

### General Updates

We are approaching the end of term and also the school year, which means we will be saying goodbye to some of our students.

Our sixth form students held their Leavers Assembly on Friday. They were joined by friends, staff and families to celebrate their achievements over their years at Swiss and to share their hopes and ambitions for the future. It was both a joyous and emotional time as they recounted their journeys through the school.



### Saddlers Wells Performance

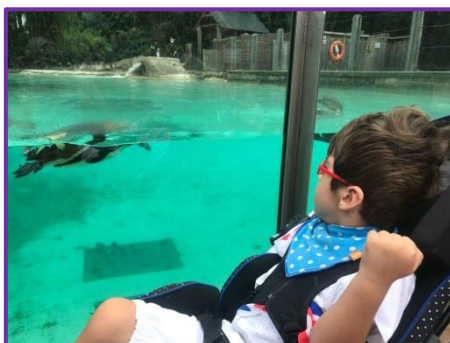
The Dance Group had a fantastic evening at Saddlers Wells theatre, the home of dance, on Monday evening when they performed at the 'Step Into Dance' finals – a wonderful opportunity to perform live on a West End stage.

They had spent earlier terms working with a dancer from the Royal Academy of Dance who choreographed Monday's performance. Everyone who saw the performance came away excited and inspired.



### **Trips and visits**

This week, learners enjoyed trips out to the Zoo, Kew Gardens, the Snow Centre in Hemel Hempstead and the wider community. Here are just a few of the highlights from this week:



### **Other news**

Earlier this week five athletes from our school who have shown a keen interest in sports and leadership were chosen to represent Camden and went to Coca Cola's Wimpole Street head office for a celebration of sport. This was a partnership event for Special Olympics Great Britain. Our five young athletes took part in basketball, football, bowling, table tennis and hoop throwing events. They made new friends including Special Olympics and Coca Cola staff as well as meeting Special Olympic gold medalists.



Three of our parents also received awards at the annual Camden Adult Learning Celebration held at the British Museum last Friday. The event was in recognition of the work of the Adult Learning Service across Camden. The three received their awards from the Mayor of Camden, Cllr Jenny Headlam-Wells, and the Leader of the Council, Councilor Georgia Gould.

### **Camden Council Summer Activities Program**

Camden Council have produced a summer activities guide listing free and low cost activities for all ages as well as a summer youth activities guide for children and young people aged 8 to 19 (or 25 for those with learning difficulties or disabilities). For more information please use the following links:

[www.camden.gov.uk/summer](http://www.camden.gov.uk/summer)

[www.camden.gov.uk/youth](http://www.camden.gov.uk/youth)

Camden's Summer Program for 2018 is also available – a guide to free or low cost things to do in Camden. Browse the program via the link or pick up a copy at a Camden Library:

<http://www.lovecamden.org/camden-summer-programme-2018>

### Coming up in the Autumn Term

Coming up next term is a parent Makaton course running over 4 mornings during September/October. The course will be run by the Camden Speech and Language Therapy Team and based at Kentish Town Health Centre and open to all parents/carers of children who are receiving speech therapy. For more information or to apply, please contact [clare.parsons5@nhs.net](mailto:clare.parsons5@nhs.net) or phone 0207 483 6065.



**4 week Makaton training course  
for parents and carers**

**Kentish Town Health Centre**

For an application form/queries:  
[clare.parsons5@nhs.net](mailto:clare.parsons5@nhs.net)  
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Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 0930-1200  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 0930-1200  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 0930-1200  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 0930-1200

Run by the Camden  
Speech and  
Language Therapy  
Team

- The course is free but participants are encouraged to pay the one off cost of £28 for accreditation and manuals (a limited hardship fund is available – please ask).
- Please note we cannot provide interpreters or crèche facilities for the course.

### Last day of term

On the last day of term, Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July, pupils will be finishing at 1.30 pm.

**The school will reopen to learners on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September.** Full details for the new school year starting in September can be found on the school's website: <http://swisscottage.camden.sch.uk/for-parents/term-dates/>

Best wishes,

Monika Gaweda, Head of School