

Weekly Newsletter 19th May 2017

The teaching and learning **linked to this term's theme** of 'living things' continues to be multi-sensory, technological, and community-based in both Upper and Lower Schools. Pupils have completed a series of lessons which linked to a visit to 'Pets at Home' in Camden to understand the habitats and features of fish and small mammals. Lessons at Regents Park promoted community based travel training whilst building confidence with feeding the swans, pigeons and other birds. Pupils have also enjoyed experimenting with cooking to understand processes and sensory tasting. Trips this week included a visit to Hampton Court Palace to explore history, time, and historical buildings. Pupils in the Lower School explored everything from friction slides to vapour generators, and models of the solar system and water cycle during visits to the Science Museum. The changing weather has also provided an exciting way to explore how living things react to seasonal change.



Parent Council Meeting

The next Parent Council meeting is on Tuesday, 23rd May 10:00-11:30. The Class Representatives will be discussing research with Margaret Mulholland (Director of the Teaching School) and working with members of the Family Inclusion Team. Please see your Class Representative to discuss ideas, share your experiences, and plan events together.

October Education Gallery: Free Family Art Days



The October Education Gallery is holding Family Art Days which are perfect for pupils at Swiss Cottage School, Development and Research Centre. Here is a message from Becky Snow, Education Coordinator for the October Education Gallery:

Workshops provide a wonderful opportunity for families to play and learn together within the colourful and vibrant surroundings of a contemporary art gallery.

Our next Family Art Day is on Thursday 1st June for a very exciting Family Art Day at the [House of Illustration](#), all day from 10.30am-5pm with our own wonderful artist [Georgie Fay](#)! These workshops are especially for disabled and deaf children and their families!

Another Family Art Day is on Saturday 3rd June at October Gallery for all the family! Join storyteller Dani Bradstreet and Octoby to explore the gallery and join in creative making activities! It will be a drop in from 10am, with storytelling at 10.45am.

The Family Art Day is a great way to explore a gallery and take part in multi-sensory storytelling. We hope you can join them. For more information, visit: <http://octobergalleryed.wixsite.com/octgalleryeducation/family-learning>

Camden Special Parents Forum

There are a number of important opportunities organised by the Camden Special Parents Forum. These sessions look very interesting and useful, we hope that you can join them and meet parents who are keen to work together with you.



Here is our Summer Calendar with forums and workshops for anyone in Camden with a child or young person with special needs – please come along!

Forums are a chance to meet other parents, to find out more about important local issues and to give your feedback. *There's no need to book, please just come along!*

Workshops are held each term on different subjects - *please email or text to book a place: Rachel.Dixon@kids.org.uk or text 07711 767258.*

To contact us – and to join our mailing list - please email rachel.dixon@kids.org.uk call/text: 07711 767258 or call KIDS on 020 7359 3635 and ask for Rachel.

Take a look at our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/CamdenSpecialParentsForum

May

- 4 Thurs **Special Parents Forum, for parents of 0-25 yr olds with special needs. 10-12pm, Lumen.**
- 8 Mon Walk & Talk, Hampstead Heath. 10.15-12.15pm.
- 16 Tues **Autism Forum, for parents of 0-25 yr olds with Autism. 10-12pm, Lumen.**
- 24 Wed EHC Workshop. 10-12pm, Kentish Town Congregational Church.

June

- 9 Fri Cook & Eat does "Yoga & Lunch", Kentish Town Congregational Church. 12-2pm
- 12 Mon Walk & Talk, Hampstead Heath. 10.15-12.15pm.
- 14 Wed Preparing for Adulthood Workshop, Pirates Castle. 10-2pm.
- 21 Wed **Transition Forum, for parents of those aged 14yrs+ moving into adulthood. 10-12pm. Lumen.**

July

- 3 Mon Walk & Talk, Hampstead Heath. 10.15-12.15pm.
- 4 Tues **Special Parents Forum, for parents of 0-25 yr olds with special needs. 10-12pm, venue tbc.**

How to get the best Education Health and Care Plan for your child



When Wednesday 24th May, 10.30am – 12.30pm
Where Pirate Castle, Oval Road, NW1 &EA.
Close to Camden Lock, nearest tube Camden Town.

Is your child's educational statement about to transfer into an EHCP?
Have you started writing section A?
Do you wonder if there is anyone out there who can help or support you?
Have you got a date for the EHCP transfer meeting?
Do you know what an Independent Supporter is?

This is a great information session for anyone applying for or transferring to an Education, Health and Care Plan. It will guide you through the process, showing how you can be involved at each stage and how and when to get support.

What will you get out of it?

- An overview of an EHCP and what to expect from the application/ transfer process
- Advice on how to have your say and contribute to your child getting the best possible EHC Plan
- An opportunity to book a one to one follow-on session with a KIDS Independent Supporter



The trainer will be Vicki Joel who is a KIDS Independent Supporter and works with families in Camden throughout the process of EHC Plans.

To book onto this workshop please email Rachel.Dixon@kids.org.uk, call or text 07711 767258, or call the KIDS office on 0207 359 3635 and ask for Rachel or Maria.
Please do keep an eye on facebook, add your name to our contact list and keep in touch.
<https://www.facebook.com/CamdenSpecialParentsForum>

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.

Have a great weekend!