

# NEWSLETTER

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## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> April 2022

**Parent Coffee Morning - secondary school - 10.00am**

Come along and hear all about our 16+ provision and what it has to offer our students.

Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May

**BANK HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED**

Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> May

**Celebration for Queen's Platinum Jubilee - primary school - 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**

Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> June

**Secondary School Sports Day - details to follow**

Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> June

**Primary School Sports Day - details to follow**

Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> July

**Secondary Leavers' Ceremony**

Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> July

**Primary Leavers' Ceremony**

Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July

**End of the Academic Year - early closure for pupils**

Well, the summer term is upon us.

A term which always brings with it lots of outdoor learning opportunities and experiences for all of our learners.

We say 'Hello' to some new students this term - Liam, Ben and Finley join the primary school and will be attending on a part-time basis for the summer term and Kruthiga joins Rowsell at the secondary school. All our newcomers have been given a huge Link welcome and are settling in well.

This week saw HRH Queen Elizabeth II celebrate her 96<sup>th</sup> birthday and of course in June the country will celebrate her Platinum Jubilee. Britain's longest reigning monarch - an historic event that we at The Link will not let slip past unnoticed. A wonderful subject for study, embracing many curriculum areas.



Next Thursday, we are holding a parents' coffee morning at the secondary school to provide information about our 16+ provision and all it has to offer our students. Starting at 10.00am, although aimed at secondary parents, it is as always open to all.

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

It was lovely to welcome the pupils back into school, full of all their news from the spring break - many of which involved stories about chocolate!



Willow Class lost no time in updating their diaries with lots of photographs.

Our group of riders returned to The Diamond Centre for their horse riding sessions. This term saw two more pupils start lessons, both of whom really enjoyed their first time on a horse,



At this week's School Council meeting, members discussed fund-raising activities and talked about what charity means e.g. needing food, clothes and shelter.

The School Council Reps voted to hold a 'Cool Crazy Clothes' mufti-day (date to be confirmed) to support Olha in raising funds for the Ukraine. There will be a charge of 50p to participate in this activity.

Link Priority 2

Community friendship

Link Priority 3

Spiritual development

Link Priority 14

Emotional Development - Theory of Mind

Link Priority 7

Communication

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



At the end of the spring term, the secondary school took part in the Cobham Tag Rugby Tournament, organised by Carew Academy.

Our team consisted mostly of players who were new to the game.

After a couple of weeks of practice, we had almost got our heads around the idea that you had to move forward to score but could only throw the ball backwards!

At the tournament the team improved greatly with each game. They were beaten by the eventual champions, Bensham Manor in their first game, but came back to record two wins and a draw to finish in 4<sup>th</sup> position overall.

Congratulations to the players for trying something new! We look forward to taking part in more of these tournaments next year.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND AND ABOUT?

A reminder that parents of children with additional needs are able to [subscribe to the local area Ambitious for SEND newsletter here](#) - it's a great way to stay in touch with what is happening in the local area! There is one newsletter produced every term (3 in the year) and you can unsubscribe at any time. An accessible version of [the March edition is here](#) - but to receive a more colourful version in future please subscribe using the highlighted link above!

Access Sport are offering free inclusive boxing sessions for D/deaf and disabled young people aged 13-25 year olds as part of their 'Gloves not Gunz' incentive. Taking place on Wednesdays 4.30pm - 5.30pm in Norbury Park, SW16 3LX.

To register: follow this link: <https://bit.ly/GlovesInclusiveBoxing>

## AND FINALLY .....

Never be too big to ask questions

Never know too much to stop learning