



## Weekly Newsletter 11<sup>th</sup> May 2018



This week, Swiss Cottage School hosted students from the Phoenix School for the Greenhouse Cup. The event is created to give students across a number of London schools that work with the Greenhouse Sports Charity competitive opportunities in a range of sports. This week's event focused on football. It was great to see the spirit of friendship throughout the day. Pupils showed the skills they have developed alongside their communication and interaction skills. The Swiss Cottage School team won 5-2 whilst developing their perseverance, resilience, teamwork, and friendships.

### **Family Learning Week: Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> May to Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> May**

Next week is Family Learning Week. Your child's class teacher will be contacting you to invite you into school for shared learning experiences with the class. We look forward to seeing you next week and value the partnership with you. The Sixth Form Social Enterprise students will be running a stall in the 4<sup>th</sup> floor café on Wednesday so please pop in if you are with us on Wednesday, 12:00 - 2:00!

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

We have had a number of requests for toilet training readiness 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 9:30-11:30. A flyer with more details is at the end of the newsletter.

### **Two Family Learning Workshops: Mindfulness in Creativity 16<sup>th</sup> May and 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

Sheila Louis from City Lit Family Learning will be at school on 16<sup>th</sup> May and 23<sup>rd</sup> May from 10:00-12:30 to run two workshops 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. A flyer with more details is at the end of the newsletter.

### **Camden Special Parents Forum**

We also have some events to share with you from our friends at the Camden Special Parents Forum:

Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> May from 10:15 - 12:30 opportunity to join other parents for a 'Walk and Talk' on Hampstead Heath

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 10:00-12:00 Challenging Behaviour Workshop - booking for this event is essential.

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June from 12:00 - 2:00 Yoga and Lunch session at the Kentish Town Congregational Church, Kelly Street, Kentish Town, NW1 8PH (entrance through the gates and across the garden). You will need to bring a yoga mat or something comfortable to lie on. This is a free event but booking is essential as numbers are limited.

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)

## **Academy Application: Governing Body and Leadership Team Decision**

The school submitted an application last year to become an academy to open additional provision, because our school is full and pupils are not able to gain a place at our Outstanding provision. The Academies Team provided an update and asked the school to explore two other options if we wanted the application to be approved. The Governing Body and Leadership Team had a lengthy discussion about these two options. They do not match the school's aims or principles which were shared during the consultation. It goes against our vision and would not support the priorities we outlined in our consultation.

We have made the decision to close our application. We will not become an academy or open new school provisions. We will continue to work with the local authority to explore how we can support the increased placement priorities. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school.

### **Future Dates**

Half Term Break: Monday, 28th May – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June  
Parent Council: Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 10:00-12:00  
Staff Training Day: Monday, 2nd July – school closed to pupils

We hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes

Monika Gaweda  
Head of School



## **PARENT TRAINING**



### Continence Management for children with complex needs

Please join us for this informative presentation by

School Occupational Therapy, School Nursing,

CAMHS and Speech & Language Therapy in collaboration with

Maxine Hammond, Lead Continence Nurse.

When: **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May**

Time: **9.30 - 11.30**

Location: **Swiss Cottage School**

The presentation aims to give support to parents and carers:

- To understand common barriers to toilet training for children with complex needs.
- Increase knowledge of bladder & bowel problems and learn strategies to address these.
- To learn 'good habits' relating to toilet training.
- To develop ideas in creating individualised toileting plans in collaboration with the wider team around your child.

You will have the opportunity to share thoughts and ask questions of

our highly trained staff.

**OPEN TO ALL PARENTS AND CARERS**

# Two Family Learning Workshops

## Mindfulness in Creativity

for parents and carers



Screen Printing and other art exercises with a  
view to making you relax

at

**Swiss Cottage School**

2 more weeks on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May and 23<sup>rd</sup> May  
10am. - 12.30



With Sheila Louis from Citylit Family Learning Tutor.  
See Rob Colledge or just come along  
Phone 0207 681 8080