



LLS News

19/12/2024



Dear families

Thank you for all your support this term. It has been lovely to see you at our Parent MDT Consultations and, more recently, at our Winter Performances.

Thank you to everyone who supported Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day. Your donations helped us to raise a final total of £117 for the charity.

Today we are also sending you a newsletter from our Food Tech team with a list of adaptable resources that can help your child to be more independent when helping you in the kitchen at home. If you would like any further information please contact the team by emailing info@lindenlodge.org.uk and a member of staff will contact you when we return to school in the new year.

School reopens on Monday 6th January at 9.50am.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

Events and dates to remember

Autumn Term Dates

**Thursday 19th
December 2024**

Last day for pupils
School finishes at
1.30pm

**Friday 20th
December 2024**

Planning and
Preparation Day 1 for
staff (no pupils)

Spring Term Dates

**Monday 6th January
at 9.50am**

First Day of Spring
Term - School
reopens

**First Friday
Foodbank**

Friday 10th January

**Tuesday 14th
January**

After School Club
restarts



Residential News

Scouts awards

In addition to last week's Scouts award news we are delighted to announce that Ben has won Scout of the Year and has been awarded his certificate. Congratulations Ben!



Residential celebrated Christmas this week with their Christmas dinner and Santa visit on Tuesday, followed by a wonderful visit from The Dover House choir on Wednesday, The choir came along and sang some beautiful Christmas carols to our young people who thoroughly enjoyed the performance.





Co-Headteacher Awards Autumn 2024



EYFS	
Sadie	For having such a positive start to school and settling so beautifully into class.
Arjan	For having such a positive start to school and settling in so beautifully into class.
Primary	
Tiago	For having such a smooth transition from Early Years to Primary this term. Tiago has adjusted well to the new pace and environment- well done!
Ruairi	For building trust and developing relationships with the staff and pupils in Primary. Ruairi is developing good habilitation skills and is transitioning well across the school in his new environment
Enea	For settling into his new class wonderfully, forming great friendships and making progress across all areas. Enea has also been developing his tolerance of different pieces of equipment throughout the day.
Mattia	For settling into Linden Lodge and his new class group. For building relationships with others and engaging in different opportunities and experiences
Secondary	
Lydia	For settling into her new class and engaging well in learning activities. Lydia brings a sense of fun and enjoyment to every session!
BeiBei	For her hard work and dedication to her learning. BeiBei has worked hard on her writing skills. She can now hold her pen and enjoys mark making! Well done BeiBei!

Keelia	For making great progress, meeting learning outcomes and personal goals. Keelia is engaging in activities, improving her communication, physical and independent living skills. We're all very proud of you. Well done!
Isabela	For her successful transition into her new class and the Linden Lodge community. With her positive and happy nature, Isabela has embraced new challenges and has enjoyed exploring different environments.
Alba	
Mohammed	For progressing from zero tolerance to now wearing his hearing aids all day and wearing his prosthetic eye most of the day at school. This is a great achievement!
Alice	For your dedication to using the eye gaze device and communication book daily, along with your progress in expressing emotions, engaging in lessons, and making thoughtful choices. Well done, Alice!
David	For settling so well in his new class, learning the routines, engaging in learning and making friends.
Minerva	
Karan	For putting in a lot of effort to engage in lessons and to take part in activities. We love to hear Karan's laugh and appreciate his contributions in class.
Mohamed	For adjusting to life at Linden Lodge so well. Making friends, helping others, and excelling at his learning across all curriculum areas. Well done Mohamed!
Jean-Claude	For outstanding application and attitude towards improving his English skills. Jean-Claude always attempts to complete his English work and does so with a smile on his face. Well done Jean-Claude!

Harris Centre

Lilyan

For being consistently ready to learn in her new class, being alert to her new classmates and working really well with all her new adults.

Daniel

For successfully transitioning to the secondary department and smoothly settling in to his new class. For showing increasing engagement in all activities.

Sumaya

For showing amazing persistence this term. You have made great progress, especially on your walker! Congratulations, Sumaya!

Sixth Form

Savannah

For making amazing progress in her literacy skills. Savannah has been working hard on her reading and handwriting and has recently moved on to typing on her laptop. Well done!

Nayera

For adapting well to her new class, showing interest in engaging with familiar adults. Nayera actively and enthusiastically participates in all activities.

Frankie

For Frankie's positive start in SF2B, showing great progress in self-awareness, communication, independence, and building relationships. Frankie's effort to adapt to new routines and engage with peers is commendable.

Residential

Frankie

For being happy to experience Richley House, engaging in all activities and being settled through the night.

Lillie

For transitioning to Residential with such ease. Lillie is building on her

Winter Concerts

Thank you to all of our families who came to our Winter Concerts. We had fun performing them and we hope that you enjoyed watching.

This week Minerva closed the shows with The Magic of Kindness which included a fantastic performance of Alice in Wonderland by the drama group.



Music awards

During our Summer Scheme our children and young people had lots of fun in their music sessions and while they were developing their musical skills they achieved awards in Musical Development from Trinity College London.

This week, Adam Ockelford joined our end of term celebration to present them all with their certificates. Congratulations to:

Harry
Jason
Ishaan
Joseph
Roza
Amarah
Alice
Finn
Aaron
Jack
Victoria

Kiera
James
Kieran
Hannah
Daniel
Oliver
Arjun
Rueben
Ben
Poppy
Leila

Drew
Artie
Royem
Amelia
Filip
Elsa
Ruairi
Raphy
Fara





**Merton's Forum for Parents of
Children and Young People with
Disabilities or Special Needs**

Transition of children with EHCP's from primary to secondary school

**With Georgie Tyrell, SEN Team Manager and EHCP Co-Ordinators, and
Fran Turko and Shazia Khan from Merton's Information, Advice and
Support Service (MIASS)**

Don't miss this opportunity for year 5 parents to come and hear what the process for the transition of children with EHCPs from primary to secondary school will look like for a September 2026 start date (parents of children with EHCPs in other primary school years also welcome).

Georgie will be giving an overview of the process and introducing you to some of the team of EHCP Co-Ordinators. Fran and Shazia will give a short presentation on the legal framework, some top tips and what to expect from schools.

Book now to secure a place at this popular annual session!

This session is running both in-person AND online on two different days.

In-person session:

Thursday 16 January 2025, 10am-12pm

To join the in-person meeting, contact Tuhina:

Message/ring: 07929 670645

Email: kf.admin@mertonmencap.org.uk

Location:

Chaucer Centre, Combi Room, Canterbury Road, Morden, SM4 6PX

Online (via Zoom) session:

Tuesday 21 January 2025, 5-7pm

Click here to book: <https://bit.ly/4g0GZsa>

THESE SESSIONS ARE FOR PARENT CARERS ONLY

✓ For more information or to register with Kids First / Adults First and receive news of all our events, just ring 020 3963 0597 or email kf.admin@mertonmencap.org.uk.