



LLS News

29/11/2024



Dear families

Thank you to everyone who attended this week's Parent MDT consultations. If you have not yet met with your child's class teacher and therapy team please contact your child's class teacher.

As you know the C@LL Christmas Event takes place on Sunday 1st December, 3-5pm. Please join us for festive refreshments, arts and crafts and a visit to Santa.

We would also like to remind you about our First Friday Foodbank initiative which starts next Friday. Details follow later in this newsletter.

Winter concerts will take place during weeks beginning 9th and 16th December. Please read on for the dates of your child/young person's performance.

Have a lovely weekend.

Events and dates to remember

Autumn Term Dates

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

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

**Thursday 12th
December**
Christmas lunch and
Save the Children's
Christmas Jumper
Day – A copy of the
Christmas lunch menu
is included on the last
page of this
newsletter.

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

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

School photographs

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I have extended the Deadline for Free Delivery to the School to end of day on Sunday 1st November, for any last minute orders. If you are having trouble typing in the link, please click on the link below and enter the passcode on your login card:

Link : <https://www.intime-photography.com/112024>

Passcode: This will be on your login card.

Please contact me directly with any queries at the email address below.

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Email: info@inTime-Photography.com



Winter concerts

Department	Classes	Date	Time	Location	Winter Concert Title
Primary and Alba	Guitar, Violin, Ukulele, Drum, Harp	10/12/2024	10am	Space	Jolly Jamboree
Early Years	Maracas, Tambourine	11/12/2024	10am	Family Centre	Christmas sing a long
Secondary	Oboe, Clarinet, Bassoon, Flute, Kalimba, Piano	11/12/2024	2pm	Space	Winter Wonderland
Sixth Form and Alba	SF1, SF2a, SF2b, Trombone, Tabla, Gamelan	12/12/2024	10.30am	Isobel Centre & SPACE	The Annual 6th Form Winter Extravaganza
Minerva	Minerva 1, Minerva 2 and Minerva 6th Form	17/12/2024	2pm	Space	The Magic of Kindness

Stars of the Week



David for independent use of his long cane whilst going to the shops. David also had some nice interactions with the shop assistant.

Oliver for being amazing in the Hydro pool this week, lots of splashing and vocalisations.

Bethany for being super engaged during her music therapy session. Well done!

Ben was able to walk sensibly to the local shops using his long cane and practice road safety.

Pietra for exploring her voice more and engaging in interactions with her familiar adults.
Great work, Pietra!

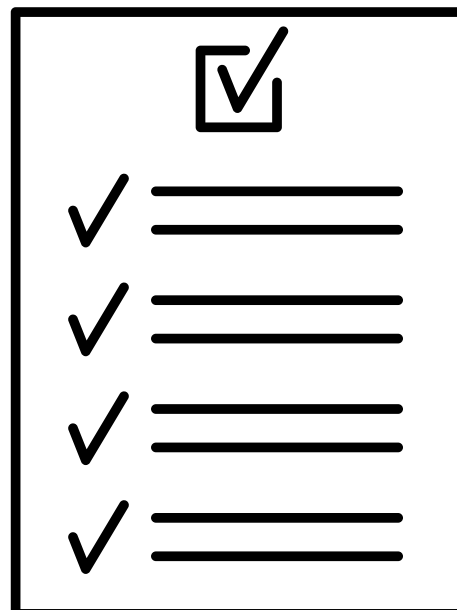
Tadas for working really hard during therapy sessions. Tadas has been doing some amazing sit-to-stands from a bench!

Photo Consent Form 2024-25

We kindly ask you to review and complete our annual Photography, Multimedia, and Video Consent Form. Your responses will help us understand your preferences regarding the use of your child's images and videos across various platforms.

Please click on this link <https://forms.office.com/e/8yAAWYBeX1?origin=lprLink> and take a moment to indicate your consent for each of the options provided. This will ensure we respect your wishes while celebrating and sharing important moments from our school community.

Thank you for your prompt responses.
Linden Lodge Team



Congratulations to our Jack Petchey Achievement Award winners



We would like to congratulate the latest winners of the Jack Petchey Achievement Award:

Aurora continues to make good progress in all areas. Aurora has made good friendships in her class as well as the wider school community. She is very helpful to her classmates and is known for her infectious laughter and amazing sense of humour. Well done Aurora.

U'nite has shown great progress. With all the changes in her vision, U'nite has been able to continue use her device and have a voice, as well as be creative in troubleshooting how to use it, even after her vision was reduced further! We are so proud of U'nite for being such a resilient young lady and for seeing her thrive in her communication.

Winners receive a certificate and £300.00 for their class/department to spend on resources.

Celebrating 200 years of Braille

On Tuesday 26th November, our Learning Resource Centre Manager Becky was fortunate to be invited to the RNIB's event at the British Library celebrating 200 years of braille.

The event involved a lively discussion between Dave Williams, Betsy Griffin, Jane Constance, Emma Tracey and Lord David Blunkett.

Here's what Becky had to say:

“This was an incredibly special event to be able to attend in person. The panellists began by debunking common myths about learning braille and then moved on to sharing some of the ways braille has had a meaningful impact in their lives. From Dave Williams proposing to his wife using braille Scrabble tiles, Emma Tracey writing flashcards for her BBC disability podcast 'Access All' and singer Jane Constance using braille music to learn new songs, the versatility of this tactile code was highlighted over and over again. Panellists debated the future of braille and delivered the resounding message that braille continues to fizz with energy and will be sticking around for a long time to come.”

You can listen to a recording of the event until Monday 2nd December at 23:55 here:

<https://www.blplayer.co.uk/eventlink/897/zT7HpOP8#video-iframe>



Linden Lodge School is part of Operation Encompass it is a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and police forces.

When and/or if a child or young person has experienced (including witnessed) domestic abuse Operation Encompass will report to the school, prior to the start of the next school day.

As a school we have ensured that a member of our staff, (Designated Safeguarding Lead) known as a Key Adult, has been trained in the Operation Encompass procedures allowing us to then use the information that has been shared, in confidence, to support the child/ren in our care. This knowledge will enable us to offer the best possible support to our pupils as soon as possible.

The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 identifies children who experience (including witnessed) domestic abuse as victims of domestic abuse in their own right.



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





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
served with optional double/whipped
cream

