



LLS News

22/11/2024



Dear families

Today you will be receiving your child's PLGs for Autumn Term 2/Spring Term 1. If you have any questions please speak to your child's class teacher.

On Friday the 15th November, information regarding school photographs was sent home via the home school diary. If your child was photographed and you were expecting to receive a QR code and didn't, please can you let your child's class teacher know and we will arrange for one to be sent home.

As the festive season approaches we have some key dates to share with you:

- C@LL Christmas Event - Sunday 1st December, 3-5pm.
- Christmas lunch and Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday 12th December. A copy of the Christmas lunch menu is on the last page of this newsletter.
- Festive performances will take place during weeks beginning 9th and 16th December - individual department dates to follow.

Have a lovely weekend.

Deaf CAMHS

Deafblind_group

We currently have a Deafblind group that meets regularly for Deafblind children and their parents. If you would like to be included in this group, please email Harriet.Rice@swlstg.nhs.uk

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

**Friday 6th
December**
**First Friday
Foodbank**
(please read on for
more details)

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

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



Celebrating Occupational Therapy Week

Empowering Every Child at Linden Lodge



Why Occupational therapists matter in school?

Feedback from across our school community and beyond reinforces the value of OT. As a Student Occupational therapist commented, "As an occupational therapy student on placement at Linden Lodge, I've seen firsthand the impact that OT can have on the students' lives. Through a tailored, holistic approach, occupational therapy empowers each child to participate in everyday activities that bring joy, build independence, and enhance their learning experience. Occupational therapy doesn't just support development—it transforms potential into meaningful achievements, one skill at a time."

Our commitments

Linden Lodge takes pride in its integrated model of education and therapy, which ensures that every pupil receives consistent, comprehensive care. We remain dedicated to strengthening our OT provision, ensuring all children can engage, learn, and flourish. Thank you for your continued support as we mark **OT Week 2024** and celebrate the life-changing power of occupational therapy.

Warmest wishes,

The Linden Lodge Therapy Team

Celebrating Occupational Therapy Week:

As we celebrate Occupational Therapy Week 2024, we want to share the key role that occupational therapy plays in enhancing the school experience for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities. Across the UK, over 1.5 million pupils have special educational needs—a number that continues to grow each year. (RCOT, 2024)

What is Occupational Therapy?

Occupational therapy is a client-centred health profession focused on promoting health and wellbeing through occupation. The primary goal of occupational therapy is to enable individuals to participate in the activities of everyday life. Occupational therapists achieve this by working with people and communities to enhance their ability to engage in the occupations they want, need, or are expected to do, or by modifying the occupation or environment to support their engagement more effectively (WFOT, 2012).

The Power Of Occupational Therapy:

Occupational therapists are experts in supporting children's physical and mental health as well as their overall development. At school, this could mean helping pupils build the skills and confidence they need to engage fully in their education, develop independence, and enjoy everyday activities. From handwriting to equipment provision, and detailed risk assessments, occupational therapists enable children to navigate school life successfully and transition from adolescence to adulthood. At Linden Lodge, we work collaboratively within a multidisciplinary team of healthcare professionals to provide holistic support for each student.

Empowering Student Potential Through Goal Setting:

Goal setting is central to supporting each student's unique needs. We work closely with families and the team to establish short-term goals that build essential skills and celebrate progress, such as developing or maintaining fine motor skills or sensory regulation abilities. These short-term achievements support long-term goals aimed at promoting greater independence, such as managing personal care or fully participating in group activities. This structured, responsive approach allows each child to achieve meaningful progress, maximising their potential both at school and beyond.

Stars of the Week



Reuben for fantastic walking to different areas of the school and walking on different surfaces.

Abbie for independence skills, washing and making food and tidying her room when asked.

Lillie for settling into Richley House well and trying new activities

Frankie for joining in an activity at Scouts and waiting patiently for his turn.

Aviyah for working hard on her sensory plan and engaging in activities.

Enea for doing amazing sit to stands!

