

NEWSLETTER

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Dates for your Diary

Wednesday, 1st March

**Parent Information &
Coffee Morning**

**"Staying connected when
emotions run high"**

**All parents and carers are
invited to come along and
join us at the primary site.**

Thursday, 9th March

**YR Height & Weight
Screening - Community
Nursing Team**

Monday 13th March

**Y6 Height & Weight
Screening - Satellite Site -
Community Nursing Team**

Friday, 17th March

**Comic Relief - Red Nose
Day**

Friday, 17th March

**Mother Day's Afternoon
Tea at the primary site -
all welcome!**

Returning after a break from routine is sometimes difficult for many of our learners, but we're pleased to report that nearly all have come back to school refreshed and happy to be back within The Link community.

This is down to the skills and expertise we have amongst our staff team, which is highly thought of in the SEN community.

It is little known amongst parents, but as well as offering on-site learning, we offer outreach to individuals and other educational settings, passing on our wealth of experience and advice.

This week was a wonderful example of how our outreach work is helping families whose children who have been unable to access learning for some time. 3 of the children got together for a trip to a trampoline park, enjoying lunch afterwards. This was the first time one of them had ever accessed a community outing. Their parents came too and were able to share strategies and get to know one another.

A lovely positive start to the second half of the spring term.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT THE SATELLITE SITE?

It's been a fantastic first week back after half term, for the students at the Satellite.

This week we have enjoyed making pancakes across the site.



Pioneer have enjoyed and finished their Volcano topic.

Some of the students have finished extended writing tasks, including a book with 14 chapters!

Apollo have enjoyed working on Fractions, Hubble have been bird watching and there has been time for craft work too.



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT THE SECONDARY SITE?

Panathlon Swimming

On Monday 20th February, six students represented the school at the Panathlon South London Swimming Carnival.

The competition was held at Moor House School. Our team of six students (two girls and four boys) took part in a combination of individual and relay events, all over 25 metres.

The second half of the carnival was for team events that involved

swimming a ball the length of the pool in a relay race, building and moving a raft over 25m and deep diving to retrieve objects.

Our students took part in every available event and competed to the best of their ability.

Their behaviour all day was excellent and they were a credit to the school.



Boxing Club

During the week commencing 6th March, we will be starting a new after school sports club.

Every Tuesday from 3pm-4pm we will now run a boxing club. This is a fitness club that will use boxing as its basis. Rest assured there will be no "live" boxing. Instead students will work on hitting pads and focus mitts and using the time to improve their fitness and strength.

Please let Karen Hayward in the Secondary school office know if you would like your son/daughter to take part. It is open to all secondary aged pupils.

School Council and Pancake Day Lunch

Last term the school council decided that they would hold a themed lunch every month.

As Tuesday 21st February 2023 was pancake day, the hall was decorated by the school council with banners. Slips were distributed, asking all the pupils if they were giving up anything for lent.

The tradition of Pancake Day was explained to the pupils (when ingredients are used up from the kitchen cupboards in preparation for lent). The beginning of lent is when people give up something for the 40 days leading up to Easter and many enjoyed tucking into tasty pancakes!



AND FINALLY

Our thoughts are with the people of Ukraine this week. One year on and war still rages.

Today, their suffering, courage and bravery was acknowledged with a one minute silence. May peace prevail.

