



5<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2021

# NEWSLETTER

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## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> November

7.00pm

**Link Association AGM via Zoom**

Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> December

**LINK ASSOCIATION  
CHRISTMAS FAIR**

**Being held at the secondary school**

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021

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

Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022

**STAFF INSET DAY**

Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> January

2022

**PUPILS RETURN TO  
SCHOOL FOR THE SPRING  
TERM**

14<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022

**SPRING HALF TERM - No  
School**

Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022

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

**Happy Diwali** to all those within the Link community who have been celebrating and enjoying festivities this week.

Thank you to those of you who sent in sweet treats for us to share. It was very much appreciated.

Diwali is often called the Festival of Lights and celebrates the triumph of good over evil and it is uplifting to see all the lights, sparkles and festivities happening around us.

Over the weekend we can expect fireworks too.

Many of the organised firework events that are held over this year celebrating Guy Fawkes Night have been cancelled, so if you are thinking of having fireworks at home, please remember the firework code and keep your family, friends and pets safe. But most of all, enjoy your weekend.

Next week we will spend time thinking about Remembrance Day and will mark the 11<sup>th</sup> hour on on the 11<sup>th</sup> day with a two minute silence across both schools. We will be collecting for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. If you wish to donate, please send in your contribution to the school offices.

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

Earlier this week, Pine Class enjoyed a picnic in a local park. It was a wonderful informal opportunity for parents to get together for a chat, sharing experiences and advice. Sandy managed to fit in time to join the group for a coffee too and is looking forward to meeting with parents in this way more often.



Having a chat and a play in the park - the weather was exceedingly kind to Pine Class, albeit a bit chilly.



Sue D started the week talking about Diwali in Monday's assembly.

Over the course of the week, we celebrated the festival in our own Link style, which did mean lots of colour and lights!



Sean was keen to show everyone his 'colour cloud'



Valentina and Toby enjoying lights in sensory time



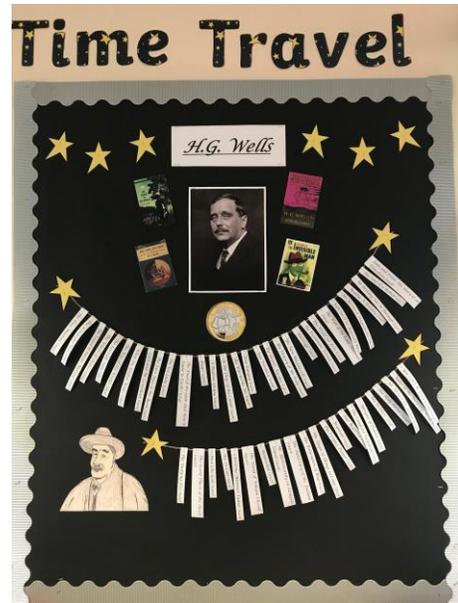
Madhav and Rania celebrate in class with a dance

During their cookery lesson, Maple Class made some Diwali fireworks using breadsticks, chocolate and sprinkles. As you can imagine, these fireworks proved to be a big hit!



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

In English we started the autumn term looking at the life of H.G. Wells. The students conducted research on his life and where he lived. We were then able to make connections with his novels to the local and wider London area.



We looked at his first published novel 'The Time Machine' and each class had the opportunity to read the book as part of lessons and in their own time.

We discussed in class how H.G. Wells used his scientific knowledge to create his extraordinary vision of humanity's future and how he had the courage to write about the inequalities of Victorian society.



The topic was used as a springboard for working towards and applying different strategies to learning such as: independent problem

solving, and theory of mind and communication techniques, as described in The Link Priorities.

KS3 have been developing their creative writing techniques by writing their own time travel stories. Alongside their studies of H.G. Wells and The Time Machine, KS4 have been working towards Functional Skills English qualifications. We are incredibly proud of their commitment to this and all achievements made so far.



Aaron drew this portrait of H. G. Wells freehand.

This half term we will be concentrating heavily on spelling, punctuation and grammar (SPaG) by continuing to look at The Time

Machine, as well as a variety of non-fiction texts.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND AND ABOUT?

Advance notice of the next Carshalton Families Nearly New Sale. A percentage of their takings on the door always goes to local charities. Do get in touch if you wish to attend or would like to sell pre-loved items.



Local mums selling quality preloved maternity, baby and children's items

**Saturday 20th November**

Pre-booked tickets 14:00 - 15:00

Standard Admission 15:00 - 16:00

St Mark's Church

St Mark's Hill

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£2.00 Entry (Children go free)

## AND FINALLY .....

