



LLS News

23/05/2025



Dear families

Thank you to everyone who attended this week's Phase Transitions event. We shared informative presentations and parents had the opportunity to have a tour of the department that their child/young person will be moving to in September.

School closes for the half term break today and will reopen for students on Monday 2nd June at 9.50am.

If you haven't already done so, please take a few minutes to complete this short questionnaire about the recent MDT Consultations to help us improve the process as we prepare for the Summer term consultations:

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/hhbpM9yAtK>

Have a lovely half term.

Events and dates to remember

Summer Term Dates

Monday 26th May 2025 – Friday 30th May 2025

Half Term Holiday

Saturday 21st June 10am-3pm

Alumni Event for Past Pupils of Linden Lodge

Friday 18th July 2025

Last day for pupils

Monday 21st July 2025

Inset Day (no pupils)

Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Planning and Preparation Day for staff (no pupils)

Speech and Language Team Parent & Carer Feedback Survey

Please can you take 5-10 minutes to complete the survey via link below to help the Speech and Language therapy team work towards improving their service. It is greatly appreciated. Thank you, SALT team.

<https://forms.office.com/e/TXdPj53jWz>

Kindness Award

Reuben for working with different adults in class and focusing hard in adult led activities as well as activities of his choosing.



Habilitation Star of the Week

Tami for his determination and hard work when learning to driver his power chair out in the community.



Star of the Week



Fara for putting in an amazing effort during the research study on the Innowalk and her standing frame this week. Great job, Fara!

Teddy for increased engagement and participation in sessions!

Learning at Linden - Art

Students have been busy this half term making their different art projects; a small selection of which you can see below.

Minerva 2 have been printing to make their tower block perspective pictures.



Trombone and Gamelan classes celebrated VE day by making aeroplanes and poppies



Primary classes have made greenhouses and sown their own choice of seeds inside. All the students are waiting and checking to see whose seeds germinate first.



Learning at Linden - Minerva

The OTIS Made to Move Communities (MTMC) Challenge is a prestigious international STEM competition that brings together schools from across the world to design innovative solutions that promote inclusive mobility. This year's theme challenged students to incorporate Artificial Intelligence into their proposals to solve real-world accessibility issues.

We are incredibly proud to share that our Minerva 2 students, alongside Sana Uddin and Beatriz Calvo Perez, have achieved second place in this highly competitive challenge. Representing our region, they competed against schools from cities including Madrid, Montpellier, Berlin, Milan, Istanbul, and Kuwait.

Since October, the students have worked weekly with their teachers and dedicated mentors from OTIS to develop their idea: an AI-powered app called Walkway, which is designed to support visually impaired individuals with inclusive and accessible navigation. The app not only helps people move safely and independently through their environments, but also fosters social connection and community awareness.

On March 20th, the students presented their project to a panel of judges. A few weeks later, we received the incredible news that our team had been awarded second place, winning a \$15,000 grant to support further STEM learning at the school.

This has been an inspiring journey for everyone involved. Through their participation, the students have developed a deeper understanding of AI and accessibility, built their communication and teamwork skills, and grown in confidence. Their determination, creativity, and empathy shone through at every stage. Looking ahead, the team is excited to continue developing their idea with the hope that Walkway can one day become a real, market-ready app.

Our ambition is to make a meaningful impact on the lives of visually impaired individuals around the world by promoting greater independence and connection through inclusive technology. This is just the beginning, so please wish us luck as we take the next steps on this exciting journey!

OTIS released a video celebrating all the finalist teams, including ours. Please see the video in the link below to celebrate this incredible achievement with us.

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DIMYu2sN9Mu/?igsh=MWh3cmtmd3BxMTRzeA==>

<https://bcove.video/4bH4w00>



Food Technology

Our Food Technology Department have provided some helpful suggestions on how your child can help in the kitchen while learning valuable skills.

Ways You Can Help in the Kitchen!

● No-Cook Helpers (Great for All Ages)

- Wash fruit and vegetables
- Spread things on toast or bread
- Lay the table
- Wipe down table and surfaces

● Little Cooks (With an Adult Nearby)

- Measure out ingredients
- Use cookie cutters for dough
- Tear lettuce or herbs for salads
- Call everyone to the table

▲ Older Kids (With Supervision)

- Chop soft foods with a safe knife
- Crack eggs into a bowl
- Use the microwave or toaster
- Follow simple step-by-step recipe

Top Tips! Always wash your hands before cooking

Clear and wash up as you go

Right Respecting Schools

Sixth Form 1 had a discussion about children's rights and the students chose the rights that they felt were most relevant to them for their Class Charter.

