



LLS News

14/03/2025



Dear families

Today you will have received your child or young person's Personal Learning Goals (PLGs). If you have any questions please speak to your child's class teacher.

Next week we will be welcoming a RAF band to Linden Lodge. We are looking forward to hearing them play on Thursday.



Have a lovely weekend.

Stars of the Week

Jack for being a super star during the class group therapy session - listening, following instructions, using words to make choices and superb dancing.



Karan for his hard work during lessons and his outstanding progress in Braille.

Laura for being engaged with all her physio related activities this week and using signs for 'More' and 'Finished'.

Henry for being amazing with his walking - having lots of short walks in the day to build up his strength

Pietra for doing some amazing learning in prone on the wedge. Pietra did a great job at bringing her head to the middle during this lesson. Great work, Pietra!

Kindness Award

Ava for being settled and working nicely with new members of staff.

Unite for being engaging in game with her friend.



Habilitation Star of the Week

John for demonstrating excellent independence and knowledge when showing students from Kings College the way to Richley House during his habilitation lesson.



Events and dates to remember

Spring Term Dates



Friday 21st March

Red Nose Day

Please support Comic Relief by wearing red and making a donation

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rnd25-linden-lodge-school>

Wednesday 26th March

Purple Day - Raising Awareness for Epilepsy

<https://www.youngepilepsy.org.uk/>

Thursday 3rd April

Last day for pupils

Friday 4th April

Planning and Preparation Day 2 for staff (no pupils)

Tuesday 29th April

10am

C@LL AGM



Learning at Linden in our Secondary Department

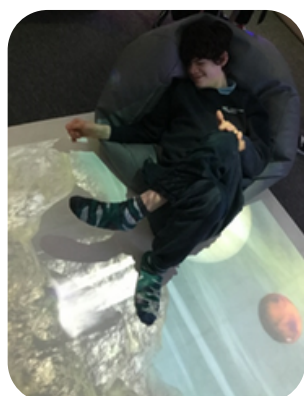


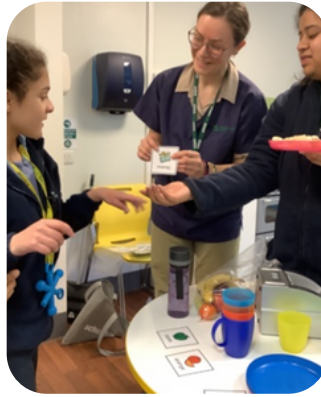
British Science Week 2025 takes place between 7th to 16th March. Bassoon class celebrated by completing their volcanoes, creating their volcanic 'explosions' and were excited to engage in this practical activity!



Bassoon class have been looking after their bulbs independently this half term in preparation for the Spring Bulb Competition. Our hard work has paid off and we were awarded a gold certificate, We were very excited to celebrate this achievement as a class.

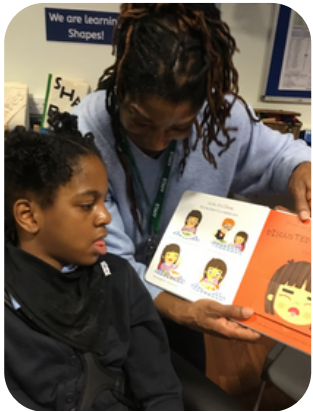
Last week, Kalimba learned continued learning about the planet Earth and space. The students explored the school playgrounds and sensory rooms while enjoying the beautiful weather.





In Oboe class we have been practicing eating in a new environment. We have been developing our skills to make clear choices of what we want to eat and taking our plates to the table with minimal adult support in the life skills room. We hope to continue developing our skills to utilize them in the community.

In Clarinet class pupils were engaged in learning shapes using matching games in puzzles to support learning. We took advantage of the lovely weather to do some learning outside, utilising the resources we have in the playground to explore measurement and colours. One pupil could be observed showing engagement with the Physiotherapist and taking active steps in the walker. Another pupil can be seen describing feelings, using a familiar story to make choices. One pupil was engaged in learning hand skills, developing fine motor skills. Well done to all the pupils in Clarinet Class. You are all amazing.



Piano class have been working hard to develop their individual modes of communication during focused time with our SaLT. We have enjoyed developing our communication using different methods including switching, E-Tran frames, auditory scanning and associating real life objects with symbols.





In Flute class, we are learning about measurement. We have explored lots of different ways to measure including measuring volume in tablespoons, time and length. Everyone has worked really hard!

Maths

Murtaza has created his own puzzle, based on our current Maths topic: Measurement.

3 glasses of Pepsi max are needed to fill one jug. 6 jugs are needed to fill 1 bucket.
How many glasses of Pepsi Max are needed to fill 1 bucket?



