

Weekly Newsletter 28th September 2018

Dear Parents, Carers, and Families,

General updates

This week, classes have really been getting underway with our term's theme, 'Ourselves'. Learners have been exploring the topic across the curriculum and some beautiful displays - inspired by the theme - have been springing up in the school's corridors. Upper school classes have been looking at what things they need the most...

... like time to relax...



...and friendships.



Some classes in Lower School have been making wonderful portraits of themselves using paint...



Other learners have been exploring feelings and what they look like. The students have had fun making selfies to show different moods.

Parent Council

Our first Parent Council meeting this academic year, took place last Friday. During the session we have discussed school updates, priorities for the year and also looked at ways for Parent Representatives to get involved in school events.

For the Parent Council meeting schedule, please visit this link:

<http://swisscottage.camden.sch.uk/for-parents/pta/>



Evidence For Learning Training Sessions for Parents and Carers

All pupils in the school have an online Personal Learning Journal. The learning journal records photos, observations, and comments in line with the individual curriculum pathway, to build up a record of pupil's experiences during the current academic year and over their time at school. Learning teams input new observations, which parents can securely access via a password protected log in using the Evidence For Learning App.

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

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

Term dates reminder

Here is a reminder of our key start/finish and staff training dates for the remainder of the autumn term.

- Thursday, 18th of October 2018 will be the last day of this half-term for pupils.
- Friday, 19th October 2018 is a Professional Learning Day for staff only. Pupils will not attend on this date.
- Half Term Break is from Monday, 22nd October to Friday, 26th October 2018.
- Monday, 29th October 2018 is the first day back for pupils after the half term break.
- Friday, 23rd November 2018 is another Professional Learning Day for staff only. Pupils will not attend on this date.
- Friday, 21st December 2018 is the last day of term for pupils.
- Winter Break is from Monday, 24th December 2018 to Friday, 4th January 2019.

To find this information and see future term dates please visit the school website here:

<http://swisscottage.camden.sch.uk/for-parents/term-dates/>

More events for special parents

The Camden Special Parents Forum continues its autumn programme with these opportunities and get-togethers in early October. The Forum's events are aimed at anyone in Camden with a child or young person with special needs.

- Thurs 4th October - Special Parents Forum, for all parents of 0-25 year olds with special needs, 10-12pm, Pirate Castle, 33 Oval Road, NW1 7EA.
- Tue 9th October - Sleep Workshop (CAMHS), 10-12pm, Pirate Castle, 33 Oval Road, NW1 7EA.
- Thur 11th October - Coffee morning, 10-12pm, Pirate Castle, 33 Oval Road, NW1 7EA.

Booking for the sleep workshop is essential. Please see the flyer on the last page of this newsletter for details of how to book.

For more information on the Camden Special Parents Forum and to see more upcoming events, please visit their website here: www.facebook.com/CamdenSpecialParentsForum

Best wishes,

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Head of School

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Deputy Head of School

**SLEEP Workshop for parents and carers of
Children with Additional Needs**



Topics covered in this workshop:

- Setting bedtime routines
- Managing food and drink before bedtime
- Use of technology at bedtime
- Managing daytime naps
- Developing your child's self-settling skills
- Settling to sleep and managing night waking
- Dealing with nightmares, sleepwalking and night terrors
- Comforting your child at bedtime
- When to consider melatonin

This very informative session will be delivered by **Susan Cottam** and **Eleni Paliokosta**, both Clinical Psychologists at CAMHS Mosaic.

WHEN: Tuesday, 9th Oct 10.00am – 12.00pm.

WHERE: Pirate Castle, Oval Road, Camden, NW1 7EA

*******BOOKING ESSENTIAL*******

To book onto this workshop please email maria.schultz@kids.org.uk, call or text 07826 671 523, or call the KIDS office on 0207 431 8476 and ask for Rachel or Maria.

Please do keep an eye on Facebook, ask to join our contact list and keep in touch.

<https://www.facebook.com/CamdenSpecialParentsForum>