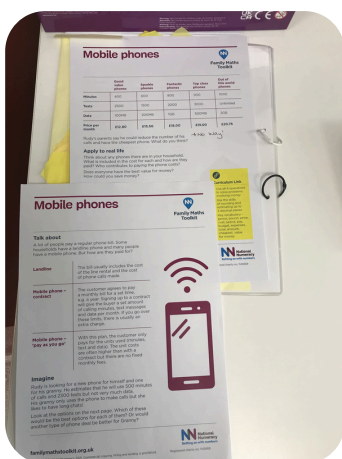
Our Class Charter

- Article 13: I have the right to express myself
- Article 19: I have the right to be safe
- Article 28: I have the right to learn
- Article 24: I have the right to be healthy
- The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC)
- Article 31: I have the right to relax and play
- Article 15: I have the right to have friends
- Article 12: I have the right to be heard
- Article 29: I have the right to an education that develops my abilities

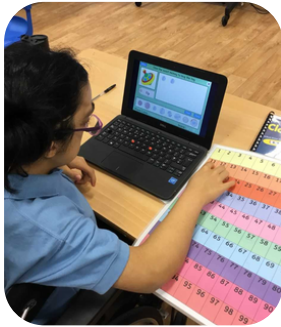
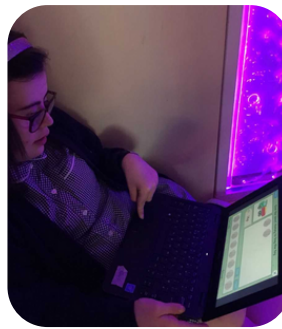
Maths - National Numeracy Day

On National Numeracy Day, Minerva 6th Form looked at phone contracts and at the different ways that contracts are made. Using a composition of minutes, text message and data cost. They then discussed the fact that the best option will be determined by your personal needs and usage.

Minerva 1 students looked at the cost of different activities. Some students worked out the cost of getting some treats for a picnic while other students planned a film trip for a family. Comparing options and making choices were some of the skills that the students needed in order to complete these tasks.



Wednesday marked National Numeracy Day, a special day to inspire a positive mindset towards numbers and show how numbers are a part of everyday life, at home and work. This year's focus was 'Money'. Here are some photographs from Bassoon and Flute classes where we celebrated by playing some interactive money Maths games online.



C@LL Vacancies – Treasurer and Secretary

Dear Parents and Carers,

C@LL can't do what they do without a Treasurer 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 stepped down from the role at our recent AGM. I took on the role of Secretary in March but due to personal circumstances I am unable to continue with this role and I also stepped down at the AGM.

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
communityatlindenlodge@gmail.com



Dear Parents, Families and Carers,

RE: Annual Updating of IHCP and Care Plans

Thank you so much for taking the time to review, sign and return the large white envelopes that were sent out to each of you earlier this month

The returned updated paperwork is used by the nursing and education staff and ensures we have the most up to date information - to keep you child /young person healthy and safe in school.

We completely appreciate that this can seem repetitive and like a real chore, especially when day to day life with a child or young person with complex health needs can be challenging. Unfortunately, the health needs and requirements of some our students, may have changed since the last annual update request and it is vital that we have this updated information.

For any updates outstanding (white envelopes not returned to school), we are proposing to continue to use the unconfirmed information we have, with the assumption that no new information or any changes have been needed to the IHCP or care plan/s

We would then rely on parents and carers to contact the nursing team to let them know of any subsequent changes to care or medication plans.

Please feel free to ask any questions or get in contact to let us know your thoughts or concerns.

Kind regards,

Karen

Matron, Linden Lodge School Nursing Team

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KING'S CLUB SUMMER MEMBERSHIP PROMOTION

Summer 12 Month Annual Membership Promotion
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(ADVERTISED RATE £1,375)
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(ADVERTISED RATE £1,075)
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Monthly Direct Debit Promotion
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- Exercise Studio
- 6 All Weather Tennis Courts
- Squash Courts
- Multi Activity Sports Halls
- Tennis & Swimming Courses
- Cardio & Holistic Timetable

Term Time: Monday - Friday: 18:00 - 22:00
Holidays: Monday - Friday: 15:00 - 22:00
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After the HUGE success of last year the London Brick Festival returns on 1st June 2025, and it's gearing up to be the biggest brick-tastic celebration for LEGO fans!

Immerse yourself in a world of creativity and fun as families, collectors, adult builders, and every LEGO-fanatic imaginable come together for a day of brick-filled bliss!

Wondering what's on at a Brick Festival event? Hold onto your bricks, as London Brick Festival is unleashing a whirlwind of excitement! With new LEGO activities that include lightning-fast speed building competitions to super creative mosaic making rounds, minifigure hunts, a dedicated building area, and so much more – this festival is a LEGO lover's dream come true for all ages to enjoy!

Browse through traders selling loose bricks, brand new or rare & retired LEGO sets, minifigures, accessories and all other LEGO themed items you could imagine – it's the ultimate treasure trove for LEGO enthusiasts and collectors alike!

But that's not all - London Brick Festival showcases a brand new unique selection of LEGO displays crafted by master LEGO builders from across the country! Get up close and personal, chat with the LEGO building maestros about their latest projects, snag some insider tips, and leave brimming with inspiration!

Hurry and book your tickets in advance to secure your spot on this brick-filled day, as these events regularly sell out! Early Bird tickets fly off the shelves, so make sure to snap these off before they go! These offer an extra hour of LEGO fun and a FREE LEGO gift upon entry too!

Whether you're a die-hard collector or a casual LEGO fan, London Brick Festival at Royal National Hotel is the place to be. Secure your entry online now – adult tickets from £7, child tickets from £5, and there's even an extra value family ticket available too!

Don't miss the chance to be a part of the most epic LEGO celebration! Grab your tickets and get ready for a day filled with building, creativity, and endless fun!

Book now at www.LondonBrickFestival.com

Save the date: 1st June 2025
 Where: Royal National Hotel

Find out more – www.BrickFestivalEvents.com