

SCS Newsletter

26th January 2024



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Dear Families,

We hope this finds you well as we reach the final two weeks of this half-term.

Shakespeare in Schools Festival: One of the largest youth drama festivals, our Upper School takes part in this programme, as part of the curriculum. Months of preparation culminate in an incredible performance evening in a professional drama theatre. The annual performance is truly special for our community and reflects the talents, passion, confidence and creativity of our pupils. The group of pupils that take part will be exploring Macbeth. A range of activities connect classes during this programme of study. The performance will take place again at the Shaw Theatre. We look forward to sharing performance information and details on booking tickets if you want to watch the special event!



Tuesday, 30th January 10-11:30am: We have two guests joining the Parent/Carer Coffee Morning. A member of the Camden Participation and Engagement team will share information about the Local Authority's Autism Strategy. A member of the Camden NHS Integrated Team will be sharing their new Health Website to get feedback from parents/carers.

Term Dates: Friday, 9th February 2024: Last Day of this Half Term
Monday, 19th February 2024: First Day of the Second Half Term
Thursday, 28th March 2024: Last Day of the Spring Term

2024-2025 Term Dates: The school term dates for 2024-2025 are confirmed and located here:
www.swisscottage.camden.sch.uk/parents/termdates

Wishing all of our families an 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**

CAMDEN Special Parents Forum

Annual Reviews Workshop

How to get the best EHC annual review

When: Wednesday 31st Jan @ 10.30am – 12.30pm
Where: Greenwood centre, 37 Greenwood Place, Kentish Town, NW5 1LB

Are you about to have an annual review of your child/young person's EHC?

This is a great information session for any carer/parents & carers with an upcoming annual review of their child's EHC. It's a chance to get the most out of the process, showing how you can be most effective and what you can do.

What will you get out of it?

- An overview and understanding of what to expect from the annual review.
- Advice on getting support through the process.
- Advice on how to best prepare, so you can contribute to your child getting the best outcome.

This very informative workshop will be delivered by SENDIASS staff (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information Advice and Support Service).

SENDIASS
Camden

To book a place please email:
maranda.burges@icfoc.org.uk call or text 07713 767 258 Or
ashley.mohamed@icfoc.org.uk call or text 07345 093 562

Please do keep an eye on Facebook for general information, add your name to our contact list
<https://www.facebook.com/CamdenSpecialParentsForum>

Kids Camden Centre

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SEN employability co-production event

I hope this email finds you well. We are excited to extend an invitation to you for our upcoming SEN employability co-production event, specifically for young people (in Camden, aged 16 to 25 years old, with an Education, Health, and Care (EHC) plan or SEND finding).

Event Details:
Date: 23rd February
Time: 10:00 AM to 3:30 PM
Venue: Crowdsale Centre, 231-241 (at the) 2nd East, Lane 21, N.W2 1JQ

Co-Produced by KIDS and SENDIASS: This event is a partnership between Camden SEND, KIDS, and SENDIASS. The goal is to give you a valuable experience and a chance to play a role in shaping the future of employment pathways in Camden.

Discover and Engage: You can explore different employment pathways (such as Good Work Camden, Supported Internship, Local Enterprise, and Core Skills Plus), you can actively participate in various workshops and be supported from SENDIASS and KIDS staff. There will be the opportunity to receive explicit care at this event.

Booking a Place: To reserve your place at this event, email info@camden.gov.uk and choose your preferred session between 10:00 AM and 3:30 PM. Please arrive 5 minutes before your time slot so we can keep the door open for you. There is also an option for booking into:

- 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM
- 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM
- 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM
- 2:00 PM to 4:30 PM

Accessing the Crowdsale Centre:

By Tube:

- Mornington Crescent (2 min walk):
 - Take the Northern Line to Mornington Crescent.
 - At the station, head south down the Camden High Street.
 - Turn right onto Crowdsale Road (KING'S CROSS).
 - King's Cross St. Pancras (18 min walk):
 - Take the Northern Line or Piccadilly Line to King's Cross St. Pancras.
 - At the station, head west on a motor lane.
 - Turn left onto Crowdsale Road (KING'S CROSS).
- Crowdsale Centre (Stop 8) (serve) by buses 231, 241, 27, 29, 51, 58, 134, 198, 214, 233, and 243.

We appreciate your response and we look forward to a successful event. If you have any further questions or concerns, feel free to reach out to us.

Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to connect with KIDS and SENDIASS. Your voice matters, and we look forward to seeing you actively shape the future of employment pathways in Camden. We'd love to see you there.

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PARENTS/CARERS DROP IN

Tuesday 30th of January
 @ 10.00am – 12.00pm

Swiss Cottage school

AUTISM STRATEGY SESSION

with Sandra Soteriou

Our current Camden Autism Plan/Strategy (2016-2021) requires an update, recognising the need for a more inclusive and collaborative approach. Throughout this journey, we have fostered strong relationships and trust with our valued autistic residents and dedicated parents/carers actively engaged in the Camden Autism Partnership Board (APB). To ensure a comprehensive and representative strategy, we need your help with the following priorities:

- Make life easier for families of autistic children and young people.
- Enable autistic young adults to build a good life locally.
- Support autistic children and young people to thrive in learning, health, and wellbeing.

You will receive a £10 voucher as a thank you!

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SPECIAL EDUCATION NEEDS SURGERY

Have you a query you would like to talk to a councillor about?

Marcus Boyland
Cabinet Member for Best Start for Children and Families

Pat Callaghan
Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Safer Communities

To book an appointment please call
02079742792 or 02079742864

TUESDAY 23RD JANUARY AT 11 AM-12 PM
 (BY APPOINTMENT ONLY)
 Camden Town Hall, Judd Street
 Kings Cross, WC1H 9JE

Priority will be given to those parents who have already spoken to the school & the SENDIASS service

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Dance for Wellbeing for Parents at Swiss Cottage School:

icandance 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.icandance.org.uk to find out more.

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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

NHS

Camden

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ADDITIONAL NEEDS SOFT PLAY

UPCOMING DATES

- 30TH JANUARY
- 13TH FEBRUARY
- 27TH FEBRUARY
- 5TH MARCH
- 19TH MARCH

ALL SESSIONS ARE 17.15 – 18.00 £2 EACH

EMAIL US TO BOOK YOUR SESSION
HULLABALOO@THEHERKIFFCENTRE.CO.UK

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PARENTS/CARERS OF CHILDREN WITH SEND EVENT

WEDNESDAY 20 MARCH, 10:00AM – 1:00PM
 SWISS COTTAGE LIBRARY NW3 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

matrix MAYOR OF LONDON Ofsted Camden

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