



Swiss
Cottage
School
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SCS Newsletter

Friday 7th May 2021

Dear Parents, Carers, and Families,

As some of you might be aware, one of our learners became separated from his family on Tuesday morning. He was found safe on Tuesday evening. The community was an incredible support to his mother Winfred.

A message to all from Winfred:

"To the parents and all our staff at Swiss Cottage School,

I would like to thank you for your concern in regards to Myles. I would like to let you all know that he is doing well.

Your support and effort to find him was so encouraging and appreciated. It is relief for me to know that my children and myself are part of a caring family.

There are no words that can match our gratitude except to say thank you so much. We love you all.

Best wishes,

Myles and his mother Winfred"

PMLD Awareness Day

Our school was connected across the week through learning opportunities linked to the theme of PMLD Awareness Day. It was great to connect through this national day to shine a light on the talents of this cohort of pupils, and to raise awareness through networks of schools that we work with.

The Early Years classes held a sensory disco, and the pupils had a lovely time dancing and exploring different sensory resources. Informal Pathway classes in the lower school created a space blanket and light zone for the pupils to explore and engage in learning. The pupils were controlling the lights through switches. There was a sensory light disco in PE and the pupils created beautiful foam and paint pictures by using their hands and movements.

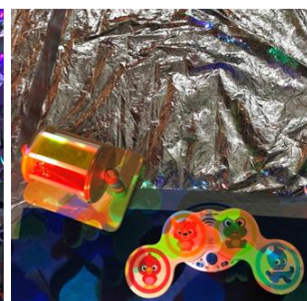
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The Upper School Informal Pathway teams also created incredible ultraviolet light experiences for learning activities. This included an innovative activity to observe the cause and effect with ultraviolet paint dripping into water. The pupils also came together for a UV face paint disco and a UV TAC-Pac session!

EmployMENT Pathway 'Eid' Cards



Our community will celebrate Eid next week through different learning opportunities across the school.

New stock is available now on the Employment Pathway shop, including Eid Mubarak greeting cards and as requested, more coloured ceramics.

[Click here to visit the EmployMENT Pathway online shop.](#)

Mental Health Awareness Week



Next week is Mental Health Awareness Week. This provides a great opportunity for schools to normalise the discussion of mental health and wellbeing.

The theme for this Mental Health Awareness Week is 'connecting with nature'. We have all had such a challenging time being inside during the pandemic, it's wonderful that spaces and places are starting to open up with more opportunities to go out and enjoy time together in all of the great outdoor spaces we have locally.

We have organised a range of activities in school to bring nature into the learning opportunities, and will feature this in next week's newsletter. We are sharing some useful websites for families to connect with outdoor activities:

<https://www.calthorpecommunitygarden.org.uk/whats-on>

<https://kcityfarm.org.uk/>

<https://www.coramsfields.org.uk>
<https://www.heath-hands.org.uk/whatson>

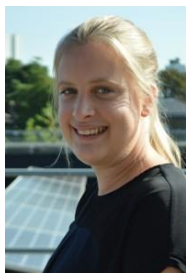
Ability Bike rides in Regents Park are also back on Saturday 22nd May 2021. Please text: Chuks on 07494 272 367 or Richard on 07492 338 300 Email: chuks@westeuston.org

Wishing our school community a safe weekend.

Yours Sincerely,
 The Senior Leadership Team



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
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Term Dates & Diary

Autumn Term 2021

Wednesday 1st September to Friday 17th December 2021

Wednesday 1st September 2021: Staff training day – no school for pupils

Thursday 2nd September 2021: Staff training day – no school for pupils

Friday 3rd September 2021: First day for pupils

Monday 18th October 2021: Staff training day – no school for pupils

Half Term: Monday 25th October to Friday 29th October 2021

Friday 17th December 2021: Last day for pupils

Winter Holiday: Monday 20th December 2021 to Monday 3rd January 2022

Spring Term 2022

Tuesday 4th January 2022 to Friday 1st April 2022

Tuesday 4th January 2022: First day for pupils

Friday 29th January 2022: Staff training day – no school for pupils

Half Term: Monday 14th February to Friday 18th February 2022

Friday 1st April 2022: Last day for pupils

Spring Holiday: Monday 4th April to Monday 18th April 2022

Summer term 2022

Tuesday 19th April to Friday 22nd July 2022

Tuesday 19th April 2022: First day for pupils

Monday 2nd May 2022: May Day Bank Holiday – no school for pupils

Half Term: Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June 2022

Monday 4th June 2022: Staff training day – no school for pupils

Friday 27th July 2022: Last day for pupils

Summer Holiday: Monday 28th July 2022

[Click here to view term dates](#)

SUMMER Calendar 2021

Welcome to our SUMMER Calendar of events, workshops and socially distanced meet-ups for anyone in Camden with a child or young person (0-25 years) with special needs.

We will continue our COVID-friendly programme so that we can still "meet" and support each other whilst trying to gather views on how SEND services in Camden could be shaped. Please join us!

Zoom 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, currently on Zoom.

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 get Zoom links & join our sessions. To book onto anything in our calendar below, get on our mailing list or to find out more please get in touch: Rachel.Dowds@camden.gov.uk or Maria.Schultz@camden.gov.uk. Text or call Maria on 01835 671 523 or Rachel on 07711 757 258. We are on Facebook – www.facebook.com/CamdenSpecialParentsForum and Twitter @CamdenSPForum

Month	Day	Event
April	21 Wed	Sleep Wise Webinar 10.30-12pm (limited tickets available)
	22 Thu	Special Yoga with Emma, 10.30-11.30am on ZOOM
	26 Mon	Walk and Talk, 10.15-12.30pm, Hampstead Heath
May	5 Wed	Parent Expert Coffee Morning 10.30-11.30am on ZOOM
	9 Wed	EP Parent Discussion Group 3-5pm
	10 Mon	Walk and Talk, 10.15-12.30pm, Hampstead Heath
	12 Wed	CPSP Forum meeting 10-12pm on ZOOM
	17 Mon	Preparing for Adulthood event week! (Put it in your diary - info to follow!)
	20 Thu	Special Yoga with Emma, 10.30-11.30am on ZOOM
	24 Mon	Walk and Talk, 10.15-12.30pm, Hampstead Heath
June	24 Mon	Speech and Language Therapy Workshop "Total Communication" 10.30-12.30pm on ZOOM
	27 Thu	EP Parent Discussion Group 3-5pm
	28 Mon	Special Yoga with Emma, 10.30-11.30am on ZOOM
July	6 Tue	Walk and Talk, 10.15-12.30pm, Hampstead Heath
	8 Tue	CPSP forum meeting 12-2pm on ZOOM
	12 Mon	Walk and Talk (and optional SWIM), 10.15-1pm, Hampstead Heath

[Click here to view the full calendar](#)

Coffee Time With Alison and Rob For Parents and Carers

Friday 14th May

A gentle walk to primrose hill parade and tea shops
 Followed by FREE Tea/Coffee

Meet Outside the school gates at 10am
Funded by Camden Learning

Fridays with Alison & Robert
10:00am - 12:00pm
 First Session for the Summer Term

Each week meet a different interesting speaker from local attractions. Practical information and tips for you and your family.

Coffee time will definitely not be held on Zoom!

Speak to Robert on 0207 681 8980 ext 156 to find out how you can join in
Everyone is welcome | The programme starts the week of the 14th May

[Click here for more information](#)

