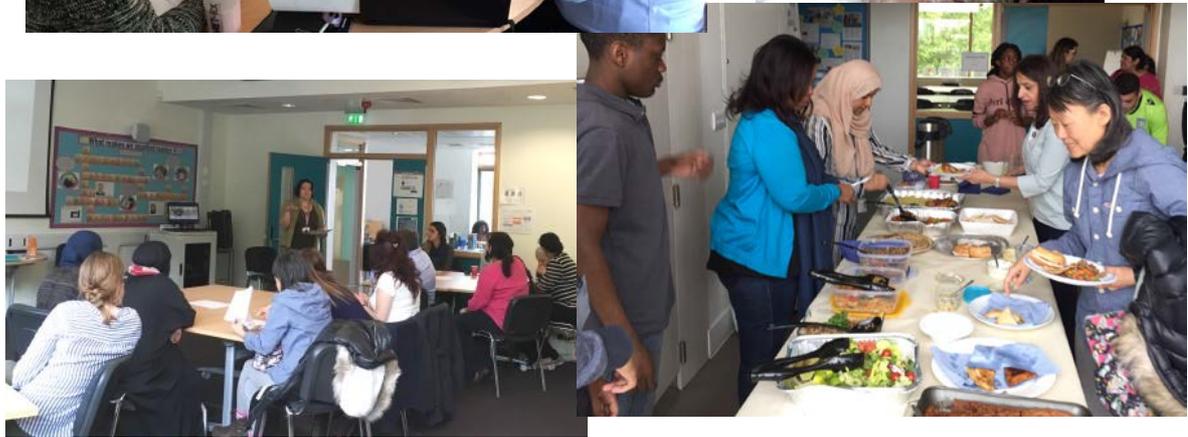


Weekly Newsletter 12th May 2017

On Thursday 11th May, we hosted our regular parent immersion day. There were seven different sessions focusing on a variety of teaching and learning aspects, which had been planned in collaboration with the Parent Council.



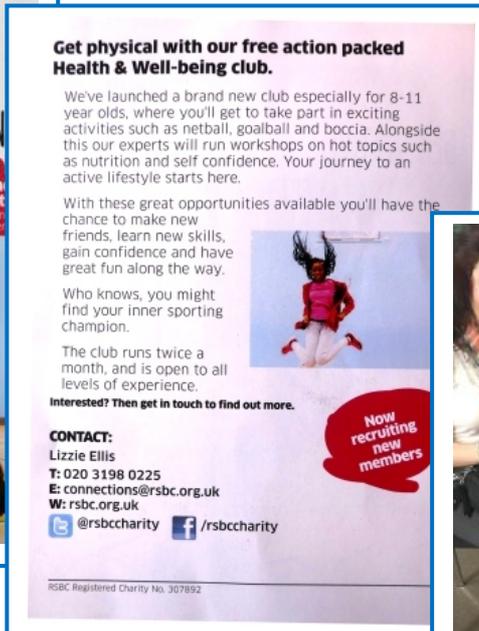
Sessions included:

- **Independence skills**, which focused on exploring strategies and systems to support our pupils to grow their independence skills.
- **Visual communication** which involved discussing a variety of approaches to support learners developing their communication skills.
- **Oral hygiene** for learners identified with having Profound and Multiple Difficulties. This workshop was facilitated by a Speech & Language and Occupational Therapist and focused on sharing strategies, appropriate equipment and skills for effective teeth brushing.
- **Preparing to leave school** focused on sharing local offer information for transitioning to further education and/or work opportunities beyond school.

- In the **Accessing the community** session, we looked at how to support our pupils and their families in using and accessing a number of places and facilities in the local area.
- In **Maintaining peer relationships** we discussed barriers and successes to develop and maintain successful social circles for both our young people and families beyond school.



We also had a representative from the **'Royal Society for Blind Children'**, who shared information about local groups and opportunities for children and young people who have visual impairments.



Finally, Becca Grant introduced Leeloo, who is a registered Pets As Therapy dog. Leeloo is a four year old Bolognese who will be working with children across the school from next week. Today parents had the opportunity to get to know Leeloo and talk about the benefits of having a therapeutic dog.



Halfway through the day, parents, staff and Leeloo paused for a 'bring and share' lunch, which was served by some of our KS4 pupils.

We had a very successful day.

Thank you to everyone who attended.

After School Clubs

The After School Clubs information organised to take place at school through external organisations is located here: <http://swisscottage.camden.sch.uk/learning/school-trips/>
Please contact the school if you have any questions on how to book a place.

Term Dates

Spring Holiday: Monday, 3rd April 2017 to Monday, 17th April 2017

Summer Term 2017

Tuesday, 18th April 2017 to Friday, 21st July 2017

Tuesday, 18th April 2017: Pupils return to school

Monday, 1st May 2017: Bank Holiday- School is closed

Friday, 26th May 2017: Last day of half term

Half Term: Monday, 29th May to Friday, 2nd June 2017

Monday, 5th June 2017: First day of half term

Friday, 23rd June 2017: No pupils in school: Professional Learning Day for all staff

Friday, 21st July 2017: Last day of school for pupils

Have a great weekend!