SCS Newsletter

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Swiss Cottage School Development & Research Centre

Inclusive Nurturing Inspiring

Dear Families,

What a week we have had!

We are overjoyed at being named **THE WORLD'S BEST SCHOOL FOR COMMUNITY COLLABORATION** and today's newsletter shares some of the press articles celebrating our big win.

It's our time to shine! We hope that you enjoy reading.

London special school beats rivals in Canada, Mexico and Pakistan to be named 'world's best'

Camden's Swiss Cottage School, Development and Research Centre for children and young people aged 4 to 19 was named as World's Best School for Community Collaboration 2026 on Thursday, November 19.



Head teacher Syra Sowe led the celebrations in the Swiss Cottage School gym as the prize winners were declared (Image: LDRS)

Please read the article: https://www.mylondon.news/news/north-london-news/london-special-school-beats-rivals-34938261

Tell us what's special about your school



DEAN HOWARD, SWISS COTTAGE

London Deputy Mayor Joanne McCartney said the win was a "brilliant achievement", and the school's principal Syra Sowe said the award belonged to the "extraordinary children and young people, their families, our dedicated staff."

Please read the article here: https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/articles/c6vg21ekr7x9o

‘We don’t produce Neets’: the London school recognised at World’s Best School awards

Swiss Cottage school for children with complex needs is place where ‘every child feels they belong’, education secretary says



Students with complex needs being taught at Swiss Cottage school, which has been awarded seven consecutive ‘outstanding’ ratings by Ofsted. Photograph: Antonio Olmos/The Guardian

“A key part of what we do is teach the universe how incredible our young people are,” said Sowe. “And what they have to offer, so the universe has more to offer to them when they leave us.”

Read the article here: https://www.theguardian.com/education/2026/nov/19/london-swiss-cottage-school-worlds-best-school-awards

Swiss Cottage School becomes first school in England to win World's Best School Prize



This is a real moment of pride not only for Swiss Cottage School, but for Camden as a whole. The school's commitment to inclusion shows what can be achieved when every child is valued, supported and given the opportunity to reach their full potential in a setting close to home.



Staff, students and parents celebrate Swiss Cottage School's win (5)



Staff, students and parents celebrate Swiss Cottage School's win (2)



Cllr Boyland and Principal Syra Sowe celebrating Swiss Cottage School's win



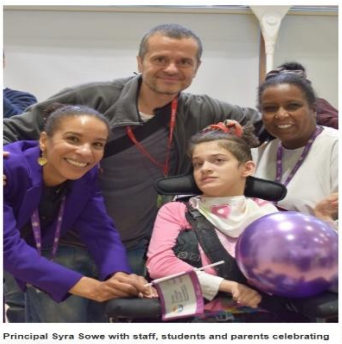
Cllr Boyland and Principal Syra Sowe with staff, students and parents celebrating Swiss Cottage School's win



Staff, students and parents celebrate Swiss Cottage School's win (4)



Staff, students and parents celebrate Swiss Cottage School's win (3)



Principal Syra Sowe with staff, students and parents celebrating Swiss Cottage School's win (1)



Principal Syra Sowe with staff, students and parents celebrating Swiss Cottage School's win (2)

Please read the article here: https://news.camden.gov.uk/swiss-cottage-school-becomes-first-school-in-england-to-win-worlds-best-school-prize/

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Swiss Cottage School Wins Global Award For Supporting Children With Complex Needs

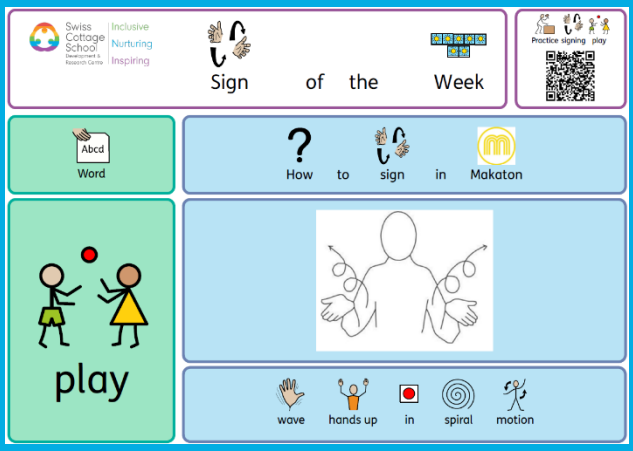
It is the first time an English school has won one of the World's Best School prizes, which were established by T4 Education in 2022 to recognize schools making a difference in classrooms and their wider communities.



Read the article here: https://www.universityherald.com/articles/80690/20261120/swiss-cottage-school-wins-global-award-supporting-children-complex-needs.htm

Have a wonderful weekend,

Syra and all of the staff



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Ofsted Outstanding School 2016 | 2017 2013 | 2014 2009 | 2010 2006 | 2007 2002 | 2003 1997 | 1998