David for using his mobility skills to show his class to a visitor and being so proud about it!

Laura for fantastic engagement in her OT session, using two hands to explore objects and activate toys!

Tiago for having a great first week back for his online learning! Tiago has been engaged and happy to participate in lessons. Well done, Tiago!

Jack for fantastic exploration of foods during lunch time and sensory snack– touching using finger pads, smelling, tasting- placing on lips, using his voice to ask 'What is it?' and spelling/saying food names.

Ben for trying new fruits and liking them.

Unite for using her signs to communicate and waiting patiently for her turn in Scouts.

Frankie for good communication.

Savannah for starting her new job as a Pupil Library Assistant at school and for her amazing progress in reading and writing.

Harry for having an amazing Dance and Movement session this week where he had a great time using his walker and showing everyone his dance moves.

Zephyr for tolerating his AFOs allowing him to get back into his standing frame!

Kindness Award

David and Aisha for calling a friend who is poorly and making her happy.

Amara for always smiling and being happy and great turn-taking in Scouts when she waited patiently for her turn.

Ellie and Alice for welcoming a new member of staff with their smiles and giggles!

Keira for holding a visitor's hand nicely, and showing them her class and then sitting down very nicely!

David for calling a friend from home and asking him how he is.



Community links in Residential



Young people boarding at Richley House were joined by the local metropolitan police this week. We have been building positive relationships with people who help us in the community.

On Tuesday PO Marina and some of the safer community team came by for a social chat and dinner.



Sixth Form celebrate Children in Need



Sixth Form students embraced the opportunity to celebrate Children in Need, the annual event dedicated to raising funds for disadvantaged children and young people across the UK. By participating in Children in Need, Sixth Form students not only contribute to a worthy cause but also cultivate empathy and leadership skills for the future.



First Friday Foodbank

We are delighted to announce our new initiative, **First Friday Foodbank**.

On the first Friday of each month we will be supporting DONS Local Action Group by collecting donations for their **Foodhub**, where donated items are sorted and packed, 7 days a week, to be delivered locally to their recipients by their drivers. The food boxes give crucial support to local residents in need.

If you are able to donate an item, please send in non-perishable items on the **First Friday** in December - **Friday 6th December**.

Thank you in advance for your support.

DONS Local Action Group are a local network of volunteers initially formed in response to the COVID-19 crisis and now permanent across Merton, Wandsworth and Kingston.

They aim to help those in our local community to fight poverty and offer support. They provide food parcels, household goods, furniture and appliances. They also offer laptops through their Keep Kids Connected initiative for children who do not have access to online learning. During the COVID-19 crisis they provided Linden Lodge with donations of ipads through the initiative.





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




Education Wellbeing Service Webinar

Building resilience in primary school children

Children of all genders have much to navigate nowadays in terms of the ups and downs of life.

This free session for parents of primary school children in South London schools shares some ideas, tools and resources for supporting resilience throughout the childhood years.




DATE / TIME

Monday 25th November
7.30-8.30 pm



Scan the QR code or [click here](#)

LOCATION

Online - Hosted on Teams

Sign up to either event for free on Eventbrite by scanning the QR Code.

You can also check out our other events by [clicking here](#)

DATE / TIME

Friday 29th November
12.30-1.30 pm

Scan the QR code or [click here](#)





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CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2024

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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!

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WE HAVE A FEW SPACES LEFT FOR OUR FREE WELLNESS AND PAMPERING DAY

TIME TO RELAX AND UNWIND - REPLY TO THIS EMAIL TO ATTEND!

FRIENDS AND FAMILY WELCOME TO JOIN IN THE FUN



Christmas Lunch



Turkey
Roast potatoes
Yorkshire puddings
Stuffing
Pigs in blankets
Brussel sprouts, parsnips,
mixed vegetables
Gravy



Vegan butternut squash pie,
Vegetarian Quorn Roast

Vegan mince pies or
vegan Christmas pudding
served with optional double/whipped
cream

