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SCS Newsletter

Friday 5th March 2021

Dear Parents, Carers, and Families,

The focus this week was communication and sensory literacy across the week through World Book Day. The creativity from families and class teams really was amazing! We enjoyed the range of literacy and communication activities across the classes. Storytelling, sensory literacy, reading circles, phonics, imaginative play, and book exploration have stimulated the learning focus for the week.

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The Janet Hopkins Literacy Award



We created this annual award in honour of Janet who was incredibly passionate about literacy and communication. It is such a privilege to share the three winners for the first year of the awards during the week of World Book Day...

Aman (Greta Thunberg Class): Awarded for a story he wrote called 'The Penguin Race' which was based off of a story he read with Janet. Aman reflected confidence with creative writing, constructing extended sentences, and use of punctuation to reflect the tone of the story.


Mido (Malala Class): Mido worked with Janet for two years with literacy interventions. Mido's reading, writing, and comprehension has improved. Mido is awarded for the confidence he is showing with

verbal communication to have meaningful conversations with friends as he asks questions to further his understanding.

Lua (Snowdrop Class): Awarded for the increased use of communication for her independent preferences. Lua uses a combination of Makaton and language to ask the team to put her speaking valve on her tracheostomy. She requests her book for joint singing which reflects Janet's joy of musical literacy.

Careers Week



This week also had a focus through the National Careers Week. The Sixth Form and EmployMent Pathway team focused on a topic about Careers everyday. They used social media to highlight the talents and potential of our young people when communities support that vocational pathway for Work Related Learning.



This week is National Careers Week! We'll be sharing daily info over on Instagram @sc_employme . Day 1 we talk Vocational Profiles #CareersWeek

Day 2 of National Careers week! A virtual lesson on Supported Internships and we talk 'Work Related Learning' and introduce our 3 EmployMent Pathways on Instagram stories @sc_employme #NationalCareersWeek #NCW2021

Day 3 of National Careers Week! A great first Zoom meeting with our new @CareerEnt Enterprise Advisor so only right that we promote our Social Enterprise online shop employme-card-design.myshopify.com and new Mother's Day card! #CareersWeek #NCW2021

Day 4 of National Careers Week! We talk Work Experience and thank our community supporters in #Camden over on Instagram. We're always looking for more partners so if you're interested, please get in touch! #CareersWeek #NCW21

Day 5 and final day of #NationalCareersWeek! Today we hear from the learners and their views on work and jobs through the 'employment' strand of their Pupil Voice. #NCW2021 #careersweek #vocationallearning





Phased Return Week: 8th - 12th March

Thank you for working with us to support a smooth transition for all pupils back to the school over the next week. Every family has an email and letter confirming the transition schedule for your child. We also shared an overview of safety measures and options with asymptomatic testing in the letter yesterday. If you have any questions, please contact your class teacher. We know the news is highlighting various updates from the Department for Education about fines if pupils do not return to

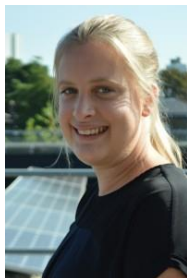
school. We want to confirm that our school does not fine any families. If you do not feel ready to have your child return during next week's transition week, please email Laura (Lower School) and Matthew (Upper School) so that we can put planning into place to support you.

Thank you for the ongoing partnership. We hope you have a good weekend.

Yours Sincerely,



Vijita Patel
Principal



Becky Shaw
Vice Principal



Mia Dodsworth
Vice Principal



Lucy Hall
Assistant Principal



Laura Fawcett
Assistant Principal
(Lower)



Matthew Maguire
Assistant Principal
(Upper)



Rima Blakaj
School Business
Manager



Weekly Online Sessions for Parents and Carers
You deserve some "ME TIME"!

Tuesdays with Robert, Hamdi & Israth: 10:30am - 12pm
A parents/carers drop in to meet old friends, to make new ones, and to share your own experiences and stories.



All sessions will be held on Zoom

Speak to Robert on 0207 681 8080 ext 150 to find out how you can join in.

Everyone is welcome.

The Programme starts the week of the 25th January and the Friday session will start 22nd January

[Click for more information](#)

LOCKDOWN RESTRICTIONS: STAY AT HOME

- Stay at home unless you're leaving the house for a permitted reason
- You must work from home if you can
- Only leave home to exercise once a day - alone, with your household, bubble or 1 person from another household
- Only socialise indoors with your household or bubble
- Only travel for a permitted reason

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- Wash your hands regularly for at least 20 seconds
- Wear a face covering in indoor public spaces and busy outdoor spaces, unless you're exempt
- Keep 2 metres apart from people you don't live with
- Got symptoms? Self-isolate and get tested

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