

NEWSLETTER

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Dates for your Diary

Tuesday, 5th November
Parents Workshop - Managing Behaviour - Part 1 - 9.30am

Tuesday, 12th November
Developing Theory of Mind - Part 2 - 9.30am

Tuesday, 19th November
Managing Behaviour Part 2 - 9.30am

Saturday, 7th December
LINK ASSOCIATION CHRISTMAS FAIR - to be held at the secondary school

Tuesday, 10th December
The pupils are treated to a Pantomime when Playhouse Productions return for a special signed performance of Peter Pan.

Thursday, 19th December
LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM

Monday, 6th January
Inset Training Day for Staff

Tuesday, 7th January
PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL - 9.05am

Monday, 27th January
YR / Y6 Height & Weight Checks - Sutton School Nursing Team

A Message from Sandy

I begin this week by wishing everyone "Shush Deepavali".

Sunday 27th October saw the start of the 5 day celebration of Diwali - The Festival of Lights. A festival celebrated by millions of Hindus and Sikhs across the world which encompasses new beginnings and the triumph of good over evil and light over darkness.

We held two assemblies this week that focussed on this celebration - one led by Sue D on Monday and a sensory assembly led by Naz on Tuesday.

Embracing cultures and learning about different religions and beliefs is a valuable part of education.

I will quote Article 29 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of a Child which says "Education is about developing talents and abilities. It should also help you learn to live peacefully, protect the environment and respect other people".

Our focus is always on building quality relationships through nurturing and whole person learning and our assemblies are a way of reinforcing the ethos of kindness, respect and understanding.

Sandy

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT THE LINK?

We welcomed parents into school again this week. Some attended our "Intensive Interaction" Workshop led by Helen and Selina, whilst Sandy and Judy met with the PANDA Parents Group.

Next week's workshop is on Managing Behaviour - usually very popular and well attended. If you wish to join us, please ensure you let Sue or Kathy in the office know.

If a child is enthusiastic about something, we use that energy to our advantage and this week after hearing her class talking about dressing up and going to special parties, Michelle did not hesitate to incorporate some of Maple Class learning activities around Halloween. The pupils had a wonderful time working as a team, carving pumpkins ensuring their creativity and motor skills came to the fore.



They formed skeletons using lots of bones, making sure they named the different body parts.



After all their 'Halloween' activities, the class went for a walk to our local shops, where they were welcomed into the hairdressers to look at some of the equipment and sit in a hairdressing chair. With some of our pupils absolutely dreading having their hair cut, we appreciate the local community helping in a small way to overcome fears.

Of course - boys being boys insisted that their hair shop was the barbers.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND AND ABOUT?

We imagine lots of you may be attending firework displays this weekend. Sometimes the loud bangs and noise can be too much for some our pupils (even with their ear defenders).

For those who would like to attend a silent fireworks night, we have learnt that John Fisher are holding a "Fisher Fantasia Firework Display" with a Disney theme. With food and drink stalls, a funfair, bouncy castles and a sparkler zone, the silent fireworks start at 6.30pm.

There follows a "Big Bang Display" with music at 7.30pm.

For more information and to buy tickets, please google Fishers Fantasia Firework 2019.

AND FINALLY

We are always keen to retain links with ex pupils, colleagues and friends and one of our strongest links across the world reaches over to France, where Francoise Tomlin, our founder now lives.

On reading last week's newsletter, Francoise contacted us to send her regrets on learning that Barbara Simpson had passed away.

She also let us know that sadly, her husband Dennis recently passed away too. She has agreed that we can share her message with everyone in the Link community:

Hello everybody,

Thank you for your most interesting newsletter.

I am always very happy to have news from the Link. You do so many interesting activities, and it is wonderful that this is communicated via the newsletter.

I was very sad to learn that Barbara Simpson has died. She was a colleague very much appreciated by all.

I have another sad news: My husband Dennis, who also helped start the Link Primary and Secondary Schools died during the summer holidays after a long and painful heart illness.

Here is one of his last messages which I pass on to you: "I wish you joy and peace".

*Warmest greetings,
Françoise Tomlin.*

Our deep sympathy and best wishes are sent to Francoise at this time.