



LLS News

02/05/2025



Dear families

Curriculum themes for this term

As you know, our curriculum follows an overarching yearly theme, which is then broken down into 3 termly themes. This allows us to meaningfully support our student's access to learning, whilst promoting their engagement and motivation through the implementation of innovative and exciting lessons. This year our overarching theme is: Our Universe, and the summer term's theme is: Our Environment.

If you would like any further information regarding the teaching and learning taking place within class, please contact your child's class teacher through the home school diary.

Have a lovely weekend.

Events and dates to remember

Summer Term Dates

Monday 5th May
Bank holiday
School closed

Tuesday 6th May
12pm
C@LL AGM

Tuesday 20th May
10am-12pm
Phase transitions
event for families
Years 1, 6, 9, 11

Previously used wheelchair offer

We have been contacted by a family who have a wheelchair to donate to another family. They have a 'perfect multi-purpose sports wheelchair' (RGK All Stars) previously used for tennis for a young person with mobility issues to participate in school sports (approx. age range 7-12 years). If you are interested please email info@lindenlodge.org.uk

Please note that Linden Lodge School accepts no responsibility or liability for the equipment.

Habilitation Star of the Week



Jack J for working so hard and practicing his scanning technique for the whole lesson. This included practicing keeping his cane hand in his midline, using his cane to find obstacles, and learning how wide to scan with his cane.



Kindness Award

Aisha for taking responsibility for her laundry and remembering to do it weekly.

U'nite for sharing her birthday cake and handing it out to friends at residential.

Star of the Week

Lara for excellent independent walking and trailing in-between excellent walking with sighted guide, trailing and exploring key land marks using touch, verbal explanation and prompts.



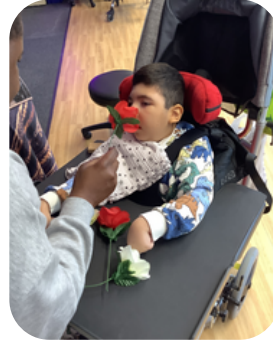
Harry for recognising his emotions and being able to express his needs appropriately.

Bethany was able to walk with sighted guide to the local shop, explore the items on shelves and choose a drink with a familiar adult.

Tatiana for working hard to regain her strength and participating in therapy sessions with enthusiasm and a smile!

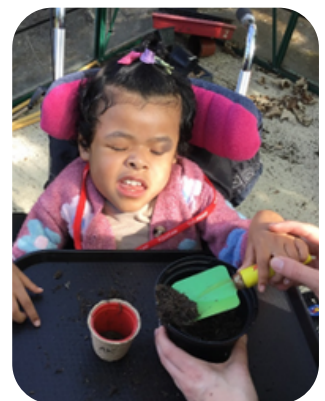
Learning at Linden - Primary

Guitar class has had a great start to the Summer Term! On Tuesday, 22nd April we celebrated Earth Day with some nature themed sensory exploration. Students enjoyed feeling and smelling flowers, exploring the 'desert' sand tray, feeling the pinecones and pine needles of the forest floor and listening to nature sounds.



The children in Harp class returned from the Easter holiday refreshed and eager to learn, play and explore this term.

Last week we celebrated Earth Day by going on nature walks and noticing the beauty and changes around us. Planting seeds outdoors was an excellent learning opportunity for our children. They were able to learn about following instructions, getting messy and all the things we need to do to take care of plants and growing seeds. Feeling the texture of the soil and the seeds was fun! This was a wonderful learning opportunity to teach our children about the importance of taking care of the environment.



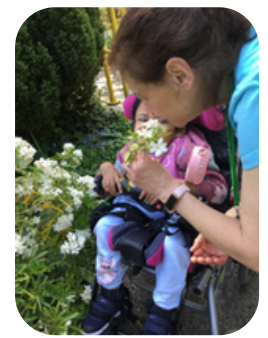
We have been celebrating International Dance Day and May Day this week. We so enjoyed embracing the arrival of Spring. Our children used ribbons to dance with, made music with sticks and other wooden instruments and showed us some great dance moves.



We used the rose garden as our learning space to explore and pick flowers, move freely and independently, share findings with one another and to honour the changing of the seasons.



We used the flowers, leaves and natural materials we picked to create window nature collages. Harp children showed off their creative skills while connecting with nature!



