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# NEWSLETTER

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## A Message from Sandy

What an exciting week we have had!

Our 'Link Bake Off' organised by The Link Association showcased the talent we have amongst our young learners. Such wonderful creations, displaying baking and decorating skills that I truly wished I possessed! A huge well done and thank you to everyone who entered.

Football mania has swept across both schools, with the whole school community looking forward to Sunday's Euro 2020 Final between ENGLAND and Italy.

I am expecting lots of tired bodies in school on Monday! If you do let your child stay up to watch the match, I do hope you all enjoy it. Speak to them about the national anthems and how proud the teams must feel to be representing their countries.

Let's enjoy the moment and what it brings with it.

Have a lovely weekend.

*Sandy*

### Dates for your Diary

Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> July

Secondary School Sports Day  
Secondary School Parents' Evening - online

Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> July

Primary School Transition Afternoon

Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> July

Secondary School Leavers' Prom Please note, if your child is moving on to a different venue/college in September 2021, they do NOT need to attend school on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July, the day after the prom. They will, however, need to attend for the last three days of term - Monday 19<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July.

Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> July

Secondary School Transition Day for new students coming in September. Leavers do not attend school on this day

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

Secondary School Leavers' Ceremony and BBQ

Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> July - pm

Primary School Leavers' Assembly

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

END OF TERM - EARLY CLOSURE FOR PUPILS

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

STAFF INSET DAY

2021/22 ACADEMIC YEAR

Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021

STAFF INSET DAY

Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021

PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL

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

Maple Class enjoyed their cookery session this week, not only did they bake and decorate England cookies, they got to eat one at school too!



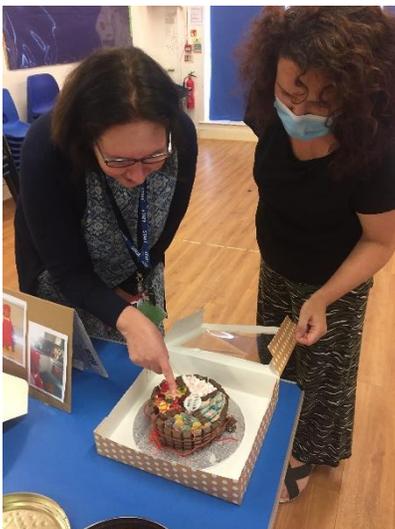
Our social skills trips are still high on the agenda, as we make up for the lost opportunities earlier in the year due to lockdown. Roman from Pine Class visited the local café this week, where he enjoyed a box of chicken, bought earlier at the chicken shop! Thankfully the café owner was very understanding and Roman thoroughly enjoyed his trip and chicken.



Our Speech and Language Therapists have been carrying out 'Smile Therapy' with some of our pupils. This focuses on the 'live' face-to-face interaction between students and people unfamiliar with their needs, in everyday life situations. Progress is monitored over a period of time and it is wonderful to see how the pupils' confidence and communication skills grow.



Sandy and Claire (joint Chair of The Link Association) had a very difficult job judging the entries for The Link Bake Off. After much deliberation however they announced **the winner was Lily from Hazel Class, with two runners up Malietta from Acorn Class and Lucas from Pine Class.** All entrants will receive a special certificate and Sandy will present their prizes during next Friday's Golden Book Assembly.



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

At the secondary school, Graham and Karen had the delicious task of being asked to judge the Bake Off 2021. Both said it was such a difficult decision as all the cakes were fantastic, and everyone made such an effort; they all looked and tasted amazing. Not good for the waistline, but definitely a lovely treat at the end of the week!



However, they had to pick one overall winner and two runners up, so congratulations go to :

Ben B (winner)  
 Luke D (runner up)  
 Arlind (runner up)

Ben B, Luke D and Arlind each won a prize and the other students were each given a pack of pencils for taking part.



Post 16 students have been getting out and about experiencing different activities in the community now that Nescot has finished for the summer. Last week they visited Sutton for lunch and went to Oxygen Trampoline Park, during which time the students were able to be more independent.



Yesterday they had a cycling session at the David Weir Leisure Centre, where they tried out a variety of bikes and trikes.



They are looking forward to next week with a trip to the Lavender Fields, and more further afield to London to take in the sights travelling by train, tube and hopefully the Thames Clipper.

Sami led a 'Build your own Obstacle Course' session this week. He was thrilled with the enthusiasm of the group and a special mention goes out to Younes from Yates, Thomas B from Johnson and Winston from Rowsell for their determination and great team work.



Winners of Hot Chocolate Friday this week were:

Elroy for good listening and following instructions in an outdoor game.

Alfie H who was helpful and had a position attitude throughout the BBQ. He was also the only Johnson student who helped with the drying up afterwards!

Aaron had three nominations, He was polite and helpful, he did a good job helping with the register wallets and he was extremely kind, when he changed his meal option at lunchtime so that his friend could have his choice.

Staff winners this week were:

Graham for helping with the Johnson class BBQ at the last minute, helping to set it up and then cooking the meat.

Sarah E for kindness, patience and resilience in her work with students.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND AND ABOUT?

On the 4 and 5 September the Museum of London will be hosting free family activities for SEND families alongside activities for all families as part of the Open House architecture festival.

Attached to the newsletter you will find a more detailed leaflet.

## AND FINALLY .....

Whatever you are doing this weekend, have a lovely time. Sporting events will be dominating our television screens - be it football or tennis.

Let's hope these tournaments motivate all of us to be more active, and we hope you are all in fine voice, ready to singalong to Sweet Caroline and It's Coming Home!

