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# NEWSLETTER

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## DATES FOR THE DIARY

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

**Primary School Celebration for Queen's Platinum Jubilee**

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**

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

This week Siobhan Heard, Pine Class Teacher takes us through how cookery lessons embrace so many skills - both life and academic:

Cooking can be a fantastic opportunity for lots of learning and can be adaptable for your child's needs. It's also a great way of supporting your child's learning without them even realizing!

Make sure it is fun and engaging with as little demands as possible, you do not want to make it a negative experience, so if things go wrong or they don't want to follow the instructions exactly - it's okay 😊

Some of the educational advantages with cooking:

Reading: Having the recipe cards and pointing to the words when reading will help with their awareness of tricky words and the initial sounds of words. Also, if there are pictures, they can use them to infer what they have to do.

Fine motor: Mixing and kneading are great for improving their fine motor skills. It might take a while but allow them to do it for as long as they want to, because it will improve their muscle strength in their hands.



Working with dough is always fun because they punch it, roll it, pinch it and mould it, a lot like they would with play-doh!



Also counting the amount of ingredients that you need, like the amount of eggs or count in the chocolate chips! In addition, you can compare the amounts of ingredients - which one have I got more of, flour or butter? etc.



Maths: There are lots of mathematical opportunities in cooking. Weighing the ingredients - even if your child is not working with numbers above 100, it is still good for number recognition.



Vocabulary and listening: Talking through what you are doing to improves the vocabulary. Using time connectives, such as first, then, next can help with sequencing.

Going to the shops: These are life skills to help your child develop independence. You can give them a list of the ingredients they need for their recipe when you go shopping, if they are not able to read it, you can put pictures on the list for them to look out for. It gives the activity a purpose and makes them understand why they are doing it.

And of course the end results of a cookery session are always very enjoyable.



Habib from Willow Class enjoyed his community trip this week, travelling by bus to Carshalton.



The trip came about following Habib's letter to Sandy. Personally written and which he subsequently read to her, how could such a request have been ignored!

He thoroughly enjoyed the bus ride and his swimming session with Sam and Lynda, who both said his patience, behaviour and attitude were impeccable.

So many Link Priorities achieved during this exercise. Well done Habib.



Lucas, Rita, Ritish, Wiki, Derya and McKyla, members of our School Council walked to Beddington Park this week and all enjoyed socializing with an ice-cream in the warm weather. They said they would like a zip wire and a 'curvaceous' slide for school and maybe a tuck shop on the playground!

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

This week, we celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with an afternoon of traditional fun and games.

Starting off with a picnic outside in the sunshine, the students had great fun playing old school favourites such as hoopla and hook the duck. They also tried their skills at penalty shoot-outs.



We also held a hat competition with the winning designs being awarded to Georgia, Jareal and Younes.



We were thrilled to hear that Miguel and his Mum set up a fundraiser to help raise money for two charities - the PDA Society and Spectrum Gaming.

They both took part in a 24 hour gaming marathon where they raised £235 which helped to raise over £10,000 for the charities.

A huge well done Miguel.



## WHAT HAPPENING AROUND AND ABOUT?

Wallington Sports Club are holding a Jubilee Fun day on Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June, with our own local legend Wayne Woodward performing a live set. Entry is free and the fun starts at 1.00pm.



Sutton Men in Sheds hold a session at the Phoenix Leisure Centre every Monday at 7.30pm.

Every Other Thursday at Hill House 5.30pm DIY Activities  
Bishopsford Road, Carshalton, SM4 6BL

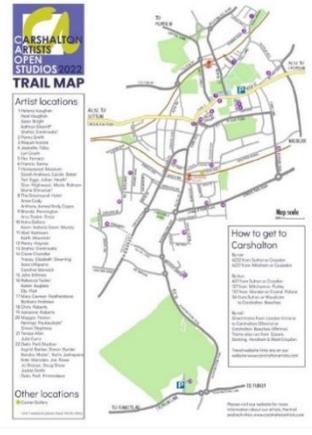
Every Monday at Phoenix Leisure Centre 7.30pm Sports & Fitness  
Mollison Drive, Wallingto, SM6 9NZ

Make Friends - Enjoy Conversations - Peer to Peer Support - Create Things

Refreshments provided. No bookings required except for sports sessions.

CAOS Art is making a welcome return this year. Carshalton Artists Open their Studios to the public during the weekends of 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> June and 2<sup>nd</sup> /3<sup>rd</sup> July.

It's here! The official #CAOSart22 trail map! Time to get planning for 25/26 June and 2/3 July...



## AND FINALLY .....

Thank you to all those of you who are busily sourcing prizes for The Link Association Summer Fayre on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> June.

Our largest fundraiser of the year as well as being a wonderful opportunity for everyone with past, present or future connections to The Link to come together.

Make sure that date is in your diary, because it won't be the same with you all!

Coming together is a beginning  
 Keeping together is progress  
 Working together is success

Henry Ford