

SCS Update

Friday 11th October



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Dear Families,

The start of autumn is being felt with the cooler wet weather. Learning across pathways is exploring the seasonal changes. The start of community learning was a huge success this week for pupils in Lower and Upper School.

Makaton Training: Tuesday, 15th October 10:00-11:30am: The Parent/Carer Coffee Morning workshop is with the fantastic NHS Speech and Language Therapy Team. They will be teaching Makaton basics. Evidence for Learning technical support is also available.

Pupil 'School Photo' Days: We have booked the excellent team from Tempest Photography for your child's school photos. Order forms will come to you with the school photo after the sessions are completed.

- **Lower School** pupils will have their photos taken on Friday, 18th October 2024. Sibling photos will also be taken on this day.

- **Upper School** pupils will have their photos taken on Monday, 18th November 2024.

Family Learning Week:

Tuesday 22nd October – Thursday, 24th October 2024. The date/time for your child's class session was in last week's newsletter and home-school communication book. Please fill out that sign-up sticker in your child's home-school communication book by Monday, 14th October 2024 so that we can update class teachers. They will want to prepare the pupils for their special guests.

NHS Flu Jabs: Your child's bag included a letter from the NHS health team on their November flu jab clinic. Please check this important letter, and contact the NHS nursing team or your GP if you have any questions.

Term Dates: The school term dates are located on the school website:

<https://swisscottage.camden.sch.uk/parents/termdates>

21st October 2024: Training day for staff – no school for pupils

25th October 2024: Last day of the half term

28th October – 1st November 2024: Half term break – no school for pupils

4th November 2024: Pupils return to school

20th December 2024: Last day of Autumn Term

Wishing all of our families a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Sincerely,
Swiss Cottage School

CAMHS Support Session for Parents and Carers of Children with Additional Needs in Camden

Understanding and Managing Behaviour in children (All ages).

When: Monday 14th October 12.45pm-2pm
Where: On ZOOM (Register for a link)



A group session run on Zoom by Mosaic CAMHS to think about how to understand behaviours of concern in your children/child. We explore meanings of behaviour and approaches to building parental confidence to help prevent and manage behaviours of concern.

BOOK EARLY - only a limited number of spaces available.

This CAMHS support session will be delivered by Susan Cottam, clinical psychologist, and Adele O'Hanlon, child psychotherapist, who are working with many Camden families.

To book onto this session please email:
Natasha.Burgess@kids.org.uk Text or call Natasha on 07711 767 258 Or contact
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Join us for our AUTUMN Walk & Talk sessions



Our popular Walk & Talk sessions are led by Ali who herself is a Camden parent. This is a chance to get together with other parents who all share the experience of having a child with additional needs and/or learning disabilities. Talk about your problems, get some emotional support and find possible solutions. Everyone gets some time to talk and to learn from each other's experiences. Midway we stop off for a coffee at the cafe at Kenwood. You are also welcome even if you just want to walk and listen. You will feel great after a walk on the Heath with us – so why not come along?

When: Mondays: 30th Sept, 14th Oct, 18th Nov & 16th Dec 2024

Time: 10.15am – 12.30pm

Where: Hampstead Heath - Meet by the water fountain/cafe/toilets on Hampstead Heath by the Parliament Hill side of the Heath near the tennis courts (bus access from C2 or 214 or C11 get off at Parliament Hill/ Swains Lane bus stop).

What: Wear appropriate clothing as we will go rain or shine, and please be on time!

Please let Ali know if you're coming and also if you have to cancel last minute so we don't wait
Ali: 07788 521693

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CAMDEN 
Special Parents Forum
Autumn Calendar 2024

Welcome to our Autumn 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 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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Aishatu.Mohammed@kids.org.uk Text or Call Aisha 07385 003 662
We are on facebook – www.facebook.com/CamdenSpecialParentsForum and Twitter @CamdenSPForum

Sept	
11 Wed	Forum coffee morning, 10.30am - 11.30am @ Kilburn State of Mind, The Play Hut, Kilburn Grange Park, NW5 4LB.
18 Wed	Themed forum meeting 10.30am-12.30pm @ Greenwood Centre, 37 Greenwood Place, Kensal Town.
18 Sat	Surrey SEN Marketplace, 9am-3pm @ Crowndale Centre, 218 Exmouth Street, Merrington Crescent, NW11 1BU (External Event)
18 Mon	Walk and Talk, 10.15am-12.30pm @ Hampstead Heath.
Oct	
8 Tue	Movement, relaxation and lunch, 12pm-2pm @ Kensal Town Congregational Church, Kelly Street, Kensal Town.
9 Wed	Forum Meeting, 10.30am-12.30pm @ Greenwood Centre, 37 Greenwood Place, Kensal Town.
10 Mon	Walk and Talk, 10.15am-12.30pm @ Hampstead Heath.
10 Mon	CAMHS Managing behaviour workshop, 12.45pm-2pm all ages (online).
Nov	
12 Tue	Movement, relaxation and lunch, 12pm-2pm @ Kensal Town Congregational Church, Kelly Street, Kensal Town.
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18 Mon	Walk and Talk, 10.15am-12.30pm @ Hampstead Heath.
20 Wed	Themed Forum meeting 10.30am-12.30pm @ Greenwood Centre, 37 Greenwood Place, Kensal Town.
28 Tue	Intro to SENs workshop by SENs@KAS 10.30am-2pm @ Greenwood Centre, 37 Greenwood Place, Kensal Town.
28 Tue	Family Hub Coffee Morning 10.30am-12.30pm @ Harmond Family Hub, 1 Forge Place, Harmond St, NW11 8DQ
27 Wed	
Dec	
3 Tue	Movement, relaxation and lunch, 12pm-2pm @ Kensal Town Congregational Church, Kelly Street, Kensal Town.
4 Wed	Forum Meeting, 10.30am-12.30pm @ Greenwood Centre, 37 Greenwood Place, Kensal Town.
5 Thu	Creative writing with Paul Lyall, 11am-1pm @ Greenwood Centre, 37 Greenwood Place, Kensal Town.
10 Tue	Forum's Festive Function, 1.30pm-2pm @ Greenwood Centre, 37 Greenwood Place, Kensal Town.
18 Mon	Walk and Talk, 10.15am-12.30pm @ Hampstead Heath.

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