Congratulations to all of the classes who took part in this year's Spring Bulb Growing Competition. Judging took place last Friday and the judge, Jacquie Freeland from the London Children's Flower Society, was very impressed with our daffodils and hyacinths. The children and staff were all very proud to receive their class certificates



Habilitation Team News

HABVIUK Conference

The Habilitation team recently attended the annual HABVIUK Conference, a key event for professionals supporting children and young people with vision impairment. The conference brought together Habilitation professionals from across the UK to discuss best practices and explore innovative strategies to enhance mobility, orientation, and independent living skills.

Throughout the event, our team engaged in workshops, group discussions, and networking opportunities, gaining valuable insights into the latest advancements in Habilitation. Below are some highlights from our day.

Powerchair mobility

We had the opportunity to follow an inspiring and hardworking young person along her journey of learning to use her long cane together with a powerchair. The video diaries showed a year-long Habilitation programme, which began with her using the long cane in her manual chair and ended with her travelling in a shopping centre, navigating pavements, and crossing roads within the local community. We cannot wait to take this learning back to the students who would benefit.

Independent Living Skills

We enjoyed a carousel of activities that included cutting, dressing and teeth brushing, sharing ideas for strategies and experiencing first hand the difficulties young people face with daily tasks.

Navigating independence through technology

A technology expert from Guide Dogs taught us about some of the accessibility features available which can support a person's mobility in outdoor spaces. This included turning on detailed voice guidance in Google Maps, using the Soundscape app, and best of all how to gamify this to make it fun for young people.

Keynote presentations

- Talia Treen, ECLO from Birmingham Children's Hospital and Geraldine Carragher ECLO from Good Hope and Heartlands Hospital, presented an overview of the role of the Eye Clinic Liaison Officer, as well as what happens at a child's appointment and how best habilitation specialists can support parents and families pre and post visit.
- From Mobility to Habilitation - a retrospective. Mary Pullen who is soon leaving the field of habilitation, gave us a retrospective insight into how the field of mobility, orientation and independence has changed since she started 40 years ago.



Therapy Team News

Advanced SOS Course

Saniya Nadkarni(Occupational Therapist), is taking an exciting step by enrolling in the Advanced SOS course.

This workshop is all about helping children with developmental challenges become better eaters. Dr Kay Toomey will lead the course, teaching strategies to support children who have difficulties with cognitive, motor, visual, and swallowing functions. By improving feeding skills, we can make a big difference in a child's health, nutrition, skill development, social life, and overall happiness.

Families have already seen great success with this approach, and we're thrilled to see even more progress as Saniya enhances her skills. She's one of four therapists at Linden who are trained in the SOS approach.

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.

Parental Feedback 2025 -
Physiotherapy



Noticeboard

MINDFUL BEINGS AND LEARNING & PLAY HUB

MINDFUL BEINGS
Mindfulness & Therapeutic Yoga

Learning and Play Hub

Daniella and Beth will be collaborating with their knowledge and experience, supporting children, young adults and their families.

Daniella is a holistic therapist - Mentor & Facilitator using her knowledge from Yoga & Mindfulness to support physical and mental movement for neurodiversity & mainstream. A therapeutic intervention for SEND schools across the UK.


Beth is a primary SEND teacher with 10 years experience working with neuro diverse young people. Beth runs learning & play sessions 1:1 and for groups. The Hub is a community space that celebrates and empowers neuro diverse young people.

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THE MINDFUL PATHWAYS PARENTS PROGRAMME

AN EDUCATIONAL WELLBEING WORKSHOP FOR SEND PARENTS & CAREGIVERS



Who we are

Daniella is a holistic therapist - Mentor & Facilitator using her knowledge from Yoga & Mindfulness to support physical and mental movement for neurodiversity & mainstream. A therapeutic intervention for SEND schools across the UK.
Founder of Mindful Beings



Beth is a primary SEND teacher with 10 years experience working within the SEND sector. Beth opened the Learning & play hub last year to run sessions for neuro diverse young people & their families. The Hub is a space that celebrates neurodiversity and provides valuable support for the community.

Our workshop topics:

- Understanding sensory processing & sensory profiles - Therapeutic Movement
- Stress, anxiety and triggers - Developing a compassionate approach for ourselves
- Honouring communication - Understanding the practice of Deep listening
- Regulation & co-regulation -How to access Calm for yourself & child

Workshop structure

1. Open with a mindfulness practice
2. Presentation of topic - Two perspectives.
3. Interactive & practical activities
4. Close with a mindfulness practice or meditation
5. Group reflection - Taking home the session

Tea & snacks

For more info or to book a place email :
mindfulbeingsdo@gmail.com

TIME:
10.30AM - 1PM

DURATION: 4 WEEKS
(DATES TBC)

COST: £155

Location :
89 Bickersteth Rd
London SW17 9SH

