



17<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020

# NEWSLETTER

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## Dates for your Diary

Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October

**PRIMARY MACMILLAN CANCER  
SUPPORT FUNDRAISER**

Further details to follow

26th October - 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020

**HALF TERM - No School**

Friday 18th December

**END OF TERM - EARLY CLOSURE  
FOR PUPILS**

Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021

**STAFF INSET DAY**

Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021

**PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL  
FOR THE SPRING TERM**

15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021

**SPRING HALF TERM - No School**

Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> March

**END OF TERM - EARLY CLOSURE  
FOR PUPILS**

Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> April

**STAFF INSET DAY**

Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> April

**PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL  
FOR THE SUMMER TERM**

Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April

**BANK HOLIDAY - NO SCHOOL**

31<sup>st</sup> May - 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021

**SUMMER HALF TERM - No School**

Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021

**END OF TERM - EARLY CLOSURE  
FOR PUPILS**

## **A Message from Sandy**

How lovely it was to see so many of you attend our virtual Welcome Evenings this week.

A completely different format to what we usually offer, but in actual fact it seemed as though more parents were able to attend via Zoom, which I was really pleased about.

I hope you found the sessions useful and once again I extend a warm 'Link Welcome' to you all.

Many parents have voiced concern over knowing whether to send their child into school if they feel 'a little under the weather'.

As a school, we have to adhere to DfE and Government guidelines and to help parents, we have compiled a quick reference guide for parents relating to Covid 19 pupil absence. You will find it attached to this newsletter.

Due to the vulnerability of some of our pupils, we will always err on the side of caution, with which I'm sure as parents you will all be in agreement with.

*Sandy*

## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT THE LINK?

One thing that really sets us apart from other provisions is that we have on-site therapists.

This means that our young people receive the very best for their needs with the collaborative approach adopted between our therapists and teaching staff.



*Toby enjoys a session with Helen, his SALT*



*Sean gets to grips with his fine motor skills with Jo, his OT*

Therapy influences are seen throughout both schools in our play equipment and apparatus, our

communication aids, handwriting programmes and life skills work.

Over the last few weeks, we have been integrating our young people into their classes, getting them used to their new routines and surroundings.

For some of our new arrivals in Acorn Class, it is their first time experience of school, but that hasn't stopped us in setting the foundations for their learning journey. Already engaged and on task, all have settled very well.



*Isla and Rita working on reinforcing their knowledge of colours and shapes*



*Ben consolidating his knowledge of numbers and colours, whilst working on his numeracy.*

Of course one of the most important things we want to happen

is for classes to bond and friendships to be made. Willow Class has been using activities that require team work, which seems to be doing just the trick.



*Valentina, Kian and Toby working together to fill the wendy house with foam shapes*

The primary school has also now elected their School Council representatives for this year. Our new group consists of:

Hazel Class

Freddie and Nana

Maple Class

Arabella and Wiktoria

Acorn

Aqib

Willow

Kian

Oak / Beech

t.b.a - ballot not complete

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF AT  
THE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

We are pleased to welcome the following new members of staff to our team at the primary school.

Maddie

Midday Supervisor



Maddie has joined Maple Class and is enjoying being part of the team. In her spare time, Maddie enjoys playing with her daughter, running and candle making.

Lydia

Special Support Assistant



Lydia has moved from her home town of Norwich to join Maple Class as an SSA and is really excited to join our school. She is particularly interested in speech and language therapy. Her hobbies outside of

work include cooking and eating lots of good food. Being new to London, she is keen to sample what life has to offer in the big City, so if anyone has any recommendations of things to do and see, she would love to hear from you!

Sam  
Special Support Assistant



Sam has worked in the education sector for several years in various schools supporting children within various needs. He has been part of The Link for over two years and enjoyed working with the children and staff so much, decided to apply for a permanent position as soon as one was advertised! His interests outside of work include running, going for walks, visiting historical places of interests and playing his guitar.

Soniya  
Special Support Assistant



Soniya is another familiar face to us here at The Link, having also worked for us for some time. She too was thrilled to have the opportunity of applying for a permanent position and is now enjoying settling into Beech Class. Her interests are walking, running and keeping fit and she lists helping others as a top priority.

Lynda  
Midday Supervisor



Lynda has joined us in Beech Class and is enjoying getting to know both children and staff. Having two boys herself, she really enjoys spending days in the park with her family. She winds down by running 3K every day. She also loves watching Masterchef.

Josh  
Apprentice  
Teaching and Learning Support

Josh joins us as an apprentice, after finishing his education at Carew Academy. He will be based in Oak Class for four days a week gaining valuable in-house experience and continues with a one

day college placement continuing his professional development and studies. In his spare time, Josh loves football, in particular supporting Chelsea. He also loves gaming. We feel that Josh will prove very popular with some of our young people!

## OUR THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



## AND FINALLY ...

We celebrated a wonderful achievement at the primary school - thanks to her tremendous dedication and perseverance Maheen is now able to ride a two wheel bike. We are as chuffed as she is and can report that there is now no stopping her as she cycles around the playground at every opportunity! A huge well done from all of us!



At the secondary school this week, we celebrated four worthy recipients of Sandy's **Hot Chocolate Friday**.

Kenisha has shown **resilience** in overcoming her fears and coming to school.

Tomas has shown **resilience** in agreeing to give the after school PE club a try.

Our staff winners this week are Murray and Tremayne.

Murray has shown **kindness** in giving up his time to help another tutor.

Tremayne has shown **kindness** in attending after school club to help a student who was very anxious.

