

Weekly Newsletter: Friday 1st March 2019

Dear Parents, Carers, and Families,

A big welcome back to all our students and families, we hope you had a good half-term break and managed to get out and enjoy the beautiful weather. Here's the news round-up from our first week back at school...



Early Years Learners at the Zoo

Children from the Early Years took a trip to London Zoo this week to meet the animals and explore the animal habitats the zoo has created for them.

The trip ties in with this term 'Environment' theme as the class have been creating animal habitat artwork each week in class.

London Youth Games Boccia Event

On Wednesday this week, learners from Upper School took part in this year's London Youth Games Boccia event. Boccia is a ball game similar to bowls where contestants aim to throw balls as close as possible to a white target ball.

The London Youth Games Foundation aims to inspire and enable every young Londoner to show their best qualities through their participation in sport. Well done to all who took part: you showed great sportsmanship and were strong representatives for the school.



A Trip to the Sun

Pupils from post-16 headed to the Science Museum this week to visit 'The Sun: Living with Our Star' exhibition.

The students explored the enormous influence our sun has on the way we live and how we can harness its energy for future generations.

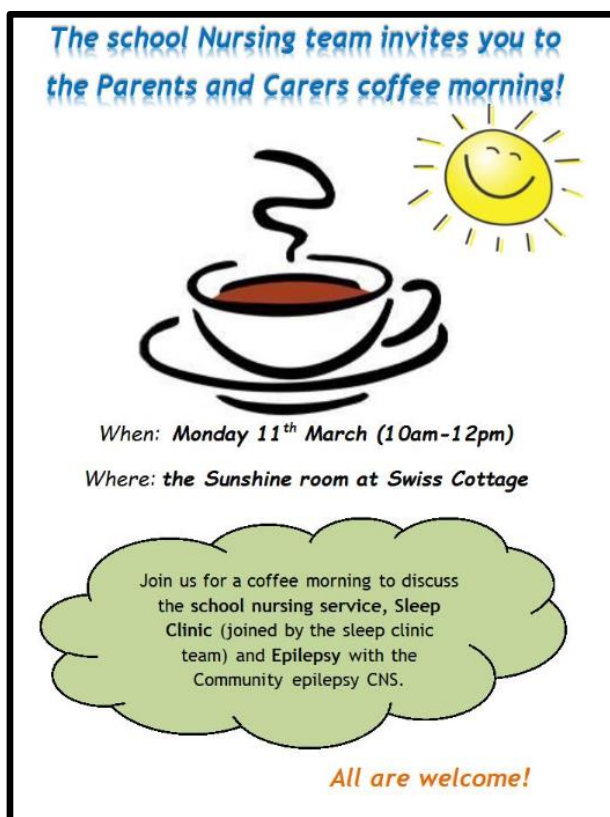


School Nurses' Monthly Coffee Morning

The school nursing team warmly invites all parents and carers to a coffee morning on Monday 11th March from 10am to 12pm.

The team will be available to chat and answer any questions you may have. The meeting will also be attended by a specialist from the sleep clinic and the community epilepsy nurse. If you have questions relating to sleep issues or epilepsy be sure to drop by.

All are welcome.



Youth Sensory Circus Classes

The National Centre for Circus Arts has created a sensory circus class designed specifically for young people on the autistic spectrum aged 8-15.

If you think your child would enjoy learning new and exciting circus skills in a relaxed and supported environment then this could be the course for you.

The school has made several adaptations to the course to optimise it for children with autism including high staff ratios, quiet spaces and familiarisation packs.

There is a charge for the course, however, the school is able to offer a number of bursaries (funded places), which you can apply to through the link on their website [here](#).



You can find out more information [here](#) or if you have any queries, do feel free to get in touch via this email at participation@nationalcircus.org.uk or call them on 020 7729 9522.

Get into Employment with Project Search and GOSH

Great Ormond Street Hospital is offering a supported internship programme for young people with a learning difficulty/disability that could lead to paid employment.

If you and your child have started to consider employment options for when they reach the age of 18 and beyond, then this will definitely be of interest to you.

The project is called, '*GO! Into Employment!*': A Supported Internship Programme at Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children' and is run in partnership with City and Islington College, Camden local authority and OCS.

The course will offer a 5 day week programme for a whole academic year with learning support and internships in 3 different areas of the hospital. You can find comprehensive details of everything the internship will include on the flyer at the end of this leaflet. Or you can attend their Information Session on 6th March from 5-7pm.

For details of this, please call Nikki Russell on 07887518959 nikki.russell@candi.ac.uk or Jacqui Steel on 07823418765 jacqui.steel@candi.ac.uk

World Book Day

Next Thursday is World Book Day: the day we celebrate the wonder of the written word; stories; reading and books. Classes will be enjoying some book-related celebrations and learning throughout the day.

We would love any student who wishes to dress up, to come to school as their favourite character from a book or story. You can expect to see some of the staff dressed as their favourite characters too!

You can find out more information about World Book Day [here](#).



Best wishes,

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Head of School

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Deputy Head of School

GO! Into Employment



DFN Project Search Supported Internship with Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children in partnership with City & Islington College, Camden Local Authority and OCS



Are you interested in learning to do a job that could lead to paid employment?



Are you between the ages of 18 and 25 with a learning disability / learning difficulty?

Then, 'GO! Into Employment!': A Supported Internship Programme at Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children in partnership with City and Islington College, Camden local authority and OCS, might be the thing for you!

You will spend an academic year at Great Ormond Street Hospital doing:

- A 5 day a week programme with learning support
- Up to 3 different internships in the hospital of approximately 10 weeks each
- Support to find paid employment with a job coach
- Be able to travel alone or learn how to do this
- Work towards an employability qualification
- Gain skills needed for work.



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