

# NEWSLETTER

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## Dates for your Diary



27<sup>th</sup> May -31<sup>st</sup> May  
**HALF TERM**

Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> June  
Pupils return to school  
9.05am

Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> June  
**COMEDY NIGHT -**  
You've seen the flyer, so don't forget to get your tickets for a fun night out with professional comedians. Tickets - £10 available from the school office.

Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> June  
**LINK ASSOCIATION  
SUMMER FAIR**

Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July  
**LAST DAY OF  
ACADEMIC YEAR**

## **A Message from Sandy**

What a wonderful week we've had again!

So many adventures have been undertaken - at the beginning of the week Maple Class visited Chessington World of Adventures. They thoroughly enjoyed their day out and I hear their behaviour was impeccable.

Hazel Class attended the OHCAT film festival, where they watched their very own films on the silver screen.

The majority of the school visited Zippo's Circus - for many of the children this was their first experience of such a spectacle. I personally thoroughly enjoyed the performances of the many different acts and the squeals of delight from the pupils were wonderful to witness.

A member of our staff is off on her own adventure very soon. We bid farewell to Blaise Browne today and in assembly she was presented with a book of memories from her time at The Link and was presented with a gift from her colleagues and parents of US\$, which we hope will see her in good stead as she travels across South America, prior to finishing her final year of her degree. Blaise is a popular member of the Link community and her calm, gentle and nurturing approach will be deeply missed.

We also say goodbye to Debbie Holden, one of our midday supervisors. Debbie has secured a job at a nursery and will be increasing her working hours.

We wish them both every good wish for the future. I also hope everyone has an enjoyable half term.

*Sandy*

## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT THE LINK?

Maple Class had a wonderful time at Chessington World of Adventures on Monday. A joint exercise in that it reinforced some of their topic world "The Circus is Coming to Town" and also acted as a reward trip. Their motivation and eagerness to please is worthy of note, as is their unyielding effort to produce work to the highest of their ability. Well done Team Maple.



As part of their topic "Say Cheese" Hazel Class have been working with Simon Adams from the OHCAT Digital Team and produced three very good short films (which encompassed writing the scripts, acting, producing, directing and filming - the whole process!) Their end results was deemed good enough to be shown at OHCAT Film Festival. The pupils loved watching their films on the big screen, whilst devouring their obligatory popcorn and drink! The event closed with the whole of Hazel Class having to go on stage where they were awarded with an Oscar from John Prior, Executive Head of OHCAT.

John will shortly be taking over as CEO of the OHCAT family, when Caroline Allen retires at the end of July.



The whole school were invited to Zippo's Circus on Wednesday, where they enjoyed watching the acrobats, jugglers, trapeze artists, magicians and clowns. It really was a wonderful performance and

we must once again thank the owner of the circus, for inviting us.



## WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND AND ABOUT?

Watt's Gallery, Compton, Surrey, GU3 1DQ are hosting many free workshops during their "Journey to the Moon and Back" event which runs from Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May - Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Let your child's imagination drift as they hear stories about the moon.

Many of their workshops are free of charge, including "Lunar Lanterns" - art session, decorating lanterns and "Many Moons Ago" an interactive story telling session which answers the age old question - is the moon made of cheese?

For more information go to their website - [www.wattsgallery.org.uk](http://www.wattsgallery.org.uk)

Rian's Mum Sheila has let us know that Bockett's Farm are running "Circus Skills Workshops" - just perfect for Oak and Maple Classes' current topic "The Circus is Coming to Town". The workshops are

running every day from 10.30am - 4.30pm and participants get to meet all the farm animals too.

[www.bockettsfarm.co.uk](http://www.bockettsfarm.co.uk)

Abdul Raheem's Mum Vajeha has let us know about a new Down Syndrome support group for families that Croydon Mencap are running - "Down with It". Providing a place where adults can mix and chat, whilst their younger children play, it takes place at Croydon Mencap, Portland House, 678 London Road, Thornton Heath, CR7 7HU on the first and third Wednesdays of the month from 10.00am-12.00pm.

[www.croydonmencap.org.uk](http://www.croydonmencap.org.uk)

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## INFORMATION WORTH READING RE BLUE BADGE CRITERIA

In September, new guidelines and criteria are being introduced in respect of Blue Badge, especially in respect of people with "hidden disabilities". We feel this information could be useful to many families within the Link community.

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