



Dear Parents and Carers,

Swiss Cottage School learners recently came together with other young people from London to explore activities at the Elements Festival at Linden Lodge School. The group participated in games led by PE specialists from Panathlon and Wandsworth and included a sensory slalom, new age curling, and music and movement improvisation sessions with Ambient Jam musicians. Follow the link to read more and view photos from the day:



<http://www.wandsworthschoolgames.co.uk/news/20303/elements-festival-at-linden-lodge>

### Camden Music Festival in Royal Albert Hall, 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018



Pupils, parents, family members and staff enjoyed a superb evening at the Royal Albert Hall on Monday attending the Camden Music Festival.

Swiss Cottage pupils performed on stage alongside learners from other schools in Camden and the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment. They performed a specially composed piece called 'Wondrous Machine', by composer James Redwood, as part of the 'Music is Special' project organised by Camden Music Service.

Compere and Channel 4 News Presenter, Jon Snow, spoke to students after the performance and congratulated them on the fantastic concert.



### Sports Relief, Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018



On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March our school community will engage in a variety of sports activities arranged by the PE team in support of **Sports Relief**. The fundraising day is part of the Comic Relief initiative and aims to raise money for projects in the UK and across the world, which aim to tackle domestic violence or mental health issues. Staff and learners are being asked to please wear red clothing on Monday.



**Red Nose Day** is on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2018. Everyone is encouraged on the day to celebrate unity and harmony and put on a 'Red Nose'! Red noses will be available to buy in our school reception from next week.

To find out more about the Comic Relief charity visit [comicrelief.com](http://comicrelief.com).

### Parent Council

At the most recent Parent Council meeting, parent representatives proposed to revise the meeting schedule for the rest of the school year, the amended dates and times are:

- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2018, 10-12pm
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2018, 11-1pm
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2018, 10-12pm

### St Patrick's Day, 17th March 2018

Happy St Patrick's Day to those in our community who are celebrating the Irish culture on this public holiday for Ireland.



### World Down Syndrome Day, Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March



[www.worlddownsyndromeday.org](http://www.worlddownsyndromeday.org)

All over the world people are encouraged to wear odd socks to raise awareness of Down Syndrome Day.

To find out more about Down's Syndrome Awareness Day and Down's

Syndrome Association visit: [https://www.downs-syndrome.org.uk/for-people-with-downs-syndrome/world-down-syndrome-day/?gclid=EAlaIqobChMImveErMPw2QIVGPEbCh32jw-xEAYASAAEgJ4oPD\\_BwE](https://www.downs-syndrome.org.uk/for-people-with-downs-syndrome/world-down-syndrome-day/?gclid=EAlaIqobChMImveErMPw2QIVGPEbCh32jw-xEAYASAAEgJ4oPD_BwE)



### Dates for your diary:

- Join us on **21st March 2018** from 5-8pm for the School Charity fundraising event, the **Glam Party**, led by learners from Key Stages 4 and 5. It is a wonderful opportunity to spend time with other parents and staff and get yourself some bargains on designer clothing.

-On **Thursday 22 March** there is a free lecture at the University of London by Professor **Francesca Happé** on "**Talent in Autism: The Beautiful Otherness of the Autistic Mind**". In this lecture, Professor Happé will reflect on her thirty year journey researching special abilities in autism. The tickets are free but booking is essential:

<https://www.gold.ac.uk/calendar/?id=11400>

Best wishes,  
Monika Gaweda, Head of School

# Camden Special Parents Forum Feedback Day

Come along to get together with other Camden parents of children and young people with SEND and get your voice heard!



Camden Special Parents Forum are holding a Special Parents Feedback Day for you to give your views on the services that affect you and your family in Camden.

- Take part in one of our group discussions with other parents to share how Camden services are working for you
- Hear from our speakers
- Enjoy lunch together with other parents
- Enter the raffle with the chance to win a prize!

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!

**WHEN: Friday 23rd  
March, 10am-2pm**

Starts at 10am – come on time to enter the raffle and hear from our speakers!

**WHERE: ORT House,  
126 Albert Street,  
Camden, NW1 7NE**  
Nearest tube: Camden Town



Follow us - we'll keep you posted!

**BOOK NOW** to secure your **FREE** parent/carer place and to enter the raffle!

Text us on **07826 671 523**

10 am  
start!

**CAMDEN SPECIAL  
PARENTS FORUM!**

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*Sorry that there's no room for children at this event.*

