

Weekly Newsletter: Friday 25th January 2019

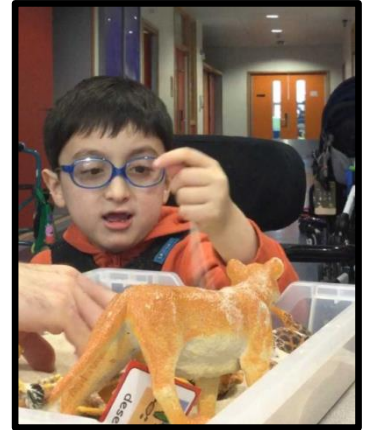
Dear Parents, Carers, and Families,

Environment Themed Learning

As the term progresses our students are really getting underway with exploring our term's theme, 'Environments'.

We caught up with some classes to see what they had been up to this week...

Learners in Lower School had been doing some sensory exploration of animals that live in the desert. They were also using the activity to practice their hand and fine-motor skills.



Students in Upper School had been looking at the kind of environments that are being most affected and harmed by human activity. This week they focused on the Arctic and practiced teamwork skills to build a snowstorm in a bottle together.

On Wednesday, students from Post-16 went to Branch Hill Allotments as part of their current project which looks at biodiversity in the environment.

The idea was to find and count all the different types of vegetables they could find growing there. However, the gardens were covered in snow and ice - a wonderful environment but it made their job quite tricky!



Parent Groups

We would like to highlight two parent groups that are coming up next week for members of our Somali and Bengali communities.

Somali Parent Group is happening on Monday the 28th Jan @ 10 to 12pm.

Bengali Parent Group is on Wednesday 30th of Jan @ 10 to 12pm.

The groups are for parents to socialise, share advice, experiences and skills. They are run by our family support link-workers.

Parent Council

The next Parent Council meeting will take place on Friday 1st February 2019 at 10:00-11:30.

We hope that every class representative will join so that they can be involved in the developments we are making to the Parent Council. We will be breaking into two groups (Lower School and Upper School) to give the meeting more structure.

1st February 2019 10:00-11:30

10:00-10:15 School Updates

10:15-10:40 Invited Visitor: This meeting will have the Lead of Physiotherapy and Occupation Therapy (Betty Hutchon)

10:45-11:30 Lower School Parents focused on workshop priorities

Upper School Parents focused on the Camden Supported Employment strategy and sharing their views on the new Camden Vocational Profiles

11:30 END

Thank you to everybody that has sent feedback through to make it the best it can be.

Yoga Class – a reminder

A reminder that yoga for parents/carers with Mary has resumed this term and is now taking place every Monday morning from 9.45 to 10.45am.

The session takes place in the drama studio, is totally free and open to everyone with a child at the school. If you'd like to join in, please come to reception by 9.45am on Monday morning, where Mary will pick you up.

Getting Back to Work - Camden Early Years Network

If you are a parent with a child who is under 5 and are considering getting back to work then this is the meeting for you.

North Camden Early Years Network is holding a gathering on Thursday the 7th of February from 1-3pm at Belsize Library (8 Antrim Grove, Belsize Park, NW3 4XN).

The meeting will have presentations from **LB Camden Employability team** and **City Lit, LB Camden MASH team**, followed by a workshop delivered by the **Adult Learning and Community Centre** on the theme of volunteering, training and employability opportunities for parents of children under 5 in Camden.

This will be a great chance for parents/carers to find out about jobs and volunteering opportunities, as well as what support already exists out there for parents with children under 5 that would like to get back into work.

If you are interested in attending, the meeting will be able to provide creche on the day, but will need to be informed by Thursday the 31st of Jan by emailing madalina@northcamdenzone.org.

Finance and Transition Workshop

Camden Special Parents Forum is running a workshop on Tuesday 29th Jan about the financial assessments and changes in benefits as a child moves into adult services.

This workshop is essential for anyone who wants to find out more about the financial assessments that take place during the transition years, what they entail, how you can prepare, what you need to know. It will be delivered by David Kinloch, Camden Adult Services. There will also be representatives from the Children's social care team present.

This is a great opportunity for anyone with a child/young person aged 14yrs plus who currently receives short-breaks or any other care package from social care.

The session will be Camden specific and informative with plenty of time for questions & answers.

Time: 10am-1pm

Location: The Pirate Castle, Oval Road, NW1 (Camden Town)

Book a place at the workshop by contacting Rachel.Dixon@kids.org.uk or Maria.Schultz@kids.org.uk. Text or call Maria on 07826 671 523 or call the KIDS office on 0207 431 8476.

Family Learning Week

During the week of 11th February, all class teams will be inviting families to visit the school. This will be a great opportunity for all parents and families to meet the class teams, discuss and share learning priorities and join in with activities and sessions. Your child's class teacher will be in touch with specific dates and times.

Best wishes,

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