

# NEWSLETTER

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## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2022  
**Parent Information and Coffee**  
**Morning - Understanding**  
**Myself and Others**  
09:30 - 12:00  
This session is open to all  
parents across both schools.

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**

4<sup>th</sup> April - 18<sup>th</sup> April 2022  
**SPRING HOLIDAY**

Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022  
**INSET DAY - staff only**

Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> April 2022  
**SUMMER TERM**  
**COMMENCES**

27<sup>th</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022  
**SUMMER HALF TERM**  
**(incorporating Bank Holiday**  
**for the Queen's Platinum**  
**Jubilee)**

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

Maple Class are thoroughly enjoying their current topic entitled "How are you?"

Their recent topic work has centred around The Hungry Caterpillar and they have covered so many areas of the curriculum with the help of that most famous story - sequencing, counting, sorting, reading and measuring.



Rishann devoured his plate of healthy food and gave it a big thumbs up. He knows it helps him to grow 'big and strong'



Scarlett and James sorted matter into healthy and unhealthy groups.

Movement breaks are essential to keep both the body healthy and brain alert and we are always looking for new ways to get everyone moving.

Friday's break time was enhanced this week, when pupils from Maple, Hazel and Oak Classes got to disco dance!

They are delighted with the new outdoor music player that Michelle sourced and are now busy thinking of some more cool tunes they can dance to!



Willow Class are also working hard on their current topic of mini beasts.



## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE SECONDARY SCHOOL?



Mandy Manson, our SENCO is very excited to let you know The Link Secondary School has now got an upgrade to Clicker 8!

Clicker 8 is child friendly word processor that provides students with a writing solution.

It gives the right level of support and challenge by having features such as speech feedback, talking spell checker and word predictor.

It can be customised to meet each student's individual needs when it comes to recording their ideas.

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can be easily created, pictures can be added along with voice notes.

Clicker 8 can be accessed at home. It can be loaded onto windows or mac. If you want it loaded onto an iPad or Chromebook this is called Clicker Writer.

Please contact Mandy if you would like access for home use and if it is for Clicker 8 or Clicker Writer.

The following website has a wealth of information to support the use of Clicker 8. There are free webinars, training and tutorials.

[Clicker 8 | Crick Software](#)

Clicker hold training webinars for parents/carers. The next one is on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

The on-line session which lasts 30 minutes is led by a Customer Experience Consultant called Gemma and will cover

- Using Clicker to support your child's literacy
- Sharing Clicker files with your child's school
- Accessing the pre-made Clicker sets.

The webinar is intended for the Clicker notice and they will be covering all the basics to help get you started.

Registrants can join the webinar from 3.30pm onwards, but it will start promptly at 3.45pm.

Here is the link to sign up:

[Clicker - Live webinars | Crick Software](#)

A reminder too, if any secondary school parents/carers have mislaid the passwords for Lexia and Mathletics for your child, just get in touch with Karen in the school office and we will re-send it to you.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND AND ABOUT?

Fairfield Halls in Croydon are starting group keyboard sessions at their Yamaha Music School.

Working alongside others to develop keyboard techniques and learning to play well known songs by the like of Bruno Mars, Queen and Sam Smith. We hear that the classical greats such as Beethoven and Dvorak are involved too.

Aimed at those aged 8-10 years, if you wish to learn more and hear about about how you can enrol for a free session on Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> February, just email: [musiceducation@bhlie.org.uk](mailto:musiceducation@bhlie.org.uk)

## AND FINALLY .....

Maddie Grace has got some fantastic news to share with everyone. Her family are getting a new puppy!

She is very excited and has already been to visit Otis, who they will be bringing home at the end of February.

Maddie was very calm around the puppies, so much so, that they all wanted to get onto her lap for a cuddle!

Thank you for sharing your exciting news with us all Maddie Grace.

As parents at the secondary school are already aware, this week we welcomed Ofsted into the school.

Thank you to all those parents who completed the parent view.

Their report and findings should be available in approximately 3 weeks.

