



LLS News

08/11/2024



Dear families

Welcome back! We hope that you had an enjoyable half term.

We would like to wish Happy Diwali to families who celebrated last week.

As you know the swimming pool has had to remain closed this week as the water has not yet reached the correct temperature following the boiler repairs. We closely monitor the swimming pool and hydro pool water temperature daily in line with the Aquatic Therapy Association of Chartered Physiotherapists (ATACP) guidelines. Swimming remains a valuable part of our provision. We appreciate your understanding and continued support and we are hoping that the pool will have reached the correct temperature by Monday. We will keep you updated.

Monday 11th November is Remembrance Day, marking the anniversary of the end of World War One on November 11th, 1918, at 11am. To honour this significant day, we will be joining the many people observing a two-minute silence at 11 am, remembering those who fought and sacrificed their lives during the war.

Some further dates to remember during the second half of the Autumn Term are:

- Next week you will receive your child's QR code linking you to your children's photographs. Please look out for them in your child's home school diary. NB: You will only receive a QR code if you signed the consent form for your child to have their photograph taken. If you don't receive your child's QR code please let the teacher know.
- Parents will be receiving PLGs for the next cycle on Friday 22nd November
- MDT consultations will take place during the week of 25th November. More information will follow.

Please note that the next newsletter will be on Monday 18th November.

Have a lovely weekend.

Events and dates to remember

Autumn Term Dates

**Friday 22nd
November 2024**
PLGs being sent home

**Week beginning 25th
November 2024**
MDT Consultations

**Sunday 1st
December 2024**
C@LL Christmas Event

**Thursday 19th
December 2024**
Last day for pupils

**Friday 20th
December 2024**
Planning and Preparation Day 1 for staff (no pupils)

**HAPPY
DIWALI**



Curriculum themes for this academic year

It has been fantastic to be able to welcome back all of our students to after the half term. As you know, our curriculum follows an overarching yearly theme, which is then broken down into 3 termly themes. This allows us to meaningfully support our student's access to learning, whilst promoting their engagement and motivation through the implementation of innovative and exciting lessons. This year our theme is: Our Universe, which is broken down into the following termly themes:

Autumn term: Space

Spring term: Our planet

Summer term: Our environment

If you would like any further information regarding the teaching and learning taking place within class, please contact your child's class teacher through the home school diary.

Personal Learning Goals (PLGs)

PLGs form part of Linden Lodge School's assessment framework; supporting our understanding of how pupil's are making progress throughout the year. Our education, therapy, and habilitation teams work together to set PLGs, ensuring pupil's holistic needs are carefully considered and meaningful goals are implemented. Your child's PLG will be sent home to you on Friday the 22nd of November. Please look out for them in the home-school diaries. The PLGs are set by the teams on a termly basis. Dates shown below:

Autumn term 2- Spring term 1

Spring term 2 - Summer term 1

Summer term 2- Autumn term 1

For further information regarding the PLGs, please contact your child's teacher via the home school diary.

Educational Psychology (EP) sessions for parents and carers

Our Educational Psychologist, Jason Banville, is offering 30 minute sessions for parents and carers again on Friday 22nd November. The sessions can take place either at the school or by telephone.

The support offered is for thinking about things related to psychology, e.g., child's anxiety/worries, parental anxiety/worries, supporting difficult behaviours at home, eating, sleeping, thinking about school/EHCPs and any support an EP can provide.

The sessions are available on a first come, first served basis. Please email jnolan@lindenlodge.org.uk to book a session. You will receive an email on Monday 18th November to confirm the booking.

Sessions available: 9.00-9.30am, 10-10.30am, 10.30-11.00am, 11-11.30am, 11.30-12.00pm, 1.00-1.30pm, 1.30-2pm, 2-2.30pm. If your preferred session is not available we will contact you with an alternative time. Please also indicate whether you would prefer the session to be in person at the school or by telephone.

Remembrance Day in Richley House



The young people who board at residential have been learning about Remembrance Day this week. We have been making poppies and have been able to hold and explore some real medals that were awarded to soldiers of the second world war.



Stars of the Week

Chapman has been awarded a Wandsworth Civic award for his volunteering and playing around the local community. We are very proud of his efforts!

<https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/news/news-november-2024/wandsworth-civic-awards-2024-winners-announced/>



Matteo for doing some amazing work with his self-feeding using a spoon. Matteo has also done a great job at using his legs while in the standing sling! Great effort, Matteo!

Teddy for having such an incredible trial session on the resonance board during music!

The whole of Piano class for their 100% attendance this week. It has been great seeing them back in school, they've worked so hard!

