

NEWSLETTER

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Dates for your Diary

3rd-14th April

Easter Break - NO SCHOOL

17th April

Summer Term begins

Students return to school

29th May - 2nd June

Half Term - NO SCHOOL

Monday, 5th June

Inset Training Day -

NO SCHOOL

Thursday, 20th July

Last day of the Academic
Year

School closes for summer
break.

Those families whose child is entitled to free school meals should have received a £30 food voucher to help towards providing lunches over the break. These have been sent via Wonde to your email address.

And as quick as a flash, our spring term comes to a close.

Another term of achievements as our learners reach their goals - be it their targets on their IEP; being part of a team; thinking of others and simply being kind. Overcoming their barriers to look forward to a bright future.

It was lovely to see so many of our students letting their hair down at the primary and secondary discos last week.

An annual event, organised by The Link Association, it really is something they all enjoy. Our thanks to Claire Hartland parents and staff, who all gave their time freely to make this possible, not forgetting Sean Scanlon (an ex primary parent who returns every year to spin the decks, provide balloon creations and generally revs things up).

Unbeknown to all attending, The Link Association awarded prizes to the most enthusiastic and talented disco dancers from each site and the recipients were given their goodies by Sandy today. A huge well done to Henry from the satellite, Matilda from the primary and Aiden and Michelle O from the secondary.



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT THE PRIMARY SITE?

We had a wonderful surprise this week, when we learnt that 24 branches of Tesco had decided to have a collection to raise funds for the primary site. As part of Tesco's Ramadan celebrations, they chose to donate the considerable amount of £1,000 to our site. Niam's parents came along to present the cheque on behalf of Tesco. Photographs taken at the presentation will be on display at Tesco's Annual Ramadan Dinner on Tuesday.

'A man's true wealth is the good he does in this world'.

Our sincere thanks to all those at Tesco and to Ankur and Hiral, (Niam's parents) who put our name forward as being worthy of receiving this donation.



As a grand finale to their spring term topic "What's the Season" Maple Class have been busy planting wild flower seeds, which they hope will multiply and thrive over the summer months. A wonderful team building exercise, which we hope will provide us with an abundance of colour during the summer season.

A spring theme was evident in Beech Class too, where they made their own field of flowers and tree full of blossom in a very creative way by using cakes cases and imagination.





Oak class made some wonderful bunny masks, during their art sessions with Olha.



Willow Class have been honing their fine motor skills and reinforcing their knowledge of colours, threading beads. Developing fine motor skills helps children develop everyday skills like eating, writing, manipulating objects and getting dressed.



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT THE SECONDARY SITE?

Liam Keene, our Assistant Headteacher was asked to give his thoughts on his first term at the secondary site:

The welcome from both students and staff has been amazing. It has been great to get to know the students and meet/speak with many of the parents/carers in my first term here at The Link.

It has been wonderful to see how the students respond to the very nurturing environment of The Link School. The time and space that students have, so that they can learn and grow as young people, is refreshing to see.

A typical day starts off with meeting and greeting the students as they enter the school for the day ahead. Many of the students are happy to discuss their hobbies and/or the latest football scores and even the latest update on politics.

I particularly enjoy the weekly assemblies that the students appear to work so hard on. It has been great to see so many students collect certificates and/or golden tickets for hot chocolate with Sandy during these assemblies.

It has been wonderful to see the students taking part in so many activities and clubs. I have started a chess club on Fridays and hopefully in time it would be great to take part in some school competitions.

I look forward to meeting more parents/carers as we move into the Summer Term. I do hope you enjoy the Easter break.

Regards
Liam

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND AND ABOUT?



ACHA (African and Caribbean Heritage Association) will be hosting an Open Day to celebrate joy and fun between grandparents and their grandchildren.

Being held at the The Phoenix Centre Wallington, Surrey, SM6 9NZ on Thursday, 13th April between 1.00pm and 4.00pm, it is a lovely opportunity for grandparents with their grandchildren aged between 5 and 12 to meet others in a similar position

Activities will include a guest appearance from Jenny the Giraffe (Sutton United FC's Mascot), storytelling, groove dancing for children, an arts and crafts speaker as well as a delicious lunch being available.

For more information contact ACHA via the following methods:
Tel: 07957385071
Email: achasutton@yahoo.com
Website: www.achasutton@org

Croydon Council are offering free holiday club places to those children aged 5-11 who are in receipt of free school meals. For more information about the Jam Coding Holiday Club, see the attached leaflet or follow this link:

<https://portal.jamcoding.franscape.io/class-overview/1314>

AND FINALLY

We hope you all enjoy the break. Relax, take things easy so that we are ready for the summer term.

A final thought to leave you with

The most important time in the world is the time you make for yourself.