

SCS Newsletter

1st March 2024



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Dear Families,

We hope this finds you well. Classes across each pathway are preparing for the World Book Day which takes place on Thursday 7th March 2024. We are planning a range of sensory literacy, reading, and storytelling activities across the week, which include:

- Classes will join an interactive online session: 'Fairy stories with Michael Rosen, Jasbinder Bilan and Allen Fatimaharan'
- We have the Umbrella Theatre Company in school for a sensory performance of the Wind in the Willows!
- Peer reading with pupils from the Upper School reading to classes in the Lower school
- Fun literacy and reading lessons in the school library.
- Inviting families to share reading experiences at home through Evidence for Learning so that your child can share this with their class.
- Interactive Gruffalo story with live music and art activities linked to stories.



We invite all pupils to dress up as their favourite character for the activities planned on Thursday, 7th March. More information and fun resources are available here: <https://www.worldbookday.com/>

Upcoming Events and Opportunities for Families: We have included flyers at the end of this newsletter that we hope you will find useful. These include:

- Easter Egg-Stavaganza
- MMR Vaccination Support
- Parent Carer Drop-in
- School Inclusion Officer Newsletter
- ICanDance Wellbeing Sessions
- Annual Health Check Support
- SEND Drop In with Camden Family Hubs
- Hullabaloo Additional Needs Soft Play
- Parents/Carers of Children with SEND Event
- Music Thereapy

Wishing all of our families a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Yours Sincerely,
Swiss Cottage School

Term Dates 2023/24

Spring Term 2024

Monday 8th January to Thursday 28th March 2024

Monday 8th January: **Staff training day - no school for pupils**

Half-term: Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February 2024

Spring Holiday: Friday 29th March to Friday 12th April 2024
(Easter weekend 29th March - 1st April)

Summer Term 2024

Monday 15th April to Wednesday 24th July 2024

Friday 28th June: **Staff training day - no school for pupils**

Half-term: Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May 2024

Wednesday 24th July 2024: **Last day for pupils**

St John's Hospice
St John's & St Elizabeth's Hospital
40 YEARS OF CARE

EASTER EGG-STRAVAGANZA

Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 March 2024
St John's Wood Church Gardens - 10 am to 4 pm

£5 TICKET PRICE

FOLLOW THE EASTER TRAIL TO SEARCH FOR HIDDING BUNNIES

A WEEKEND OF EASTER FUN TO SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL HOSPICE

With an Easter trail, face painting, arts and crafts, refreshments and more!

Purchase tickets by scanning the QR code or visiting
www.stjohnshospice.org.uk

Winkworth
Camden Council
Registered Charity No. 222522

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Talk to us about MMR

Are you worried that your child may not be fully vaccinated against measles?
 ✗ Missed appointments - you may not know why
 ✗ Worries about side effects - you may not know what to expect
 ✗ You're not sure if your child is fully vaccinated

✔ We can help you understand why your child may not be fully vaccinated
 ✔ We can help you understand what to expect from the MMR vaccine
 ✔ We can help you understand what to do if your child has a reaction to the MMR vaccine

From 18 months, MMR is given in 3 stages:
 1. MMR1 (at 1 year and 1 month)
 2. MMR2 (at 18 months)
 3. MMR3 (at 3 years and 4 months)

Is your child fully vaccinated against measles?
Measles cases are increasing in London.

WHAT IS MEASLES?
Measles is a very contagious disease that spreads through the air. It can cause serious complications, especially in young children. Measles is preventable by getting your child vaccinated with MMR.

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» » PARENTS/CARERS DROP IN « « «

TUESDAY 5TH OF MARCH
📍 SWISS COTTAGE SCHOOL

SENDIASS SESSION

Introduction and Q&A
SEND Information, advice and support service

If you are interested please contact:
olivia.carter@swisscottage.camden.sch.uk

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Every School Day Counts
MOMENTS MATTER. ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

School Inclusion Support Officers

Camden council has appointed three new School Inclusion Support Officers to help support schools improve attendance and ensuring children and young people who are absent from education or at risk of suspension/exclusion receive appropriate interventions and support to enable them to achieve positive educational outcomes.

Our School Inclusion Support officer is **Ms. Shuma Khanom** and she will be visiting us in the coming weeks (look out for her at our coffee morning).

Being a parent is not easy if you need talk to someone about your child's attendance, please contact the school office.

It is never too late to benefit from good attendance.

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Dance for Wellbeing for Parents at Swiss Cottage School:

ican dance is a creative, therapeutic community using dance and movement to express, connect and support wellbeing. We specialise in working with families with lived experience of disability believing the best outcomes for a disabled child is achieved by supporting the family.

Our sessions are facilitated by experienced Dance Movement Psychotherapists and dance artists who provide a safe, creative space to connect to feelings and experiences through dance and movement whilst also having fun and improving your physical health.

Sessions are interactive and creative working together as a group to move and reflect as we use our bodies as a creative resource. No prior dance experience needed.

Sessions will take place on a weekly basis at Swiss Cottage School on Thursdays from 11:15am to 12:15pm if we get enough interest (look out for a survey by text).

22nd February to 28th March
Visit www.ican dance.org.uk to find out more.

ican dance Greenwich Community Centre, London NE15A
Tel: 020 8422 1737
www.ican dance.org.uk
Canavan Centre for Autism and Learning, London N16 6AG
Registered Charity Number: 115786
www.organiising.org/ican dance/whoweare

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NHS

Do you have a learning disability?
Are you over 14?

start well live well age well

get checked out

Check up Ask your GP for a free annual health check

Camden

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SENDIASS 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 processes, from initial contacts to special needs.
- Speak to someone from the SEND Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS).

Harwood Children's Centre, Family Hub & Nursery, 1 Forze Road, Fordham Street, W41 8QJ	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, Augustin Street, NW1 5TY	9:30 am to 12 pm	Wednesday 15 th November 2023 Wednesday 30 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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PARENTS/CARERS OF CHILDREN WITH SEND EVENT

WEDNESDAY 20 MARCH, 10:00AM - 1:00PM
SWISS COTTAGE LIBRARY MW3 3HA

Come along and talk to various organisations in Camden, who can provide you with information and support for you and your family

An opportunity for you to find out about different activities that can help you relax and support your wellbeing

Delivered by Camden Adult Community Learning in partnership with Camden Libraries

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Music Therapy

Music therapy aims to support physical, emotional and mental wellbeing, develop communication and promote social skills. In-Deep run free group sessions led by qualified music therapists

Face to face music therapy 13th January 10th February 9th March	Online music therapy via Zoom 27th January 24th February 23rd March
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Music therapy times
11:30am-12:20pm (3-10 year olds)
1:00pm-2:00pm (11-18 year olds)
1:00pm-2:00pm (19-25 year olds)

Parent and child relaxation sessions online via Zoom
18th January - 6:30-7:00pm (all ages)
15th February - 6:30-7:00pm (all ages)
14th March - 6:30-7:00pm (all ages)

Sing and Sign sessions online via Zoom:
25th January - 6:30-7:00pm
22nd February - 6:30-7:00pm
21st March - 6:30-7:00pm

To book, email: emma.chapman@in-deep.org.uk
Follow us on social media! @indeepmusictherapy

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