

## Weekly Newsletter 18<sup>th</sup> May 2018



This week, we celebrated Family Learning Week. It was lovely to meet so many of you sharing your children's learning.



The Sixth Form Enterprise students enjoyed engaging with the school community and families as part of Family Learning Week too. They have prepared and served delicious food in the 'Venture café' and sold items including handmade pottery, knitting and cards.



On Monday one of our Year 11 learners, Hakeem, had his dreams come true when he met Ladysmith Black Mambazo, a Grammy award winning South African male chorale group. Hakeem has been inspired by the group for some time, knows everything there is to know about them and values their philosophy of 'Love, peace and harmony'. Hakeem watched the sound check at The Bridge Theatre before meeting the group and singing with them. He was then given tickets

for their evening show. This was a truly fantastic experience for Hakeem and one that he will not forget!

Thursday saw a Sports Assembly to present Aseal with a framed photograph of her meeting Prince Harry at the opening of the new Greenhouse Centre in Cosway Street. Aseal was chosen to attend the opening to reflect her sporting successes, representing the school in the Middlesex football league, winning medals in swimming and rowing but also for her enthusiasm and willingness to face new challenges and take on leadership roles. Aseal was applauded by her friends and is a wonderful ambassador to her peers and younger students, encouraging them to seize opportunities and challenge themselves. Well done Aseal!



The Parent Council has started a 'Google' document to centrally capture information related to the holiday, weekend and after school provision. Please click on the link to add any ideas and activities you may be aware of or are interested in:

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Pa7XuR3OPkfqhHSsvlIKUZwGn9Q1cuD7alhX2Jn\\_k/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Pa7XuR3OPkfqhHSsvlIKUZwGn9Q1cuD7alhX2Jn_k/edit?usp=sharing)

### **Data Protection**

We have always had responsibility for the protection of all information held by the school on your child. There are changes taking place for all schools in England and we have prepared for this very carefully. It means we have increased security to ensure the information held is safe. Next week, we will send home a form which summarises the schools responsibilities with your child's data. This includes the contact details we hold for you as well. It explains the information we hold, how that information is stored, and some additional details. If you have any questions, please do contact us anytime.

### **A reminder of some events coming up:**

#### **Family Learning Workshops: Mindfulness in Creativity 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2018**

Sheila Louis from City Lit Family Learning will be at school on 23<sup>rd</sup> May from 10:00-12:30pm to run a workshop using screen printing and other art exercises to help aid relaxation. The workshops are open to all parents and carers. For more information contact the school's Family Inclusion Team (FIT) on 020 7681 8080.

#### **Toilet Training for Children with Complex Needs: Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

We have had a number of requests for toilet readiness training and have arranged some training in partnership with our NHS colleagues. The training is targeted specifically for children with complex needs and is open to all parents and carers. The training will be held at the school on Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> May 9:30-11:30am.

#### **Camden Special Parents Forum**

On Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018 from 10:15am till 12:30pm there is an opportunity to join other parents for a 'Walk and Talk' on Hampstead Heath. For more information please contact the Camden Special Parents Forum:

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/CamdenSpecialParentsForum](http://www.facebook.com/CamdenSpecialParentsForum)

Phone: KIDS office 02073593635 or Email: [maria.schultz@kids.org.uk](mailto:maria.schultz@kids.org.uk)

#### **Challenging Behavior Workshop**

On Wednesday 6th June 2018 you are invited to a workshop about challenging behaviors aimed at parents, carers and families for children with additional needs. The workshop runs from 9.45am till 2.00pm (free lunch is included) and will be held at the Pirate Castle, Oval Road, Camden NW1 7EA. Booking for this event is essential as there are only a few places left. The session will be led by Yvonne Newbold ([www.yvonneneubold.com](http://www.yvonneneubold.com)) who brings personal experience to this practical workshop. For more information please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter.

#### **Dates for your diaries**

Half Term Break: Monday, 28th May- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018

Staff Training Day: Monday, 2nd July - school closed to pupils

We hope you have a wonderful weekend.

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