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# NEWSLETTER

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## DATES FOR THE DIARY

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**  
**- PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL**

Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> April 2022  
**Parent Coffee Morning - secondary school - hear all about our 16+ provision - further details to follow**

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

Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> June  
**INSET TRAINING DAY - STAFF ONLY**

Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> June  
**Careers Event - details to follow**

Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July  
**End of the Academic Year - early closure for pupils**

The close of another term.

A joyous finale to the week when our learner's talents came to the fore. Their skills shone through in so many ways - be it in their writing lessons, during art and DT, representing the school at sport, as well as some amazing baking!

Easter is celebrated by many people within The Link community and it symbolises the beginning of hope for all.

There is so much to hope for in the world at present and perhaps we should all reflect on this.

A famous quote from Albert Einstein comes to mind: "Learn from yesterday, Live for today, Hope for tomorrow".

On that note, we wish you all a very good break.

We hope the sun shines, you have a good time and a Happy Easter.

We look forward to seeing the pupils again on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> April.

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

Pine Class thoroughly enjoyed their Easter egg hunts this week. With one taking place in a local park and another a bit closer to home, they certainly had lots of opportunities to find the hidden eggs.

We hear that one of the hunts ended up in Sandy's office - luckily the chocolate eggs were still there!



There was an outbreak of rabbits in Maple Class mid-week, when following an art and DT lesson, a herd appeared outside the school office, showing off their beautiful ears and whiskers. Always full of mischief, the herd returned on Friday (April Fool's Day) offering some crisps. Kathy was very taken aback when a huge snake popped out of the tube, causing much laughter amongst our 'maple pranksters'.



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

This week Hannah Wallwork, Deputy Headteacher takes time to explain rewards, values and post cards at the secondary school.

### Values and Postcards

I am really happy to be writing about our values and postcards this week as we have had so many

opportunities recently at the Secondary School to show how amazing our students are when it comes to promoting these values in everyday situations.

Our school values are rooted in our vision for all of our children here at the secondary school. We want everyone to start their journey into adulthood with a great sense of Wellbeing, Independence, Communication and Achievement ('WICA'). We think that our students develop in these areas every day by constantly working through our Link Priorities and also by upholding our school values in everything they do. Our seven values are reflected in our classes who are named after local heroes who represent each of these qualities.

- Success - Weir Class - David Weir, Paralympian gold medallist
- Resilience - Rowsell Class - Joanna Rowsell, Olympic cyclist who has battled alopecia
- Courage - Johnson Class - Amy Johnson, pioneering solo pilot
- Positivity - Ernie Fuller - a former head of The Link Secondary School who established an environment of positivity at the school

- Charity - Tomlin Class - Françoise Tomlin, founder of the Link Schools
- Kindness - Wood Class - Wilfred Wood, the first black bishop in the Church of England
- Fairness - Yates Class - Rose Yates, a suffragette who campaigned for equal rights for women

When our students show these values in their day to day actions, they can receive postcards as rewards and even win hot chocolate with Sandy!



Recently we have had some amazing examples of Charity, particularly from Johnson Class who organised charity cake sales for Children in Need and Red Nose Day:



This week we had an excellent trip out to The Globe theatre as we have been learning about some of Shakespeare's works recently in our English lessons.



Last week students were visited by Sky Blue Theatre Company who did some Shakespeare workshops with our students and got everyone involved in acting out the famous scenes from A Midsummer Night's Dream and Macbeth. Our students showed great courage and positivity for joining in with the drama!

We have also seen some expressions of self-reflection and kindness from Weir Class who have been writing affirmations in the playground:



We have seen the value of kindness from Yates Class recently as they all made beautiful teapots and bookmarks for Mother's Day.



We also have another brilliant example of success from Ben in Yates who made an amazing model of The Globe theatre!



Finally, huge congratulations are in order for four of our students who, having entered a poetry competition, have been selected to have their poems submitted for publication!

Here is what the organisers at Young Writers had to say:

*"Link Secondary students continue to impress with their passion for creativity as four talented members of the school community*

*celebrated their success in the latest Young Writers' Poetry Competition.*

*The theme of the national competition was Empowered - Future Voices, which was promoted as an opportunity for young people to express themselves through poetry.*

*Aiden, Alex, Idris and Niall all certainly rose to the occasion with inspiring and thought-provoking poems.*

*Our four budding writers will see their amazing work published in the Young Writers' Empowered Anthology.*

*Sian Jones, who teaches English at Link Secondary, said "The students' poems were authentic and fascinating. It was wonderful to read them and to hear such confident and vivid emotions being expressed."*

Our winners are:

Aiden, Wood Class, for  
'What Is Love?'

Alex, Weir Class, for  
'The Chinese New Year Poem'

Idris, Wood Class, for  
'The Trees And Us'

Niall, Johnson Class, for  
'The Madhouse'

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND AND ABOUT?

Sutton Libraries have lots of free activities going on over the break. There's an amazing Bubble Science event at Circle Library and robots are roaming Worcester Park library during our [Techy Tots coding session](#), normally £10 but free with the discount code **KSEaster**.

[See all the Sutton Libraries events on Eventbrite](#)

use the code **KSEaster** to book a free place at Bubble Science or Techy Tots Robot Coding!

## AND FINALLY .....

We close this week with two pieces of work that we thought we would share with you. Firstly a piece of artwork drawn by Jack in Pine Class, reflecting on the Easter Egg Hunt he took part in earlier in the week.



Secondly, some wonderful jokes that Winston from the secondary school composed during his Common

Workflow Language Lesson this week. We hope they raise a giggle or two.

### Easter Jokes by Winston

What do you call a rabbit with fleas? Bugs Bunny.

What do you get when you pour hot water into a rabbit hole? Hot cross bunnies.

What did the Easter Bunny say to the carrot? Nice gnawing you.

What is Easter Bunny's favourite kind of music? Hip-hop!

What do you get if you give an Easter Bunny a pair of socks? A sock hop!

How does an Easter Bunny keep his fur looking so good? Hare spray.

What's the Easter Bunny's favourite restaurant? IHOP.

Why was the Easter Bunny so sad? He was having a bad hare day.

What did the Easter bunny say about the Easter parade? It was eggs-cellent.

What do you get if you cross Winnie the Pooh and the Easter Bunny? A honey bunny

