

Weekly Newsletter 13th January 2017

Next week we are welcoming 10 Trainee Teachers from Middlesex University who will be working in classes across the Lower and Upper Schools. They are completing their Post-Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) and will gain an insight into teaching special educational needs.

We also have a number of exciting projects and events starting. We have a new face at the school – Zeno. Zeno is a robot and part of the De-Enigma Horizon 2020 project on robot assisted therapy in autism research. Zeno will be with us throughout January and is part of the project run by the Centre for Research in Autism and Education (CRAE). The study uses emotion recognition games to learn about how children interact with the robot, Zeno. So far, 21 learners at Swiss Cottage School have booked on to take part in this research and 6 have completed sessions this week. There are still spaces available to take part in this exciting opportunity, so please get in touch if you don't want to miss out on this exciting opportunity. CRAE's mission is to help enhance the lives of autistic people and their families. (You can find out more information here: <https://www.ucl.ac.uk/ioe/departments-centres/centres/centre-for-research-in-autism-and-education>)



Our PMLD learners are beginning a new music and technology project which will culminate in a performance in the summer term. Our Post-16 classes will be working with Shape Up, an organisation specialising in health and wellbeing. We will share more information with you as the projects develop.

'Evidence for Learning' Training

Thank you to all of the parents and carers that have joined training workshops. We have 4 training days left this half term. Please ensure you sign up for one of the free training sessions as we will be using 'Evidence for Learning' across the whole school. It is important that you return the consent form, please feel free to contact the school if you need another form. If you have any questions, please contact the school and ask for Edward Pitcher, Leader of Technology. We look forward to welcoming you to school to learn about this exciting new electronic learning journal.

17 th January	14:30- 15:00
19 th January	11:30- 12:00
24 th January	11:30- 12:00
26 th January	11:30- 12:00
31 th January	14:30- 15:00
2 nd February	11:30- 12:00
7 th February	14:30- 15:00
9 th February	11:30- 12:00

We have heard back that some parents are experiencing some technical problems with the Evidence for Learning app. This has been reported to our Technology Team who is working hard to resolve this with the app company. This is a new system relying on external software. We are trying our best to get this right and appreciate your patience.

Academy / Multi-Academy Trust Consultation

A letter was sent home on 12th January sharing information about the Governing Body's consultation on whether Swiss Cottage School should convert to an Academy and lead a Multi-Academy Trust. Our school is full and we receive requests for placements weekly. We want to ensure children with complex needs gain a place with us, through the possible opening of another school. An information session is taking place on **18th January** to provide more information on what this means. Two times are available, **9:45-10:45** and **4:45-5:45**. Please join us to hear more and get answers to questions you may have. The letter is also located here: <http://swisscottage.camden.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Parent-Carer-Letter-12.1.17.pdf>

Camden MOSAIC Group for Parents of Adolescents

The Camden Mosaic's group for parents of adolescents begins this month. This is a free event open to all Camden parents, and is being held at Swiss Cottage School. There will be monthly meetings which discuss important topics. The first meeting is on 24 January at 9:30. All parents of adolescents are invited; a flyer is at the end of this newsletter with sign-up information. We hope you can join!

SENDIASS

Robert Colledge of the Family Inclusion Team has organised two meetings with SENDIASS, a team that provides independent advice, guidance, and support for parents/carers

20th February and 27th February

Please contact Robert at school if you would like to join. He will organise transport to the two meetings. SENDIASS are: <http://www.sendiasscamden.co.uk/>

Parent Workshops Next Week

Tuesday

Parents Drop In 10:00-12:30

Makaton Training at 10:30

Evidence for Learning Information 11:00

Thursday

Knitting from 10:00-12:00

Friday

Resource Making Group focusing on mosaics 10:00-12:30

Uniforms

The company that we are working with, School ID, have produced sample uniforms. They should arrive next week so that you can view them and decide if they would be helpful for your child. We will let you know when they arrive!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Camden **MOSAIC**

Group for Parents of Adolescents with a Disability

At Swiss Cottage School

OPEN TO PARENTS WITH CHILDREN AT ANY CAMDEN SCHOOL

Interpreters are available if you let us know in advance

Tuesday mornings from 9.30am to 10.30am on:

Tuesday 24 Jan 2017

Tuesday 28 Feb 2017

Tuesday 28 March 2017

Tuesday 25 April 2017

Tuesday 16 May 2017

Tuesday 13 June 2017

We will be exploring adolescence & talking about:

- **SEXUALITY**
- **INDEPENDENCE**
- **FRIENDSHIPS**
- **ACTIVITIES IN CAMDEN**
- **HOW PARENTS FEEL**



Anybody interested in coming please contact Adele O'Hanlon or Susan Cottam on 020 3317 2261 or susan.cottam@nhs.net

