

SCS Update

26th April 2024



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Dear Families,

We had a fantastic end to this week with the final sensory art workshops at the school through the new partnership with the National Art Archives and Department for Culture, Media, and Sports. We were thrilled to have another special school join us as well today. The artwork 'Bubbles' by Rachel Whitread was in residence at Swiss Cottage School for the lessons over the last two weeks.

The national priorities for education funding have increased over the past few years, and in particular for London with the additional cost of living crisis. The school has increased partnership and knowledge exchange activities to ensure we benefit from links with key organisations for curriculum learning opportunities, training, research, and technology developments. We have continued to work with specific local independent schools on joint charity fundraising activities. The school is also fortunate to have the support of the Swiss Cottage School Charity. The school charity works closely with key organisations to raise awareness of inclusion priorities, access grant funding, and fundraise for specific resources, equipment, and specialist workshops. The fundraising focus for this year includes two accessible minibuses following the changes in ULEZ requirements.

The month of May includes activities that support our focus on raising awareness and financial fundraising. Testimonials from families helps potential donors understand how they can help make a positive difference for our community. We will send a text to parents/carers next week with an optional survey link if you want to share a quote that can be featured in different events. Highlighting a few of the activities this month:

4th May 2024: We will be raising awareness of the school to our local community at a Primrose Hill event organised by the school charity. Information on the school featuring our 'EmployMENT Pathway' with pupil designed pottery creations on display. <https://cardanddesign-sc.co.uk/>

11th May 2024: We are privileged to be selected as a charity recipient for the Lion's Club of Enfield Annual Gala Night. Senior Leaders will be joining the event to present the school's provision, curriculum, teaching approaches, partnerships including with families, staff development, and fundraising priorities. The school was a recipient previously in 2018 which funded two sensory rooms in our school.

19th May 2024: Class teacher Sebastian has secured a place for our school in the upcoming Run King's Cross Run. The 'fun run' also raises awareness of our school to corporate sponsors. This is a special event because the organisers invite families that want to take part to bring their child to a local race. The event will bring together 12 primary schools from Camden and Islington. The course will be a loop around the estate from Stable Street to Granary Square, onto Canal Walk and around the Gasholder Park. We will send more information on this event next week including accessibility information that is being discussed with the organisers. www.runkidsrun.org

Please let us know if you have any charity contacts at your work or across networks. We have an experienced group of trustees that volunteer their time and can meet with your links to explore potential donations for school equipment, resources, and specialist workshops. Thank you for the ongoing support.

Yours Sincerely,
Swiss Cottage School





Preparing for Adulthood event

May
16

Thursday 16 May, 10am – 2.30pm

Greenwood Centre
37 Greenwood Place
Kentish Town
NW5 1LB

Buses 214, C2, 134

Welcome


An opportunity to ask questions, find out about services, meet other parents, and chat with staff

- information stalls
- workshops around health, care and support, independent living, autism and decision making
- free lunch & refreshments

To find out more, contact Sharon Stephens on 020 7974 3970 or by emailing sharon.stephens@camden.gov.uk



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SUMMER Calendar 2024

Welcome to our SUMMER Calendar of events, workshops and meetings for any parent, carer in Camden with a child or young person (0-25 years) with special needs. Whether you are seeking guidance, looking to share your experiences or simply hoping to connect with other parents or carers, our calendar has something for everyone. Please join us!

Coffee Mornings are a chance to meet other parents for a chat & to share advice and info
Walk and Talks are relaxed walks on Hampstead Heath and a chance to get together with other parents, have a cup of coffee along the way and just talk about anything and everything.
Workshops are held each term on different subjects.
Forum Meetings are when we get together as parents with different professionals from services in and around Camden – ask questions, get updates and give feedback.

You will need to book in to get Zoom links & join our sessions. To book onto anything on our calendar below, get on our mailing list or to find out more please get in touch:
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 We are on facebook – www.facebook.com/CamdenSpecialParentsForum and Twitter @CamdenSPForum

Month	Date	Event
April	22 Tue	Introduction to SEND workshop [SENDIASS], 10.30am-12pm @ 37 Greenwood Centre, Kentish Town.
	24 Wed	Coffee Morning, 10.30am-11.30am @ 37 Greenwood Centre, Kentish Town.
	29 Mon	Walk and Talk, 10.15am-12.30pm @ Hampstead Heath.
May	8 Wed	Forum Meeting, 10.30am-12.30pm @ Greenwood Centre, 37 Greenwood Place, Kentish Town.
	16 Thur	Preparing for Adulthood event, 10am-2.30pm @ Greenwood Centre, 37 Greenwood Place, Kentish Town.
	22 Wed	Themed Forum Meeting, 10am-12pm @ Greenwood Centre, 37 Greenwood Place Kentish Town.
June	10 Mon	CAMHS Workshop, 12pm-1.15pm (Understanding and Managing Behaviour, children up to age 9 years - Online.
	17 Wed	Coffee Morning, 10.30am-11.30am @ Greenwood Centre, Kentish Town.
	17 Mon	Walk and Talk, 10.15am-12.30pm @ Hampstead Heath.
	18 Tue	Total communication (Speech & Language) workshop @ 10am-12pm (links via Zoom (booking required)).
July	1 Mon	Yoga & Lunch, 12pm-2pm @ Kentish Town Organizational Church, Kelly Street.
	3 Wed	Coffee Morning, 10.30am-11.30am @ Greenwood Centre, Kentish Town.
	8 Mon	Walk and Talk, 10.15am-12.30pm @ Hampstead Heath.
	30 Wed	Themed Forum Meeting, 10.30am-12pm @ Greenwood Centre, 37 Greenwood Place Kentish Town.
	31 Tue	Forum Summer Lunch, 12pm-2pm @ Greenwood Centre, 37 Greenwood Place Kentish Town.

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SEND Drop In

For parents with children and young people (0-25) who have Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

An opportunity for parents to:

- Receive information and advice about education, health and social care SEND systems and procedures, from initial concerns to appeal processes.
- Speak to someone from the SEND Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS).

Harmood Children's Centre, Family Hub & Nursery, 1 Forge Place, Ferdinand Street, NW1 8DQ	9:30 am to 12 pm Tuesday 17 th October 2023 Tuesday 6 th February 2024 Tuesday 21 st May 2024
Regents Park Children's Centre, Family Hub & Nursery, Augustus Street, NW1 3TJ	9:30 am to 12 pm Wednesday 15 th November 2023 Wednesday 28 th February 2024 Wednesday 12 th June 2024

For more information please contact SENDIASS at sendiass@camden.gov.uk or Family Hubs at familyhubs@camden.gov.uk

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