

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

This week we bring you news of:

- Report from Parent Council – 10 January
- Post 16 work experience
- Transport Training
- Camden Special Parents Forum – Spring Calendar 2018

Our first full week of term got underway with classes enjoying a range of activities including the first riding session of the year at Hyde Park Barracks where pupils learn how to develop their physical, social and emotional interaction through games, activities and sensory stimulation through riding, grooming and engaging with the ponies.



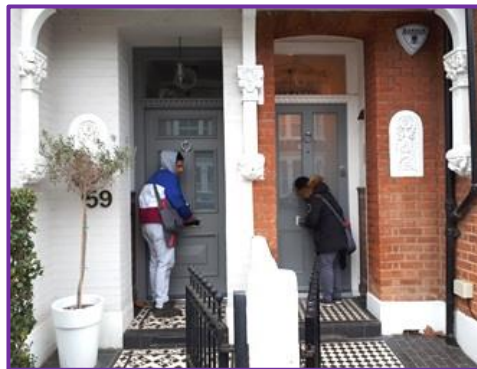
Some of our younger learners also enjoyed ice-skating on a trip to JW3. This winter was the fifth year that the arts centre opened its ice rink. The centre also provides penguin stabilisers and seated banana toboggans.

Parent Council

Our first Parent Council meeting this year, took place on Wednesday morning where we discussed school updates, transport policy and took a virtual tour around the newly refurbished sensory rooms. Parent Representatives also looked at fund raising for after school provision. Our next meeting will take place on 7 February at 10am.

Post 16 work experience

Six of our Post 16 students took part in a work experience opportunity on Monday, leafleting for a Swimming Club in South West London. Despite the cold, they worked very hard to deliver over 500 leaflets and finished by enjoying a hot chocolate to warm up!



Transport Training

Last year we started offering training and development sessions to the bus drivers and escorts to work together to support our pupils in their journeys to and from school. On Tuesday and Wednesday we did refresher training on:

- Understanding the ways our pupils communicate
- How our pupils' sensory experiences can impact on their journey
- Understanding that behaviour is a form of communication
- Strategies to respond in positive ways to support pupils who might become agitated on the bus

It also gave us the opportunity to hear from the bus crews what we can do as a school to support them in sharing information, visual resources and strategies. We will offer further training sessions across the school year, and continue to meet with them to ensure pupils come to school ready to learn, and are able return home in a relaxed manner at the end of the day.

Camden Special Parents Forum Spring Calendar 2018

Attached on the reverse of this letter is the Camden Special Parents Forum calendar of events for this term. Any parents/carers in Camden with a child or young person with SEND are welcome to join in any of the meetings or workshops.

Lastly a gentle reminder that Medium Term Plans, PLIMS and updated staffing class-lists for your child have been sent home with children this week. Please contact your class-teacher if you have not received any of these or have any questions relating to them.

Have a lovely weekend!



Monika Gaweda
Head of School

CAMDEN SPECIAL PARENTS FORUM

Spring Calendar 2018

Welcome to our Spring Calendar of forums, workshops and meet-ups for anyone in Camden with a child or young person with special needs – please come along!

Forums are a chance to meet other parents and to get and give feedback on important local issues. There's no need to book in, please just come along!

Workshops are held each term on different subjects – **BOOKING ESSENTIAL**

Walk and Talks are relaxed walks on Hampstead Heath and a chance to get together with other parents, have a cup of coffee along the way and just talk about anything and everything.

Yoga and Lunch is another popular feature on our calendar. Again a chance to meet up with other parents in a relaxed setting for a couple of hours and enjoy a FREE lunch prepared by KIDS keyworkers. **PLEASE BOOK**

To book a workshop, get on our mailing list or to find out more please get in touch: Rachel.Dixon@kids.org.uk or Maria.Schultz@kids.org.uk. Text or call 07826 671 523 or call the KIDS office on 0207 359 3635 and ask for Rachel or Maria.

We are also on Facebook – www.facebook.com/CamdenSpecialParentsForum and you can follow us on Twitter @CamdenSPForum

January

- 15 Mon Walk and Talk, 10.15-12.30pm, Hampstead Heath
- 24 Wed Special Parents Forum, for all parents of 0-25 year olds with special needs, 10-12pm, Pirate Castle, Oval Road, NW1 7EA
- 26 Fri Yoga and Lunch, 12-2pm, Kentish Town Congregational Church, Kelly Street, NW1 8PH
- 31 Wed SEN Support Workshop, 10-12pm, Pirate Castle, Oval Road, NW1 7EA

February

- 7 Wed Autism Forum, for parents of 0-25 year olds with Autism, 10-12pm, Pirate Castle, Oval Road, NW1 7EA
- 21 Wed Back Care and Posture Workshop, 10.30-12pm, Pirate Castle, Oval Road, NW1 7EA
- 26 Mon Walk and Talk, 10.15-12.30pm, Hampstead Heath

March

- 2 Fri Yoga and Lunch, 12-2pm, Kentish Town Congregational Church, Kelly Street, NW1 8PH
- 7 Wed Transition Forum, for all parents of 13-25 year olds with special needs, 10-12pm, Venue TBC
- 23 Fri Special Parents Day, 10-2.30pm – Details to be confirmed
- 26 Mon Walk and Talk, 10.15-12.30pm, Hampstead Heath

Please read on for venue details.