

Welcome to our last newsletter before the half term break!

It has been a busy week! Our Lower School learners have taken advantage of the wonderful weather and enjoyed sports day activities. Students from Upper School have visited another London Special School for a friendly basketball match.



Learners have also been enjoying our new Library, opened during the Autumn Term, and developing their early reading skills through sensory stories.

Classes continued to explore the theme of water with visits to the London Aquarium, the London Zoo and local parks.



This week Swiss Cottage School held their first Special Olympics MATP challenge day. The motor activity training program prepares athletes for sport-specific activities appropriate to their ability and is an opportunity to celebrate the successes of our students. Students from upper school came together in a celebration of physical activity. There were relay races, football competitions, parachute games and tug of war all giving students the opportunity to compete against their own personal bests and against each other. This event was also part of the Greenhouse cup. A tournament that tries to link Greenhouse schools across London together to give our students additional and appropriate sporting opportunities.



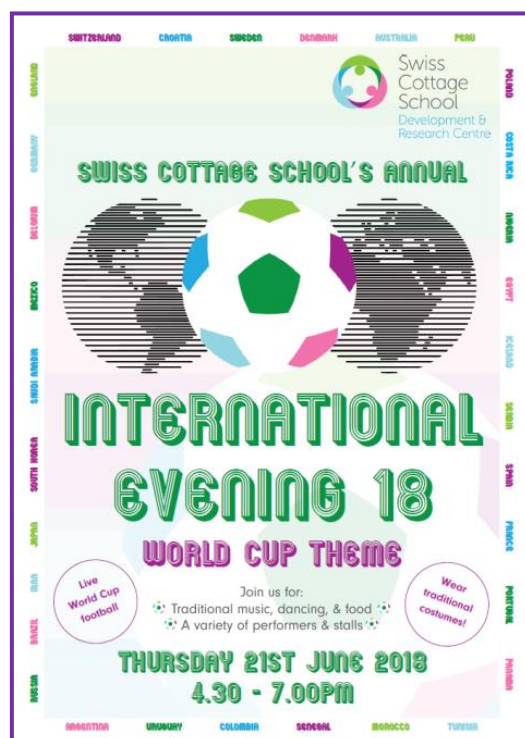
Finally, on Friday learners from the lower school were put through their paces in a range of sporting activities. The PE team in Partnership with Special Olympics Great Britain and Metlife Insurance used the power of sport to enrich, engage and challenge the learners. Activities included Young Athletes Programme, Swimming, Bouncy Castle, Bikes and much more. Well done all who supported and took part.



Some of our staff took part in training with Liquid Vibrations, a specialist provider, so that we will be able to offer musical hydrotherapy sessions. For more information on Liquid vibrations visit this website <https://www.liquidvibrations.org.uk/> The specialist equipment, which will be installed during July, was made possible by the support of the school charity and the Liberal Jewish Synagogue.

### International Evening – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June

We have also been busy starting to plan our next International Evening which this year will take place on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June. We are pulling together an exciting program of activities that our whole school community and their families can enjoy together, details to follow soon.



### **Short Breaks Drop-Ins**

All parents, carers and families are welcome to attend Short Breaks drop-ins where they can learn about:

- advice and support for families i.e. advice on packages and how to use them;
- signposting to community services and activities in the area;
- basic usage of Camden's Local Offer Website;
- information/support on completing self-assessment forms

The next dates for drop-ins are:

- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 10.00 – 12.00 at Swiss Cottage School
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July at 9.30 – 12.00 at the Crowndale Centre, Eversholt Street, NW1

Please book an appointment to find out what activities are available in Camden for your child, or if you require information about the self-assessment referral form. You can do this by contacting Jeffrey Kotei (Short Breaks Co-ordinator) on 0203 317 2201 or by email on [ductydc@camden.gov.uk](mailto:ductydc@camden.gov.uk)

### **Dates for your diaries**

First day of Summer 2 term:	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June
Parent Council:	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June
International Evening:	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> June
Staff Training Day:	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July – school closed to pupils

We hope you have a wonderful half term break and look forward to welcoming your children back to school on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June.

Best wishes,  
Monika Gaweda  
Head of School