

NEWSLETTER

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Dates for your Diary

Monday, 19th April 2021
STAFF INSET DAY

Tuesday, 20th April 2021
**PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL
FOR THE SUMMER TERM**

Monday, 3rd May 2021
**BANK HOLIDAY - NO
SCHOOL**

31st May - 4th June 2021
**SUMMER HALF TERM - No
School**

Wednesday, 21st July 2021
**END OF TERM - EARLY
CLOSURE FOR PUPILS**

Thursday, 22nd July 2021
STAFF INSET DAY



A Message from Sandy

What glorious weather we have had to mark the end of the spring term. Let's hope it stays like this for the break so that we can all enjoy the relaxation of lockdown restrictions and meet up with families and friends again in our gardens or outside spaces.

Over the last ten days, I have again witnessed some wonderful teaching and learning across both schools.

It is clearly evident to me that pupils at The Link enjoy their time here and now that most have returned to school, it's wonderful to see how quickly anxieties have evaporated and self confidence is growing.

At the primary school this week, we relaxed our bubbles slightly in the outside environments and it is wonderful sitting in my office, hearing groups of pupils from different classes mixing again during break times, communicating and playing together.

There are five main ways of communicating - verbal, non-verbal, written, visual and listening. From watching the class groups in the outside spaces, I clearly saw all forms being used - albeit unknowingly.

Effective communication begins with mutual respect and goes on to inspire and encourage people to do their best.

I am so pleased to see this in action at The Link.

Enjoy spring break.

Sandy

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT THE LINK?

Willow Class have been continuing their study of different countries and this week their trip around the globe took them further afield and saw them stop in India.



They discovered that in India people wear saris and dhotis. They know what the Indian flag looks like.



They made onion bhajis - which were delicious and also enjoyed sampling an authentic vegetable biriyani cooked at school.



They enjoyed making their own model of the Taj Mahal which stands in the city of Agra.



Their Indian experience came to a close by learning about Holi - the festival of triumph of good over evil, (more commonly know as the festival of colour) and they had so much fun splashing colour around in the garden, that Maple Class joined in too!



Maple Class have been waiting patiently this week for a map from the 'Surprise Bunny' and have been imagining the trail he might send them on to find chocolate!



Thankfully, as excitement was getting to fever pitch, the letter from the 'Surprise Bunny' arrived and they had great fun following the instructions, collecting lots of little chocolate treats on the way.



Pupils in Oak Class have continued their work on buildings and this week have been 'shopping'. Being given a list, they have had to visit the different shops set up in their classroom to source all the items on their list.



We're pleased to say that their missions were accomplished!



Pine Class have been talking about Easter and they made their own Easter Bunnies. They took great delight in explaining that their bunnies were made from socks filled with rice, which they decorated. Jolly good they looked too - well done boys.



Archie carried out scientific enquiry and tracked the life cycle of an Easter chick. Able to talk through the process with clear understanding, he also documented his findings by making a poster which will be displayed around the school.



Up at the Secondary School Sandy found it difficult to choose winners for Hot Chocolate Friday as there were so many nominations.

However, the large group who she visited in class, depositing a chocolate treat were:

Students

Yates class - Alfie - for **resilience**. For working really hard at something and not giving up. He has been learning his sight words and working independently in maths this week.

Tomlin class - Kelvin - for **courage**. We were so impressed at how brave he was in having his HPV jab even

though he was so nervous and didn't want to have it. We're really proud of you.

Yates class - JJ - for **fairness** which is Yates' class value. JJ was waiting really patiently for his favourite scooter as another student was using it. He was very patient and waited quietly without complaining. Well done!

Staff

Jo Davis, OT, for working her socks off and always being **positive**. Charlotte (Fuller) explained to the students what 'working your socks off' means.

Susan in Weir for **kindness** - she cares so much about all of the students, their wellbeing and learning. She's hardworking and helpful to everyone.

Lynn in Johnson for **success** - for being really proactive in her organisation - she's been working really hard with the RSE and science curriculums for next term.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND AND ABOUT?

The 'All Aboard Club' is popular amongst some of our young learners and runs play sessions for autistic and ADHD children who love trains.

They can enjoy their interest in a welcoming, safe and relaxing environment.

All Aboard are now running regular sessions once again in Sutton and Streatham.

The Sutton Club is being held at

St Nicholas Community Hall
34 Robin Hood Lane
Sutton
SM1 2RG

For more information, go to their website: www.allaboardclub.com

AND FINALLY

Spring brings new beginnings and nothing symbolizes this more than the first daffodils as they emerge, bringing with them a blast of colour.



These daffodils have pride of place in our school garden and were a gift from an ex pupil and her family many years ago. Every year when they bloom, they bring back so many memories, as well as heralding the start of a bright new year. We thought we would share their beauty with you all.