

Weekly Newsletter: Friday 15th March 2019

Dear Parents, Carers, and Families,

Today is Red Nose Day and the school has been a hive of creative activity, with students and staff dressed in red and doing their bit to raise money for Comic Relief.

As well as having fun thinking of creative ideas to raise money, Red Nose Day has also been a great learning opportunity to think about our local and global community with cultures and experiences different from our own.



Over the last few weeks, Post-16 learners have been selling red noses across the school.

You can find out more about the good work going on [here](#).



Post-16 at WE Day

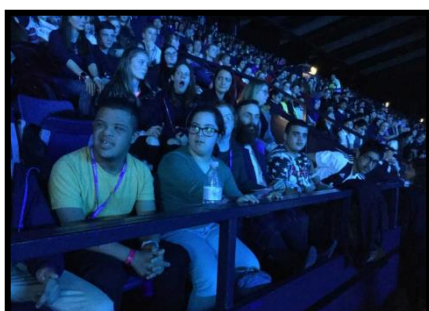
Recently, students in Post-16 had the incredible opportunity to attend WE Day at Wembley Arena.

WE is a charity that brings people together and gives them the tools to change the world. The charity operates through projects like social enterprises and WE villages that help communities break the cycle of poverty.

WE Day is a concert that brings everyone involved with the charity together for a powerful experience with world renowned artists, speakers and performers who share real, inspirational stories of positive change. Tickets to the event are earned not bought and our learners have been working with the charity throughout this year to contribute to their message of positive change and earn their tickets.



Post-16 learnt all about how the small things they do from day to day can have a massive impact on the world as a whole. They heard stories about ways to save energy, clean up our environment and help others both local and internationally. They also got a chance to see some incredible artists perform and Prince Harry speak – they really enjoyed the whole day.



Francis Holland School Visit

The school has a partnership with Francis Holland School. We had a class of 19 students join us at Swiss Cottage School today to work with classes across lower and upper school. Our classes enjoyed meeting the group. The Francis Holland School students watched a range of lessons and also learned how our students use a switch to say "hello", use symbols to communicate, and have their mobility supported through a hoist. It was great to watch the community spirit!

News from the Parent Council Meeting

The Parent Council is looking to recruit more parent representatives. If you are interested in becoming a parent representative for your child's class please contact the school.

The role of a parent representative is very important to us at Swiss Cottage and involves:

- Attending each Parent Council meetings
- Representing all parents, carers, and families of your child's class
- Working closely with your child's class teacher
- Helping with school events such as the international evening. This may involve helping to organise the event, coordinating a particular activity/stall, and compiling a rota of class parents to help on the day
- Attending other school events such as sports day and concerts
- Organising social events for parents such as coffee mornings
- Acting as an extra line of communication between the teacher and parents, for example by passing on messages about school trips and events.

The next parent council meeting will be taking place on Wednesday 3rd of April 2019 from 10.00 to 11.30am. We hope to see a representative from each class at the next session.

Latest from the Camden Special Parents Forum

Below are the upcoming dates for events with the Camden Special Parents Forum - your local borough resource for SEN meetings, talks, training and discussion - open to all Camden parents with children with special needs.

March

- 27th Wed. - Wills and Trusts, Planning for the future, Time TBC, Pirate Castle, 33 Oval Road, NW1 7EA
- 29th Fri. - Special Parents Forum Annual Big Feedback Day, 10-2.30pm, ORT House, 126 Albert St, Camden Town, London NW1 7NE

April

- 1st Mon. Walk and Talk, 10.15-12.30pm, Hampstead Heath

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

Employability: Leighton College Coffee Mornings

Leighton College would like to invite students and parents to a coffee morning where they will introduce a range of courses they are providing for young people with mild to moderate learning difficulties.

If you are interested in finding out more about further study, job opportunities and employability for young people aged 16-24 with mild to moderate learning difficulties, then this could be for you. You will have opportunities to tour their facilities and ask any question you may have. The coffee mornings will take place on Friday 22nd March and Friday 19th April from 9.30 to 10.30am at Elfrida Rathbone in Camden - please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter for further details of how to RSVP.

Best wishes,

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Head of School

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Deputy Head of School



Come and visit us for one of our

Leighton College Coffee Mornings

A Camden based college with courses and an employability programme for 16-24 year olds with mild to moderate learning disabilities and autism

Dates: Friday 22nd March / Friday 19th April 2019

Time: 9.30 - 10.30am

Address: Elfrida Rathbone Camden, 7 Dowdney Close,
Kentish Town, NW5 2BP



An opportunity for:

SENDCO's, teachers, parents, carers and local authority members to meet for coffee, see our facilities and ask any questions you may have. **Please arrive on time as we will be presenting to you while you tuck into your cake!**

To attend RSVP: sousan@elfridacamden.org.uk

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