



LLS News

07/03/2025



Dear families

It's been a fun and engaging week for our students. Thank you to everyone who dressed up for World Book Day. You all looked fantastic!

Our Educational Psychologist, Jason Banville, is offering some more 30 minute sessions for parents and carers. The sessions will take place 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 next sessions will be available on **Thursday 13th March and Friday 14th March**. The sessions available on Thursday are 2.00-2.30pm, 3.00-3.30pm, 3.30-4.00pm & 4.00-4.30pm.

The sessions available on Friday are 2.00-2.30pm, 2.30-3.00pm, 3.00-3.30pm, 3.30-4.00pm & 4.00-4.30pm. 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 to confirm the booking date & time. If your preferred session is not available we will contact you with an alternative time.

Have a lovely weekend. Enjoy the Spring sunshine!



Events and dates to remember

Spring Term Dates

Friday 21st March

Red Nose Day

Thursday 3rd April

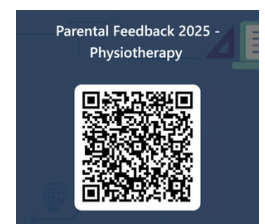
Last day for pupils

Friday 4th April

Planning and Preparation Day 2 for staff (no pupils)

Physiotherapy Team Parent & Carer Feedback Survey

Please can you take 5-10 minutes to complete the survey via QR code below to help the physiotherapy team work towards improving their service. It is greatly appreciated. Thank you, PT team.



Fabulous Fundraisers

Congratulations to Adrienne and Emma for reaching their fundraising target for Great Ormond Street Hospital. Thank you to everyone who donated.

<https://www.justgiving.com/team/linden>



Jack Petchey Award brings music to our outdoor spaces

Claire Hatton, one of our Primary Department teachers, was a recent Jack Petchey Leader Award winner and she was awarded a grant of £1000 to spend on resources for the school. Claire worked with Vicky Thomas, music teacher, to choose outdoor music equipment.

Claire and Vicky have shared how this grant will enhance our students' access to music:

The grant has enabled us to purchase new musical instruments for our young people to access independently and during planned music sessions. The instruments are positioned in our outdoor learning environment which is helping us to replace well used and weathered equipment.

Music is a vital learning tool for our students due to their visual impairments and these will provide much enjoyment and learning oppo



Stars of the Week

Abbie for being super active this week, two trips to the fitness suite and swimming.

Aviyah for making great progress on her independence at meal times.

Matteo for doing more independent walking and exploring around the classroom. Good effort, Matteo!

Teddy for an amazing Eye Gaze session using the 'look to read' programme!



Kindness Award

Frankie for collecting the recycling and taking it to the bins.

David for being supportive of his peers during exercise and cheering them on.



LOLER Testing

Liko Hill-Rom will be in school to LOLER test all our students' slings from 24th March until 3rd April.

Please send all slings from home that are used in school to be tested. It is a legal requirement that all slings are LOLER tested every 6 months.

Learning at Linden - Outdoor learning

On Wednesday, Violin class and Sixth Form 2B visited Belvue Park for a tree planting workshop organised by the Sensory Trust in partnership with Trees for Cities.

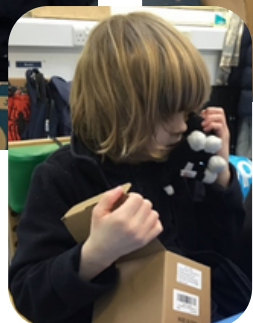
We explored a variety of gardening tools and materials, including gloves, spades, pots, soil, roots, mulch, and even some worms! Afterward, we planted whips (small trees about 30cm tall). It was a wonderful day spent in nature, and everyone appreciated the chance to be outside in the warm sunshine



Learning at Linden in our Primary Department

In the Spring term, Harp class loved our story 'My cat likes to hide in boxes'.

Cats from many different countries may like to do all kinds of strange and exotic things like fly aeroplanes, or sing and dance, or even play the violin - but my cat, an ordinary round-the-house cat, likes to hide in boxes . . .



Story Telling

Animated story telling captivates pupils interest and promotes encourages communication.



Music Therapy and Communication in Harp class

Music is a naturally communicative mode of expression, whether words are used or not. Music therapy can not only motivate people to communicate and express themselves, but offers a creative outlet for their feelings, thoughts and ideas that may be difficult to express otherwise.



Our friend from Sixth Form joined our pancake fun for his work experience. He was so helpful and a wonderful role model for our younger children.



Mr Wolf's Pancakes' book was a wonderful inspiration for our Shrove Tuesday celebrations. We helped Mr Wolf to read the recipe and list the ingredients needed for the shopping list. It was such fun to compare the weight of the ingredients. Best of all, we got to make our own pancakes!



Our Speech and Language therapist supports Harp students with AAC devices to develop meaningful communication



Harp class pupils having lots of fun at New Age Kurling Competition at Southfields Academy.



Learning at Linden - Music



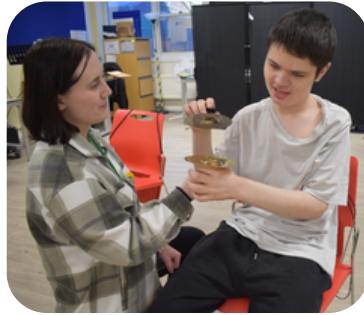
Over 30 pupils took part in workshops held by Wandsworth Music Hub and the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra as part of Wandsworth Brighter Sounds. Pupils had a fantastic time exploring new instruments and enjoying a range of activities including writing their own song! A huge well done to everyone who took part and a big thank you to the workshop leaders!



World Book Day

This week to celebrate World Book Day, classes have been engaging in lots of wonderful storytelling activities.

In Music, classes explored the book 'Listen to the Music' and the instruments mentioned within from around the world throughout history.



In Art, classes listened to their favourite stories and created masks of the characters which appear in them.



Early Years, Piano and Trombone took part in special tactile book sessions with Alex from ClearVision.



Violin Class' masks inspired by 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'.

Oboe Class' masks inspired by 'Space Song Rocket Ride'



Bassoon class dressed up for World Book Day! Their costumes included a train driver and a Little Ladybird

Pupils from Minerva visited Harp and Ukulele to read 'I will not ever NEVER eat a tomato' and 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'.



Sixth Form ran a fantastic Paddington-themed event in the Isobel Centre where pupils were invited to listen to the book, make marmalade sandwiches and create their own Paddington artwork.



Andy Copps, a sensory storyteller, visited the school on Tuesday 4th March and all classes enjoyed listening to his African animal fables.



~~101~~ 4 Dalmatians and 2 Cruella De Vils took over the Senior Leadership Team meeting on World Book Day!