

Weekly Newsletter: 1st February 2019

Dear Parents, Carers, and Families,

Changes in the Environment

Classes are beginning to display work inspired by this terms' theme of 'Environment' so our school corridors have been transformed by a whole range of environment inspired creations.



In the Lower School, displays have ranged from a jungle environment, to the bottom of the ocean, to the farm. Students in Upper School have been exploring the geography of the earth as a whole and are displaying work on online environments with a focus on Internet Safety.



The snowfall on Thursday night gave classes across the school a great focus on the environment theme. Classes across the school engaged in sensory learning and group reflections on the seasonal change and impact on the community. We even had pupils from upper school lead the playground health and safety checks to understand the impact of the snow turning into ice on safety.



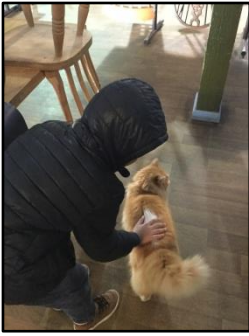
Parent Groups this week

On Monday, parents from the school's Somali community got together for their monthly meeting. The weather was cold but clear so they decided to take a walk around the local area to make the most of the sun as they chatted.

On Wednesday the Bengali parents group also met to catch-up and share news, support and advice in a friendly environment.



Out and About



Learners in the Lower School had a chance to explore an exciting new environment when they took a trip to Willows Farm this Monday.

The children were able to see a whole range of farm animals up-close and experience the countryside and elements of a more rural life.

The farm includes a range of adventure playgrounds, soft-play areas and a mini-tractor park which the children had great fun exploring.

Students in Upper School also took a trip this week to explore a forest environment on Hampstead Heath:



Family Learning Week

A reminder that the week beginning Monday 11th of February is Family Learning Week.

This is an opportunity to join your children and their class teams for a learning session in school. Look out for an invite for your visit in your child's home/school diary on Monday.

Parent Council

The Parent Council meeting took place today and 6 parents were able to join us. The Lead of Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy joined the group and discussed priorities. We realise the weather had an impact on full attendance, and will be rescheduling the meeting to take place again. This will focus on the Parent Council being able to share more experiences with the Lead of Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy and our focus on defining the new role of Parent Council with the full group. A date will be sent to all next week, and it is likely to take place after half term.

Latest from Camden Special Parents Forum

Here are the next two upcoming events for the Camden Special Parents Forum for your diaries.

The next event is a meeting of the whole forum to discuss the most current and important issues with special parents in Camden.

Tuesday 5th February Special Parents Forum, for all parents of 0-25 year olds with special needs, 10-12pm, Pirate Castle, 33 Oval Road, NW1 7EA

Monday 11th February Walk and Talk, 10.15-12.30pm, Hampstead Heath

For more information you can join their group on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CamdenSpecialParentsForum and follow them on Twitter here [@CamdenSPForum](https://twitter.com/CamdenSPForum)

Coming up Next week

Tuesday next week is Chinese New Year so look out for learning activities that explore the rich culture and environments of China in our next newsletter. Also coming up will be our schools' preparation for this year's Camden Special Olympics. General information is available [here](#) and more information about our schools' contribution will feature next week.

Wishing you a safe and warm weekend.

Best wishes,

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