

NEWSLETTER

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Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 25th September
School Photographer

Monday, 30th September
**Macmillan Coffee Afternoon -
2.00pm**

Thursday, 3rd October
Flu Immunisations

Friday, 4th October
Makaton Signing
(09.30-10.30)

Tuesday, 8th October
Developing Theory of Mind
Part 1 - Comic Strip
Conversations
09.30-10.30

Wednesday, 16th October
Sensory Food Issues
09.30-10.30

Thursday, 17th October - 9.45
PANDA Parents Coffee
Morning

Wednesday, 30th October
Intensive Interaction
09.30-10.30

21st - 25th October
HALF TERM

Thursday, 19th December
LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM

Tuesday, 7th January 2019
Pupils return to school

A Message from Sandy

Firstly I would like to thank those of you who were able to come along to our Welcome Evening. I hope you found the evening informative and worthwhile.

I realise that evening functions are terribly difficult for many of you to attend, with child care being uppermost in your minds and that is why we hold the majority of our parent workshops in the day. Obviously we have to fit in with the school timetable, but we do try and diary a variety of days, in the hope we make them accessible for all.

A really useful new tool we have is our parents' link to video workshops. Launching this week via our website, parents will be able to watch training and information videos, which we hope will reinforce our methods of teaching and learning, so that the same practice can be used in both home and school. You will find out how to access these videos later in the newsletter.

As I always say, we have to work together to ensure the best possible outcomes for your child. We, as a school aim to provide the very best we can for your child. They too are ambitious and we encourage them to set their own aims - however big or small. Together, we can all work to make their aims become a reality.

Sandy

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT THE LINK?

Always striving to keep parents involved and informed, we are very excited this week to be launching our parents' link to our training/workshop videos on the website.

To access the site is simple:

- Go to the parent tab
- Open useful links
- Go to training videos
- Put in the password
- Play video

The access password will be sent under separate cover to all parents.

Already uploaded to view is Nic's workshop held last year on "Zones of Regulation". Do take a look and let us know what you think.



It's lovely to see the boys in Willow Class forming friendships and bonding over their love of lego. What's more important is they are really building their social skills and beginning to work as a team.

Speech and Language Therapy is an integral part of life at The Link. Therapists work closely with Class Teachers, Occupational Therapists, external professionals and Learning Support Assistants to provide a whole school approach to improving the children's communication skills, and to support their learning. The pupils in Acorn loved their session with Selina, when they took turns to blow out a candle. A simple exercise, and their attention was captured the whole time, as they watched to see whether they could all blow out the flame. A fun session to work on muscle tone and to help a child produce phonemes (a sound that distinguishes one word from another).



Beech Class have been having a wonderful time during intensive interaction sessions. From using maracas to burst bubbles, (concentrating on gross motor skills and co-ordination) to dancing in time to the music, enjoying the rhythm and beats.



And sometimes at the end of the week, all the concentration, effort and fun sometimes proves too much, so if pupils need a quick time out, it's never frowned upon here!



WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND AND ABOUT?

Are you aware of the Sutton Go Scheme - the new on demand taxi/minibus service that is being trialled for 12 months in Sutton? Ideal for families with members who have a disability, older family members who have freedom passes or anyone who would rather travel in smaller vehicles with not so many passengers or stops to cope with. Families can phone for the service if they need transport anywhere within Sutton and the rates are extremely good.

Do take a look at their website

<https://gosutton.co.uk>

AND FINALLY

A reminder that next Wednesday, the school photographer will be visiting, taking individual and class group shots. Sessions take place throughout the morning, if you feel like you would like to send in a brush or comb - just in case your child's hair gets disheveled during playtime, then please feel free to do so!

A huge thank you to those of you who have sent in empty shoe boxes, yoghurts pots, kitchen roll tubes for Beech and Willow Classes. Please keep them coming in as our junk modelling sessions are about to take off.