

NEWSLETTER

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Dates for your Diary

Thursday, 8th July

THE GREAT LINK BAKE OFF

Entries to be in school by today,
together with your entry fee of £2.50.

Wednesday, 14th July

Primary Transition Afternoon

1.15pm - 2.45pm

Thursday, 15th July

Sixth Form Prom - evening

Friday, 16th July

Secondary Transition Day

9.30am - 2.30pm

Monday, 19th July

**Secondary School Leavers' Ceremony
and BBQ**

Tuesday, 20th July

**Primary Leavers' Assembly
(afternoon)**

Wednesday, 21st July

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

Thursday, 22nd July

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

As I sat down to write my message this week, I stopped, took a breath and paused for a moment, because this week has been so busy.

How often do we rush through life trying to juggle our job, our home, our families - without stopping to appreciate what is happening in the present, right under our noses.

And as I looked out of my office window, I saw our young learners, busy with their activities. I heard the rapport between the group and their laughter and it re-energised me, lifting my spirits immensely.

Everyone needs to relax and 'just be' sometimes. If our minds can be overloaded, imagine how it can be for those with sensory issues and anxieties.

The end of the school year can often cause anxieties for many young people, as they worry about what the future holds, with many changes to their school day.

Let's not forget this and try and make some calming time, take a few deep breaths, chill and 'just be'.

Sandy

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

As always, there has been lots going on this week. Our all embracing child centred curriculum really does focus on the needs of the individuals and our pupils respond well to this style of teaching.



During a Social Skills trip, we cover so much with a child - communication skills, life skills, and social skills - to name but a few. Nothing makes us more proud than when members of the local community comment on how well behaved and charming our pupils are.



During PE lessons, Pine Class have been team building and this week in circuit training, they created their own obstacle course. Archie managed to score

the fastest lap time of 22 seconds.

Members of Hazel Class completed their final session in their 'Pictures of Me' project.

Frances, their Class Teacher read a letter she had written to each of them explaining why they are great!



Then they went over their diagnosis with her. It was a lovely session.

Link Priority 3

Spiritual Development

Link Priority 13

Emotional Development

(appreciating their own abilities and difficulties).

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

The lucky recipients of a chocolate treat from Sandy this week are:

Niall (Johnson Class) For excellent English work this week - **success and resilience**.

George (Johnson Class) - **Success and Positivity**. For being someone who has shown perseverance, has not given up, and has worked very hard on the stationery order for work experience - he kept going until the work was completed

A staff member who's a really good listener and is kind and supportive

to other staff - **Pauline** - **kindness and charity**

Two students were particularly kind this week - they came to get help for a peer, and were really thoughtful - **Idris** - **kindness**

Charlotte (Fuller Class) - showed kindness to Lily (one of our new students starting in September); she looked after her really well - **kindness**.

And finally a special one for a group of students who were really helpful yesterday - they came to help twice in the interview process, behaved really well and joined in brilliantly.

Thomas EP, Michelle O, Zain, Kelvin, Alfie F and Ellis - **kindness, positivity, success**

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND AND ABOUT?

The big news of the week is that The Link Association now have their very own Justgiving page, where anyone is able to support the schools or sponsor the latest event. Share this news with friends and family and direct them to the link:

<https://linkprim.org.uk/parents/the-link-association/>

The London Transport Museum is offering times to explore the Museum when it is quieter.

For families with Special Educational Needs, including Autistic Spectrum Disorder, they open outside regular hours on certain special days, allowing people to enjoy the Museum at a quieter time, free from the general public, and with many of the gallery sounds turned off. Explore their All Aboard family spaces in peace, have a go at our holiday activities, get hands-on with genuine parts of transport history, or make use of their sensory bags to support exploring the collection.

For more information, follow the link: <https://www.ltmuseum.co.uk/whatson/family-send-explorer-events>

Sutton LA have released their latest "Ambitious for SEND" newsletter in their aim to try and keep parents up to date with the work of Sutton Education Partnership. Follow their link where they are storing each update: [link to our Local Offer pages](#).

The Government have agreed to fund free school meals over the summer holiday period, as part of their Winter Covid Grant, vouchers will be issued to entitled families by mid July.

Sutton LA are also offering holiday activity programmes to primary school children, entitled to free

school meals, you will find attached to this leaflet a leaflet with more information.

Also, we are very proud of the fact that Sutton LA and Orchard Hill College are collaborating to introduce a new supported internship programme for pupils with SEND. Designed to help young people with an EHCP gain the necessary skills to move into paid employment. Applications are open now - [here's how](#) to apply!

AND FINALLY



Nana's Mum Felicia has shared this picture, showing how his Sutton New Town Sunflower Seeds have germinated.

We're looking to seeing more from everyone as we help to brighten up our local environment.