

NEWSLETTER

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Dates for your Diary

Week commencing 21st June

LINK ASSOCIATION

'WALK FOR FRIENDSHIP'

**SPONSORED WALK TO RAISE
MUCH NEEDED FUNDS.**

Further information and
sponsorship forms to follow

Wednesday, 21st July 2021

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

Thursday, 22nd July 2021

STAFF INSET DAY

2021/22 ACADEMIC YEAR

Wednesday, 1st September 2021

STAFF INSET DAY

Thursday, 2nd September 2021

PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL



A Message from Sandy

This week I had the pleasure of giving a tour of our schools to fellow Principals of local provisions.

The tours were reciprocated and I got to find out more about other local SEN schools and how they operate.

It was such an interesting day and made me very aware of what is on offer locally for our SEN learners.

It also reinforced my feelings on sharing expertise, which as you know is something that I feel strongly about.

Professional development and training within The Link is, and always has been, high on my agenda.

The results of this training are not only valuable for The Link Schools and our learners, but is valuable for education and society as a whole.

Anything we can do to improve access to learning for those with SEN has to be high on our agenda.

Have a lovely weekend.

Sandy

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT THE PRIMARY SCHOOL THIS WEEK?

Everyone had a lovely surprise on return to school this week. Our new double seater sensory swing was installed over half term and it was there waiting for all to see, truly resplendent in our sensory garden.



Already, as a piece of equipment it is proving to be a firm favourite!

Our thanks go to Abdul Raheem's parents and The Link Association for their generosity.

The arrival of our posh new swing has created awareness amongst the pupils as to just how special our sensory garden is and they have been working hard to improve our outside spaces around the school.

Wiktorina and Rishaan from Maple Class has been painting gnomes, displaying extreme care and patience as they make sure their colours are just right.



Maheen from Beech Class decided that she would water all our plants, wondering whether coloured water will make our flowers prettier. She is looking forward to finding out.



Valentina from Willow helped Lesley harvest some of our early strawberries, in the hope we will get lots more growing.



Leyland from Pine weeded the front of the school outside the atrium. He said "I am proud of being part of The Link and want to look after it".

Our 'Pictures of Me' project continued for those involved and this week the group had letters read to them from their families, who told them why they loved them. It was very emotional.

This session focussed on our Link Priorities 3 and 13 (Spiritual and Emotional Development), Next week will focus on understanding their diagnosis.



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT THE SECONDARY SCHOOL THIS WEEK?

Some of our students visiting the "Turf Projects" to attend a workshop at the gallery. They were looking at the work of Derica Shields and the current exhibition and produced artwork responding to different 'nature sounds'.



They all had a great time and are really looking forward to seeing their work in an exhibition that is being held at the Turf Projects Gallery, which runs from 23rd June until 3rd July. Please do go along and take a look.



Johnson class have been learning about careers in their Access lessons and on Wednesday welcomed John, an ex-police detective, to talk to them about his time in the police force. They were

all engaged in the session and asked and answered lots of questions. Feedback from the students was that they very much enjoyed hearing all the stories and wanted him to come back again. They even got a chance to try out the handcuffs!



Chocolate treats were in abundance for this week's Hot Chocolate Friday.

Our student winners were:

Ravi - his hard work has been noticed by lots of different people. Really good focus and progress during lessons. He got 100% in one of Jo's humanities lessons so must have been listening really well. **Success.**

Kelson - has shown lots of courage this week. We were very impressed when the visiting speaker, Maria's brother, a police detective, came in. Kelson was really polite and brave asking lots of fantastic questions. **Resilience.**

Tomas A - Sandy has heard some fantastic things about him this week. He's had a really successful week. He's been getting on with things he's not quite so keen on, making lots of effort and has been really encouraging to his friends in the class and noticed they've worked really hard and he has told them. **Success and positivity.**

Our staff winners were:

Angela - for being super helpful and supporting the therapy team. **Success.**

Sarah E for **resilience, kindness and success.** She always seems to know exactly what the students need. She seems to know what's going on in people's heads. She has boundless energy and gives the best opportunities for students to learn.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND AND ABOUT?

'Catch up on Playing' is a new online initiative launching on facebook and Instagram giving ideas for those with primary aged children to help bring back the focus on play this summer.



Croydon's Mum2Mum Market is being held on Saturday, 12th June, between 1pm - 3pm at Oasis Academy School, Coulsdon, CR5 1ES. We have heard there are over 40 stalls selling everything baby and child related.

Andy Schendel, an ex primary parent has been actively involved in 'Strikers Football and Fitness' for over 6 years now. Their summer

holiday dates are now confirmed and sessions will be running 24th - 29th July / 11th-13th August / 16th-19th August and 23rd-24th August.

Andy has been thinking of starting an SEN group and if there is enough interest, could start a session which will meet every Saturday in Carshalton Park (12.00pm). Should anyone be interested please contact Andy on 07825 171212.

Laura Hopson, our Yoga Teacher is running on-line classes:

Online Yoga Courses for Children, Teenagers & Adults

I'm pleased to be running online yoga courses for children, teenagers and adults. Yoga supports and strengthens physical, mental and emotional wellbeing. I feel that now, more than ever, yoga is an invaluable practice.

Details of each 4 week course are given below

- 5-9 year olds Monday 4pm-4.45pm - £24 per 4 week course
- 10-16 year olds Monday 5.15pm-6.15pm-£28 per 4 week course
- Adults Tuesday 7.30pm-8.30pm - £32 per 4 week course
- Adults Thursday 9.30am-10.30am - £32 per 4 week course

1:1 tuition is also available

For further details please contact Laura on 07905504818 or at l.hopson2@virginmedia.com

Laura is an experienced, qualified teacher in Hatha Yoga, meditation and yoga for children & teenagers and is accredited with Yoga Alliance Professionals

