

# NEWSLETTER

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## Dates for your Diary

Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021

**END OF TERM - EARLY  
CLOSURE FOR PUPILS**

Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021

**STAFF INSET DAY**

Congratulations to Dave Oakley, who was the winner of The Link Association draw for the family ticket to Nonsuch Town and Country Show.

We hope you and your family have a lovely day in what promises to be glorious sunshine.



HANDS



FACE



SPACE

## A Message from Sandy

Half term is upon us, bringing with it the promise of sunshine, which always makes everything seem better.

Do let your child have the opportunity to unwind and relax.

This year has been such a difficult one for many of them to cope with; but once again, this week, the newsletter is full of so many achievements and successes across both schools.

Our young learners and students never fail to amaze me with their development. Their compassion, respect and tolerance of others shines through.

We lead by example, teaching the values that have been instilled in the school since it was founded in 1963.

The future depends on what you do today and we will continue to guide our school community to using 'The Link' ethos.

Enjoy your break.

*Sandy*

## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT THE PRIMARY SCHOOL THIS WEEK?

Something strange happened in Maple Class this week. The pupils took over!! No need to worry, it wasn't a mutiny, the class just reversed their roles. It was amazing to see how authoritative the children can be - infact some seem destined for high office!



Bora led the class in a literacy session, making 'silly soup' from things beginning with the letter R.



Arabella chose to lead a tray session.

The confidence and enthusiasm everyone put into the role reversal was admirable and proved enjoyable and productive for all.

Hazel Class worked hard in their 'Pictures of Me' sessions. This week they were discussing things they were good at. Georgia drew some beautiful pictures. She thinks she is good at cooking. So do Rian and Lily. Nana thinks he is very good at running.

Link Priority 3:

Spiritual Development.

Link priority 13:

Emotional Development - knowing their abilities.





Our therapy staff really do work together with class teams providing the pupils with the highest level of treatment, support and care that we can. The pupils enjoy regular sessions, be it individually, in small groups or in a whole class situation.

Remember - we don't only celebrate achievements attained at school. In our 'Special Moments' assembly every week, Sue D celebrates exactly that - the moments at home, when your child has shown kindness, has helped or has achieved something new. New special moments stickers are being sent home in the book bags today.

Do fill them in and let your child wear them or bring them to school after half term.

## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT THE SECONDARY SCHOOL THIS WEEK?

Lots of achievements and successes to report this week from the secondary school.



George completed his 2 course meal today as part of his BTEC Home Cooking Skills practical.

The menu consisted of salmon fillets in lemon butter with a béarnaise sauce served with carrots and new potatoes, orange and chocolate flapjacks.

George was exhausted but justly very proud of himself! A huge well done George.

We have some Lexia Superstars amongst us too, all of whom have received certificates for passing modules.

### Lexia superstars

1. Rafferty
2. Evanael
3. Malachy
4. Juwon
5. Luke D
6. JJ
7. Zain
8. Ayaan
9. Charlotte
10. Kenisha
11. Alfie F
12. Christian
13. Michelle O

Lexia addresses the development of oral language, reading, spelling, and writing skills, helping students to develop fundamental reading and is a student driven and teacher directed programme.

Well done to all students who sat their English exams this week. They've been working really hard and had to do lots of practice. We are very proud of you all (**success**). Thank you to **Sian** too for preparing the students for these. Sandy visited everyone who sat the exam, delivering some well earned chocolate.

Some people are going to get double treats as Sandy had lots of nominations for Hot Chocolate Friday this week.

### Students

**Vipul and Idris** have been nominated for **success and courage**. They have been practising their two-way conversation skills with Karen in the office and she thought they did an amazing job!

**Idris** was also nominated by someone else for being particularly **courageous** in preparing for his English exam and learning to write with a pen and how to cross out errors and make corrections. We know you do not find this easy so very well done!

**Rengin** has been nominated for **positivity** in food tech - she always works to the best of her ability and always does more than her fair share to clear up without fuss or complaint.

**Charlotte** has also been nominated for the huge improvement in her attitude to clearing up and is showing real **positivity** to learning in that lesson.

Annie has been nominated for **kindness**. She supported a peer who was upset in the lunch hall. She helped them up to the zones room to talk to an adult. Well done!

## Staff

Maria has been nominated for her tireless efforts to support Johnson, visiting colleges and also helping a student with travel training. She is fantastic to work with - **supportive, caring and kind.**

Asha has been nominated for being an all-round fantastic member of staff who will be greatly missed by all the staff and students at The Link. **Positivity.**

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND AND ABOUT?**

All Aboard are running a special Bank Holiday Monday play session in Sutton on 31<sup>st</sup> May. Specifically designed for children with autism and ADHD, where they can build and play with huge train sets.

The trains will be running from 10.00am until 12 noon at St. Nicolas Community Hall.

♿ To book tickets:

<https://aac-sutton.eventbrite.co.uk>

## **AND FINALLY .....**

We close this week with some more pictures taken in our engagement garden.

We hope they fill your hearts with the warmth they did with us.

