

Weekly Newsletter 14th September 2018

Dear Parents, Carers, and Families,

Earlier this week four of our Upper School students represented our school at an event run by the International Special Olympics Organisation. They travelled to Canary Wharf to meet Nicole Scherzinger, who is an ambassador for the Special Olympics. The pupils were her guests for an event which promoted a global movement for people focused on creating a more inclusive global community. They represented our school and wider population with incredible confidence and passion. We will be a partner with the Special Olympics and are in the process of establishing the Camden Special Olympics which is a flagship pilot for England.

For more information on the Special Olympics Organisation, please visit this link: <https://www.specialolympics.org/>



Class Timetables and Personal Learning Intention Maps (PLIMs)

This week you will receive your child's class timetable which outlines the weekly provision, including swimming and PE sessions.

You will also receive the Autumn Term Personal Learning Intentions Map (PLIM), which specify outcomes your child will be working towards this term. If you have any questions related to the timetables or PLIMs please contact your child's class teacher.

'Evidence for Learning' Training Sessions for Parents and Carers

All pupils in the school have a secure online Personal Learning Journal. The learning journal records photos, videos, observations, and comments in line with the individual curriculum pathway to build up a record of their progress during the current academic year and over their time at school. Class teams upload the information regularly so that parents can securely access the valuable observations via a password protected log-in using the 'Evidence for Learning' App and website.

To find out more about the App and understand how it can be used to support your child's learning at home please attend one of the following training sessions:

- 18th September at 9:45am
- 27th September at 9:45am
- 2nd October at 9:45am
- 11th October 9:45am
- 16th October 9:45am

We look forward to seeing you during one of the sessions.

Coffee Mornings

During the week of 24th September and 1st October, all class teams will be hosting families to visit the school. This will be a great opportunity for all parents and families to meet the class teams, discuss learning priorities for the term and join in with activities and sessions. Your class teacher will notify you of the specific visit day and time.

Parent Council

We are committed to parent partnership and have an active Parent Council. We are inviting parents to become Parent Representatives for each class and join the Parent Council. If you are interested in becoming a Parent Representative for your child's class please contact the class teacher or any member from the Senior Leadership Team. The role of a Parent Representative is very important to us at Swiss Cottage School. If you would like more information please do not hesitate to contact any member of the senior leadership team (Vijita, Becky, Monika, Lucy or Catherine) or speak to a member of last year's Parent Council.

Our first Parent Council meeting will take place on Friday 21st September 2018 at 10:00-12:00. This year's dates are: :

- Friday 21st September 2018
- Friday 16th November 2018
- Friday 1st February 2019
- Friday 5th April 2019
- Friday 17th May 2019
- Friday 12th July 2019

All meetings will take place between 10:00-12:00.

Other News

Join us in supporting 'Jeans for Genes Day' on Friday 21st September. The charity Jeans for Genes raises awareness and funds research for children with genetic disorders. Our community supports this charity and we invite you to wear jeans on Friday 21st September to raise money for this worthy cause. If you would like to make a donation, please send it in with your child on Friday.



For more information, please visit this website: <https://www.jeansforgenesday.org/>

Best wishes,

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