

Dear Parents, Carers, and Families,

Family Learning Week

The school has been a hive of activity this week with parents and carers visiting classes to learn alongside their children and class teams.

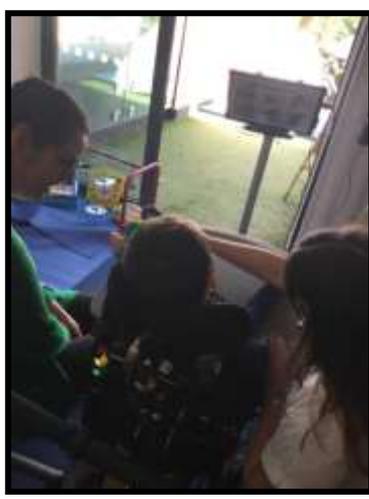
Our Family Learning Week focus was communication and we hope you enjoyed seeing sessions relating to the way your children express themselves, or build meaning and understanding in their day-to-day lives at school.

Learners in Upper School were joined by their parents as they explored and described countries and cultures that were special to them from around the world.



In the Early Years, families came to join in with sensory story-time where learners develop their understanding and commenting skills using props and symbol talking boards.





Parents in Post-16 visited their young adults to share in the work they have been doing to raise money for charity campaign, 'We Walk for Water'. They also talked about their feelings on moving on from Swiss Cottage and taking their next steps in life. A charity collection box for the 'We Walk for Water' campaign can be found in the school reception.



We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who managed to join us for Family Learning Week. It was wonderful to see so much of the school's wider community in and out of classrooms, learning and having fun alongside our students and teams.

Ramadan

Also this week, classes across the school have learnt about Ramadan and celebrating the Eid ul-Fitr. Some pupils have made lovely Eid cards to take home whilst others created posters.

During the first week of June, more Eid celebrations will take place so please watch out for more photos and highlights in future newsletters.

We wish everyone a happy Eid, Eid Mubarak!



International Evening 2019

We are excited to announce that the date and theme for our Swiss Cottage School International Evening 2019 has now been set.

The event of the year will be taking place on Wednesday June 19th between 4.00pm and 5.30pm. Our theme is 'World Music Day' which also takes place in the same week and will allow all sorts of opportunity for musical creativity, performances and sensory-sound fun.



As always we would love parents and families to be involved as much as possible, so if you have suggestions or want to get help with decorations, dance, music, performances or any element of the evening then please speak to Rozenn Himri on the Specialist Team.

The evening will include stalls, performances, games, food and activities. Students and classes will be working hard to decorate different areas of the school themed by all the countries that make up our school community.

Come along on June 19th and don't forget to wear traditional dress, or bring some traditional food to share if you feel able to.

Outdoor Learning at the Allotment

Post-16 students have been making the most of the weather this week with a visit to Branch Hill Allotments.

Students practiced vocational gardening skills like tending to plants and watering with a hosepipe. Others engaged with the natural side of being outdoors by using binoculars to spot and identify birds.



Makaton Training for Parents

Camden Speech and Language Therapy team would like to make you aware of a great opportunity for parents and families to access Makaton training at Swiss Cottage School.

Makaton is a language programme that uses signs and symbols to help people to communicate. It is designed to support spoken language and the signs and symbols are used with speech, in spoken word order. Staff and therapists at Swiss Cottage use Makaton in day-to-day learning to help support understanding and develop expressive communication.

Learning Makaton could have a positive impact on communication at home and in supporting your child as they develop their communication skills.

The training will take place at our school on the following dates:

Thursday 27th June: 0930-1200

Thursday 4th July: 0930-1200

Thursday 11th July: 0930-1200

Thursday 18th July: 0930-1200

To sign up or for any queries please contact clare.parsons5@nhs.net or 0207 483 6065

More information is available on the flyer at the end of this newsletter. Places are limited so make sure you sign up in advance.



**4 week Makaton training course
for parents and family**

Venue: Swiss Cottage School (80 Avenue Road, NW8 6HX)

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**Run by the Camden
Speech and
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Team**

- The course is free but participants are encouraged to pay the one off cost of £31 for accreditation and manuals (a limited hardship fund is available – please ask).
- Please note we cannot provide interpreters or crèche facilities for the course.

Half Term

Today is the last day of this half-term and next week is the half-term break. We wish you all a pleasant and sunny week at home and thank you for all your input and support throughout this term so far.

There will be no school on Monday 3rd June as there is a staff professional learning day. We look forward to seeing you all on the first day back for students: Tuesday 4th June.

Best wishes,

Monika Gaweda
Head of School

Catherine Shipton
Deputy Head of School



Swiss
Cottage
School
Development &
Research Centre

International Evening

2019

Theme: World  MUSIC Day

Join us for our annual International Evening and enjoy traditional food and dress, stalls, performances and activities.

Wednesday 19th June 2019
4.00 – 5.30pm



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2019, 2.30pm

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(group discounts available & carers go free)

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'Dancing on Ice'
Judge,

**Jason
Gardiner**