

21<sup>st</sup> October 2016

## **Lower School 'End of Half Term' Newsletter**

Thank you to each of our families for supporting the transition process over this half term. The teaching and learning within each class is highly personalised, and this is through your roles in shaping the priorities which inform planning. A number of informal observations take place throughout every week, to inform teaching approaches and collaborative activities. Over the last three weeks, formal observations and learning walks have also taken place with each class across the school. We are so pleased to share that the Leadership, Governors, and External Professionals have observed consistently exceptional approaches to teaching and learning across every class in the school, with learners enjoying their engagement and perseverance with the learning.

We hope you have a safe and enjoyable half term together, and look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016.

Sincerely,  
Vijita on behalf of the School Community

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

Lower School have had a really lovely half term. We have focused on getting to know all of our new children in Early Years, along with the transition for children returning back to school. We have enjoyed a range of activities as a Lower School community, including trips using public transport. During this half term, each class in Lower School has been using a different Roald Dahl book. We have been working with a drama group on a performance that links to this theme.

It has been a very exciting time for all our children who have been accessing the swimming pool at Swiss Cottage Leisure Centre, travelling independently and using the full size swimming pool. Our upper primary classes have been travelling to a local supermarket to shop and cook for themselves. We had a fun fancy dress party on Thursday 20 October to mark the end of half term and a celebration of all of our achievements.

We have lots of activities planned for next half term including working with 2 local mainstream schools on early year's inclusive play. We are also looking forward to the end of term performance, and will invite you to join us.

Wishing all our children, their parents, friends and families a happy half term break!

Sincerely,

Becky Shaw  
Head of Lower School

## Red Nose Day



Our half term has ended with learners experiencing Red Nose Day activities, leading to the creation of a music video for the new Red Nose Day song, 'Put A Nose On It'.

Today, students have enjoyed working with a film crew who have shown great sensitivity and patience to ensure our children and young people gained from their involvement.

We will share the final video once it is released!



## After School Club Update

Thank you for your patience as we negotiated with various organisations. We are pleased to share the draft timetable for After School Clubs:

Monday – Independent Instructor running yoga

Monday – Greenhouse Charity running sports activities

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Wednesday - MCCC Cricket Club at Swiss Cottage Sports Centre for 14-16 yr olds

Thursday - The@Trical running drama activities for 6-11 yr olds

There are two other organisations running dance and sports, and we are awaiting confirmation of the day of the week. Each of these organisations is providing a sign up letter after half term, which will state the age range, cost, transport expectations, and booking process. We have requested each club to begin as soon as possible, and will be working with them over half term to finalise details. If you have any questions, please contact Maisie Sammon, Vice Principal.

## The Glam Party

The school charity is hosting 'The Glam Party'. Friends of Swiss Cottage School Charity donate a range of gently used designer and high street clothing and accessories. We will be selling these items at The Glam Party on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> November from 5:30-8:00pm. Our Sixth Form students are organising the event, please join us if you are interested and feel free to bring friends too! All proceeds go to the school charity!



**Have a wonderful half term with your families!**