This photo was taken by a parent of our home learner in Harp class. He has been reading the story 'This is the planet where I live' and the illustrations have helped him to understand the story and to celebrate our environment.



Violin class have made the most of the lovely weather this week taking part in a lot of outdoor lessons and games! We had a fantastic time at the Panathlon Sports Day, played some fun parachute games and explored the equipment in the playground.



Ukulele Class horse-riding 2025

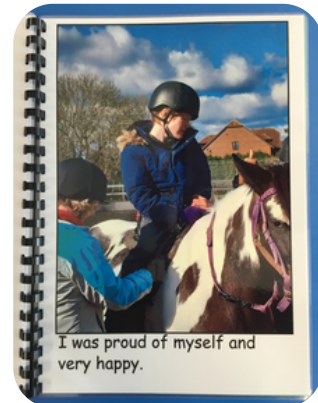


The whole class has really enjoyed going horse riding on a Thursday afternoon.

All students have made small or big learning steps and parents love to see these on the Earwig platform. This year we made a lovely book for one student who enjoys reading it before each session and has taken a copy home to share with his family.



We would like to say a big thank you for the opportunity to experience these sessions and support our learning within our community, whilst supported by adults that know the us well and we feel confident with.



Learning at Linden - Music

Pupils have been very busy in their music lessons! Here is a little taste of what they have been up to.

Woodland Walk - Jack Petchey instruments

Following the installation of the new instruments added to the Woodland Walk, pupils from a number of classes enjoyed getting out into the woodlands to explore the sounds and newly installed instruments!

Pupils enjoyed listening to the new sounds and exploring the sounds you might hear in the woods and copying them using different instruments.



Earth by Hans Zimmer

Pupils in Minerva, SF1 and Bassoon have been learning about 'Earth' by Hans Zimmer. This piece was written for the BBC Ten Pieces project and invites pupils to create their own music in response to the piece.

Pupils enjoyed learning about the different techniques Hans Zimmer uses including prepared piano before learning to play the tune on the keyboard. After this, pupils set about creating variations of the tune to create their composition!

Here is a short piece of writing by a pupil in Minerva 1 about how the music makes her feel:

"When I listen to Earth it makes me feel calm and happy because of the different sounds playing. Also when I listen to it it makes me think of flowers blowing in the wind and beats because of the drumming."



Listen to the Music!

Inspired by World Book Day, pupils explored the book 'Listen to the Music' which took them on a journey around the world and throughout history to explore different styles of music and their instruments. Pupils particularly enjoyed exploring Indian Raga, 1900s Ragtime and Baroque music (Mozart) with lots of smiles and excitement!



Food Technology - VE Day recipe

If you are planning any celebrations for VE Day on Thursday 8th May, Andrea, our Food Technology teacher, has recommended a delicious orange and ginger cake recipe which you can find on the official VE Day website:

<https://ve80.com/>

<https://ve80.com/wp-content/themes/poppy/resources/pdfs/Celebration+Cake+page+v05.pdf>



C@LL Vacancies - Chair and Secretary

Dear Parents and Carers,

C@LL can't do what they do without a Chair and a Secretary. All committee roles could be shared between two parents.

David Shaw, recently and very kindly agreed to be our interim Chair, but we really need a parent perspective to help shape events and organise the committee. David will be stepping down from the role at the next meeting.

I took on the role of Secretary in March but due to personal circumstances I will be unable to continue with this role and will also be stepping down at the next meeting.

The committee knows how much time it takes to deal with our children's paperwork, hospital appointments and support battles in addition to all the other things daily life throws at you; we are set up to allow for this with parents and staff covering for and supporting each other.

I can promise you that all the infrastructure is there, and it really has not taken up much of my time at all. There's lots of flexibility to make it your own, see what works best for you time wise and bring in some new thinking.

There are no requirements to live near the school or be in a certain school year. It has been a wonderful group to be part of and a great way to get to know other parents and staff whilst doing something rewarding.

Without volunteers, C@LL can't continue. If you are interested in being C@LL Chair or Secretary, please do get in touch with either David or myself.

Thanks,

Lynsey

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Missed your teenage vaccines at school?

Head to your local immunisation
catch-up clinic and make sure
you're fully protected!

Thursday 8th May

15:30 - 18:00

St John's Therapy Centre, SW11 1SW

Tuesday 27th May

10:00 - 14:00

St John's Therapy Centre, SW11 1SW

**Call 0203 903 3374 for more
information.**