Alice for using her eye gaze with her HCA, talking about her emotions, activities and choosing music.

Henry for making a joke using PECS.

Kindness Award

Destiny has shown her kindness this week through sharing time on the playground with her friends. She was able to notice when her friends wanted to play and offered for them to join her.

Ellie for using her eye gaze with less familiar people when working in the 6th form café.

U'nite for signing to familiar people how she feels, sharing her emotions.





**THE FANTASTIC
FREDDIE FOUNDATION**

FFF WELLNESS AND PAMPERING DAY

Saturday 23rd November, 12pm - 4pm

1 Parker Close, Carshalton, SM5 3HF

Massage Facials Manicures Nail Care Hair Stylist Mocktail Making

Join us for a free afternoon of relaxation at our site in Carshalton with hair and beauty professionals ready to help you regenerate! For young disabled adults aged 15+. Get in touch to reserve a space!

charlie@thefantasticfreddiefoundation.com - 07553 172 864 -
www.thefantasticfreddiefoundation.com

Join us at Sutton Football Club on Thursday 14th November from 7pm-10pm for Club House!

Our inclusive and accessible club night is back for good music, good friends and good vibes.

Don't miss out – book your tickets now using this link - <https://orchardhill.ac.uk/sutton-club-house/>
Tickets can also be purchased on the door on the evening. 16+ welcome (I.D will be required at the bar for alcohol).

Please feel free to pass this on to friends and family – the more the merrier!
We look forward to seeing you there.

Thanks,

Kayleigh Mcleod
Events and Marketing Manager
College & OHCAT Services



CLUBHOUSE

Club House

Tickets £6
one carer per ticket for free

Thurs 10th October
Thurs 14th November
Thurs 27th February

Thurs 12th December
Thurs 23rd January
Thurs 27th March

7pm-10pm

Monthly accessible and inclusive club night

Sutton United Football Club,
Gander Green Lane, Sutton, SM12EY

Pay on the door – cash or card, or via the following link

[www.orchardhill.ac.uk](https://orchardhill.ac.uk)

Orchard Hill College



SANTA'S GROTTO

JOIN US FOR ARTS & CRAFTS, MUSIC
AND DELICIOUS TREATS INCLUDING A TURKEY
FEAST BBQ AND VEGETARIAN OPTIONS!

SUNDAY 1ST
DECEMBER
3:00-5:00PM

This event is for Linden Lodge families and staff
There is no charge for entry or refreshments so if you would like
to donate to C@LL
please scan the QR code
and follow the instructions



Planning for the Future with Wills & Trusts webinar – Wednesday 13 November, 10.00am via Zoom

On Wednesday 13 November, Philip Warford will present a webinar about what to consider when planning for the future of a disabled or vulnerable loved one using Wills and Trusts. Philip will explain how you can safeguard means-tested benefits and how to provide financial security for them, as well as the rest of your family. Philip will talk through the different Trust options available, the importance of a Letter of Wishes and the role of Trustees. [For further information and to book a place click on this link.](#)

Universal Credit for Disabled and Vulnerable People webinar – Wednesday 20 November, 10.00am via Zoom

Universal Credit is a means tested benefit that was first launched in 2013, and it replaces six of the older style benefits; child tax credits, working tax credits, income support, income-based Jobseekers Allowance and income-based Employment and Support Allowance. In this free webinar, welfare benefits specialist Nicola Spruce will explain more about what Universal Credit is and how the government's 'Move to UC' strategy might affect you or somebody you are supporting. [For further information and to book a place please click on this link.](#)

Welfare Benefits webinar – Thursday 5 December, 10.00am via Zoom

If you are a parent or carer of a person with disabilities or additional needs, you may be concerned about navigating the complicated benefits system in the right way. In this free 1 hour webinar, Renaissance Legal's specialist benefits team will explore and answer some common benefits questions to provide parents and carers with practical, helpful advice and guidance. [For further information and to book a place click on this link.](#)

A bit about Renaissance Legal (www.renaissancelegal.co.uk)

Renaissance Legal are based in Brighton and specialise in working with families and carers of disabled and vulnerable individuals, helping them plan effectively for the future with Wills, Trusts, Powers of Attorney, Court of Protection applications, Inheritance Tax Planning and Benefits advice.

Renaissance Legal has an unrivalled reputation for their work in the disabled and vulnerable community. The team prides itself on truly understanding the unique needs of families and disabled individuals – all of whom are dealing with complex, often challenging lives, where it's vital that they understand their options. Our webinars are free to join and there is no ongoing obligation.