



End of Spring Term Newsletter 29th March 2018



Thank you for supporting positive partnerships throughout the Spring Term. We value your involvement through Family Learning Week, Parent Council, Parent Workshops, Coffee Mornings, and the numerous dialogues and discussion that take place with the strong relationship we share. We always feel privileged to have your child at our school, and value the trust you have in us to support their holistic development. We ended this term with the commitment to creative and meaningful learning opportunities, and it was a pleasure to observe their progress and personal development.

Challenge Partners Review



Our Challenge Partners Review took place 21st to 23rd February and the final report has come through. Challenge Partners involves an Ofsted Inspector and 2 trained school reviewers to evaluate our school's effectiveness through lesson observations and analysis of a range of information. We were recognised as 'Outstanding' across all areas.

"Relationships across the school are warm and productive and the welfare of the pupils is paramount. All staff have very high expectations for pupils' social and educational development. They model these expectations for pupils and encourage participation. As a result, pupils have positive attitudes to learning. They enjoy their work, are fully engaged and take pride in their achievements."

"Pupil assessment is continuous and holistic, capturing progress in a variety of ways both formative and summative. The approach taken by the school is innovative and, as a consequence, progress is described within a different framework to many other settings. The school uses a wide variety of systems and indicators to describe pupil progress, determined by the individual pupil's needs within key stages and curriculum pathways."

"The school has remained committed to a set of core values and culture. This is evident in the culture of high trust, high expectation, challenge and accountability which gives leaders autonomy to create and innovate according to their expertise. Reflection and evaluation play a significant role in leadership and have ensured that the school is an accepting and inclusive community where all are warmly welcomed."

The full 10 page report is located on our school website here:

<http://swisscottage.camden.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/DW-QA-Swiss-Cottage-School-1.pdf>

2018-2019 Term Dates: Available on School website: <http://swisscottage.camden.sch.uk/for-parents/term-dates/>



Epilepsy Awareness Day

We started the week with pupils and staff wearing purple to raise awareness of epilepsy. Our NHS colleagues also hosted an event at Kentish Town Health Centre. We continue to work closely with developments in research to explore the role of new technologies which can help early identification of seizures.

World Autism Awareness Week

We also focused on World Autism Awareness Week. Groups of students worked together to create two pieces of artwork across the week to represent our focus on recognising the individuality and potential of every pupil in our school, including those with Autism. We also supported the National Autistic Society's focus on raising awareness about autism. Staff and pupils flooded the school with colour and even wore onesies alongside colleagues across the country.

To find out more about The National Autistic Society visit: <http://www.autism.org.uk/get-involved/world-autism-awareness-week.aspx>



British Museum

Our partnership with the British Museum has led to a range of sensory activities alongside exhibits. We have valued the British Museum commitment to making learning at the museum meaningful, accessible, and engaging. It is one of many a partnerships that value our pupils as equal members of the local community. It helps our locals recognise our pupils for what they 'can do' and supports the focus on inclusive communities.



Sports Competitions

The term has ended with a range of sporting competitions. We are proud to share that pupils from the Lower School took the part in the Green House Cup Competition at Archway Sport Centre for swimming. They really enjoyed the spirit of the event and took part with a positive attitude and demonstrated excellent skills. Pupils from the Upper School took part in the London Youth Games Boccia Competition at the Westway Sports Centre alongside teams from across London representing their schools and boroughs. They were confident, focused, and enjoyed the competition alongside peers from other schools. Well done!

Dates for your diary:

- Monday 16th April 2018- First day of summer term (pupils and staff back at school)
- Wednesday 25th April 10:00-12:00 - Parent Council
- Friday 4th May 2018 - Professional Learning Day for all staff: no school for pupils
- Monday 7th May 2018 - Bank Holiday Monday (school closed)
- Monday 28th May - Friday 1st June: Half-term break

We hope you all have a wonderful holiday and look forward to welcoming your child back on Monday 16th April 2018.