



12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2021

# NEWSLETTER

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## Dates for your Diary

Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2021

**RED NOSE DAY - Noses available to buy from the school offices - £1.50 each**

Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021

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

Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021

**STAFF INSET DAY**

Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> April 2021

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

Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021

**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**

Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021

**STAFF INSET DAY**

### Article 28

#### United Nations Convention on the Rights of a Child

Every child has the right to an education.

Richer countries must help poorer countries to achieve this

## A Message from Sandy

This week saw the global celebration of International Women's Day. Every year on March 8<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate the achievements of women and draw attention to ways in which we can help forge positive change for women.

This year's strapline #choosetochallenge made me sit and think. Without two women both The Link Schools and Orchard Hill College Academy Trust would not exist today.

Francoise Tomlin and Dame Caroline Allen faced huge challenges in building our exemplary educational settings for pupils with special education needs, something I am very proud to be a part of. Sometimes you don't have to look that far to appreciate women who have achieved.

Here at The Link we always 'choose to challenge' our young learners, regardless of gender, ethnicity and ability, but it should not be forgotten that in many countries around the world, young girls still do not have the opportunity to access education.

Nelson Mandela once said "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world".

Some of the funds raised annually by Comic Relief in their Red Nose Appeal go towards helping projects that reach out to families, to encourage equal opportunities in education for all. We will be supporting this charity again this.

Let's all work towards making the world inclusive.

*Sandy*

## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT THE LINK?

With all of our learners back at school, it means that Sandy gets to enjoy Hot Chocolate Friday once again at the secondary school.

This week's recipients of a warming mid morning drink were:

**Sean in Tomlin** for a great story in English and always working so hard.

**Luke M** in Weir for his amazing work in Science, working out people's BMI.

**Khamani in Wood** for a great start back at school, achieving well in all lessons.

**Annie in Johnson** for showing great resilience, participating in all lessons despite having her arm in a cast.

Our **staff winner was Hannah** for helping with the testing and being cheerful.

At the primary school this week, the children have been putting all their efforts into making a gift for the most important woman in their lives - their Mum!!

Coronavirus has put a stop to our usual on-site Mother's Day celebrations, but we hope that you appreciate the hard work your child has put into their card or gift.



## RED NOSE DAY FRIDAY, 19<sup>th</sup> MARCH

Both schools will be joining in with Comic Relief's Red Nose this year.

At the primary school, Rian, Georgia, Blake and Nana voted to raise money on behalf of the School Council.

This year we will be following the theme - **'Put the Pow in Superpower'** and on Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> March, children can dress up as a superhero!



Superhero activities will be taking place in class too.

The children have also extended an invitation to come and visit The Link to a boy called Ethan, who was mentioned in the Red Nose information literature. Ethan has cerebral palsy and has learnt how to walk with the help of the charity.

The discussions that took place during the meeting embraced two of our Link priorities -

3 - Spiritual Development - inspired by the world around them

14 - Theory of Mind - able to know and understand situations from the perspective of others.

Red Noses will be available for sale from the school office throughout next week - £1.50 per nose - each with their very own treehouse!

Every class will have a special time each day, when they can go and buy their nose from Sue and Kathy.

The secondary school have a host of fundraising activities planned which Johnson Class are going to co-ordinate.

In line with the school value of Charity, they have put their thinking caps on and have come up with the following ways to fundraise.

On Red Nose Day - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March, they have decided to encourage all students and staff to wear something red to school and

bring in £1 - it can be a t-shirt, socks or even a ribbon in their hair.

Johnson students will also be running a cake sale at break time where everyone can buy Red Nose Day themed cakes and biscuits, ranging in price from 20p to £1.

There is also a Red Nose Day Quiz going home today. Students (and their parents and carers) are encouraged to answer the questions and return the form to school on Monday, if possible. Please make sure the student's name is on their entry. All correct quizzes will be put into a box and Sandy will pick one out in Friday's assembly - the winning entry will get a prize.

Johnson Class will be working hard to make this a success and appreciate your support.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND AND ABOUT?

We learned last week that the Government have extended the Council's Winter Support Grant and they have decided to put all of the additional money into providing FSM vouchers over Easter.

This means that each eligible pupil will receive a voucher for £27. This will be delivered to parents' email via Wonde.

Head2Head Sensory Theatre are providing another theatrical adventure over the weekend of 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> March at 10.00am, 12.00pm and 2.00pm.

Stevie Solvesit & the Case of the Spooky Swamp Stevie Solvesit (the most successful private detective in Britain) is back for another adventure and guess what: they need your help!

Whether you cracked the case of the stolen car last time or this is your first detective job, join Stevie and help solve the case of the spooky swamp.

In the far-off land of Camelot, Sir Dagonet has gone missing. It's up to you and Stevie to save the day! What will you do? With the aid of Merlin's magic, you will cast some powerful spells to contact King Arthur and locate Sir Dagonet.

You will sing along with the solving song and learn some Makaton signs too. You will battle through the murky mist and many challenges of the spooky swamp, as well as hide by lamplight and inspect ancient tales.

Everything you need to prepare will be included in your top-secret casefile which will be sent to you when you book the show!

This will be a live, multi-sensory and interactive Zoom show that will last

roughly 30 minutes, with an opportunity for families to stay for snacks and chats afterwards.

Suitable for ages 7 years and over  
Cost: £5 per family

Please ensure you have a computer capable of downloading Zoom, with camera, microphone and speakers.

Full Zoom details will be provided on booking.

Book your adventure now:  
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## AND FINALLY .....

Happy Mother's Day to our Mums out there - who rise to so many challenges every day and remember - to the world you are a mother, to your family you are the world.

We hope you enjoy your special day.

#choosetochallenge

