

Weekly Newsletter 24th March 2017

This week's newsletter will focus on the Spring Term Immersion Day which took place yesterday. The Immersion Day was organised jointly by the Parent Council and the Leadership Team. The focus of the Immersion Day was decided by you as the parents, through the priorities you have shared with your Parent Representative. We want to make sure you have opportunities to speak to one another and professionals, so that you can discuss the range of strategies.

The Life Skills workshops focused on:

- 1: Personal Care: hygiene, washing, wiping and cleaning teeth
- 2: Visiting the dentist and going to the doctor - 'getting children ready'
- 3: Travel training and planning for local journey, trips and holidays
- 4: Sexual development and managing menstruation
- 5: Preparing for work
- 6: Developing independence in feeding
- 7: Preparing to leave school Year 11

The workshops reflected our integrated provision. They were facilitated by members of staff from the school alongside the amazing NHS Occupational Therapists and NHS Speech and Language Therapists. We even had a third year trainee Occupational Therapist join the sessions with a focus on supporting parents.





The time involved sharing ideas, exploration of resources, and discussions on the best places to use in the local community. Parents also brought food to share with one another for a lunch. It was really positive to see the existing relationships alongside the new relationships that have developed as you discussed your experiences. We hope you get to know your class 'Parent Representative' as they are eager to organise parent activities, social events, and more. The next Immersion Day is 11th May 2017, and we will organise it through the monthly Parent Council meeting. Thank you to everybody who joined us on Thursday!



Parent/Carer Telephone Directory

The Parent Council has suggested that it could be helpful to have a parent/carers Telephone Directory. It would give parents the opportunity to get in touch with one another about school events or for meeting socially to organise a range of activities with your children outside of the school day. We want to support this and help produce this Parent/Carer Telephone Directory. It is optional, and is not required. It will only be made available to parents/carers, and will not be held on the school website or any public area. If you would like to be included in this directory, a form will be coming home which will ask for the following information.

Name:	
Pupil's name:	
Class:	
Home number:	
Mobile number:	
Email address:	
I am happy to share with other families	Yes / No
I only want to share with my child's class	Yes / No

If you have any questions, please ask your Parent Representative or a member of the Leadership Team.

Caterlink Partnership

On Thursday, pupils across the school took part in a bread making and tasting activity organised by Caterlink. One of the Caterlink chef's named Jamie worked with Lower



School pupils on exploring bread recipes. Pupils designed and baked their own loafs. Upper School pupils explored different foods using their senses. They were encouraged to try a variety of food samples and identify what they taste like. Pupils demonstrated great skills and enjoyed exploring the workshops with the visiting Chef who was very generous with his time and expertise!



'Stubbers' Residential



A group of pupils in Year 10 have spent the week at the Stubbers Activity and Adventure Centre in Essex. They strengthened their independence skill throughout the visit as they stayed away from their home environments for the entire week! Each of the pupils engaged in group activities which



promoted problem solving, perseverance and resilience to learn new skills. We are really proud of their achievements, and extend a huge thanks to the staff team who make this happen!

Red Nose Day

The week has ended with a range of fun and exciting workshops to support Comic Relief's Red Nose Day. Class held a range of social enterprise fundraisers across the school, and interacted in sensory



and learning activities that kept to the values and spirit of the Red Nose Day initiative! Be sure to check out Swiss Cottage School in the national video for Red Nose Day:



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oyy6kW0E4UA>

Term Dates

Next week is the last week of the Spring Term. School finishes at 3:30pm on Friday, 31st March.

<p>Spring Term 2017 Tuesday, 3rd January 2017 to Friday, 31st March 2017</p> <p>Tuesday, 3rd January 2017- No pupils in school: Professional Learning Day for all staff Wednesday, 4th January 2017-Pupils return to school Half Term: Monday, 13th February to Friday, 17th February 2017 Friday, 31st March 2017-Last day for pupils Spring Holiday: Monday, 3rd April 2017 to Monday, 17th April 2017</p>
<p>Summer Term 2017 Tuesday, 18th April 2017 to Friday, 21st July 2017</p> <p>Tuesday, 18th April 2017-Pupils return to school Monday, 1st May-Bank Holiday Half Term: Monday, 29th May to Friday, 2nd June 2017 Friday, 23rd June 2017-No pupils in school: Professional Learning Day for all staff Friday, 21st July 2017-Last day of school for pupils</p>



Swiss Cottage School in partnership with
The Working Men's College

Free ESOL classes for parents

(English for Speakers of Other Languages)

Classes to start from April 26th 2016



Registration and assessment for the course on:

Wednesday 29th March 2016

10-12pm

Please bring your **passport** and **proof of benefits**.

**For more information and to book your place for the coffee morning
please contact Hamdi, Israth or Rob of the Family Inclusion Team on 020 7681 8080.**

Free 'Adapted Bikes' Cycling at Regent's Park every Saturday



FREE cycling

*on bikes specially adapted
for people with disabilities*



**Saturday mornings,
1 hour sessions between 11 am & 2pm**

Book by phoning **020 7388 7932** 

or email diana@westeuston.org 



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Where to find our bike pick up point

St Mary's Yard, Inner Circle, Regent's Park, NW1 2NR



Have a wonderful weekend!