hear bold version of audience favourites such as ‘Nautilus’, ‘Autumn’ and musicians’ own choice of ‘The Good, the Bad and the Ugly’. The orchestra will also premiere pieces on themes close to musicians’ hearts. Feel the devastating impact of climate change with ‘Elements’. Be moved by ‘Wittgenstein’s Chorale’, which carries the orchestra’s message of inclusion.

‘Soaring through Sparks’ will take you on a discovery of Clarion, the first-ever digital instrument to be assessed by the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music (ABRSM).

**Our relaxed performances are welcoming of disabled and neurodivergent audiences, families, and anyone else who would benefit from a less formal environment.**

**Running time: 3-4pm for all concerts.**

**Tickets from £1 with free tickets for companion**

**Booking details:**  
**[noyo.org.uk/2024concerts](https://noyo.org.uk/2024concerts)**  
**or venue box office**



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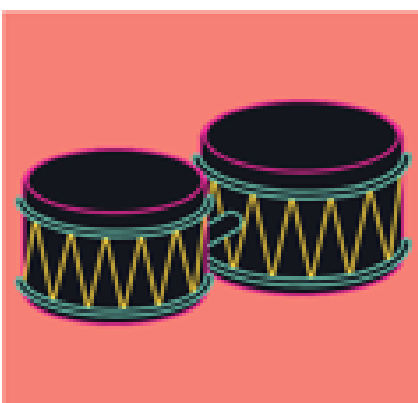


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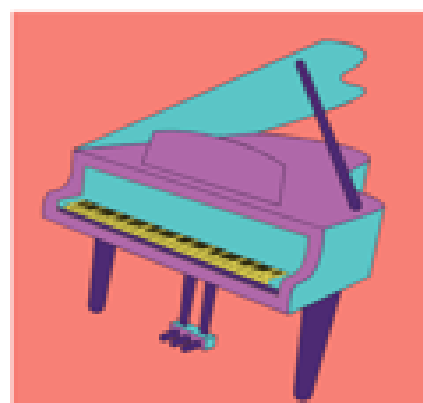
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