



Parent Link

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Dear Parents and Carers,
 These last couple of weeks have seen plenty of activity, with all staff receiving two days of SCERTS training, a snow day, a visit from Challenge Partners, the publication of our OFSTED report online, Woodland Wow Day and a group from both our sites going to Young Voices at the O2 this week.

The SCERTS (Social Communication Emotional Regulation and Transactional Supports) training has caused a real buzz around school with lots of great ideas coming from the staff. It will be a major focus in the coming year, supporting all our youngsters who have autism and associated needs. I know the parent session was well received by those that managed to attend. Challenge Partners are a group the school now belongs to which carry out a review of the school each year with a focus on teaching and learning. There were not many new lessons to learn so soon after OFSTED, but the opportunity to meet with other senior leaders from other special schools and hear about their practice was welcomed.

Once again our pupils did us proud when they represented the school in London at the O2. Huge thanks to the staff who gave up their time to support the children there – again I know parents were delighted their children had the opportunity to take part.

Enjoy the photos from the Woodland Wow Day.
 Bradley Taylor (Headteacher)



Woodland Department
WOW day

Goodbye and good luck to Sophie Ward who leaves us at the end of this half term – we wish her well in her future endeavours.

Parents Forum Come and join your forum Held at the Downley site

For all parents on **both sites**
 Friday February 15th
 At 9:15am for coffee
 for
 9:30am start



Spring Term 2019 dates

Half term holiday Saturday 16th February – Sunday 24th February
 Monday 25th February – Friday 5th April.

Other dates for parents:

Wednesday 13th February - Stay and Play,
 Rainbow and Little Wings

Wednesday 6th March (Cressex) 10 am - 12 noon
 – behaviour workshop, run by Learning Disability nurses

News from around the school

Rainbow

We are coming to the close of our topic for this term 'Transport'. It has been great to see the work and crafts the department has produced for this topic which has included some science experiments, wanted posters and some pirate themed crafts. Our topic for next term is 'Under the Sea' as part of this the Science Dome will be visiting to offer a unique experience for our children. Thank you to those parents who were able to join us for the TACPAC training.

Our next event is the Stay and Play next Wednesday (Thursday for Yellow class) we hope to see you then. Hannah

Little Wings

This week some classes have been making things for the Chinese New Year. One class have been making drums. Dragonfly have been enjoying lots of sensory activities particularly getting very wet when playing with the water trays. Bumblebee class have been working on their maths skills at their work stations and Ladybird class have been working on their speaking and listening skills in bucket session. A reminder: Stay and Play is next Wednesday from 1.45pm, we hope to see many of you there. David

Treetops

Over the last couple of weeks some classes have been making Chinese lanterns, learning about Chinese New Year and trying some of the food. Kestrel class have been enjoying their attention autism sessions where they are all working on their turn taking and listening skills. Hawk Class have been enjoying their sensory story 'Sweaty Mctavish.' David

Coppice

This week several children in Coppice Department represented Chiltern Wood School at Young Voices, the largest choir concert in the world! Travelling to the O2 and coping with such large crowds is no mean feat so congratulations to all the pupils who took part and thank you to the staff who supported them. Claire

Woodlands

On Monday we had a 'Wow Day' based on our topic 'Bears and their Homes'. Each class team took responsibility for planning and preparing activities for the pupils to engage with. Classes were given a time slot to visit each other's classes and enjoy the wide range of sensory activities skillfully set up by the staff. The pupils took part in interactive and exploration activities linked to the countries bears come from and also the story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. China, Australia, America and The Arctic were all visited on Monday! The pupils showed great interest in the exciting day. Amanda



Young Voices

To book a place on the First Aid Workshop, please fill in the application form which is on our website and return to the school office.

Everyday First Aid Workshop

Monday 11 March
12.30pm - 3.00pm

Chiltern Wood School (Downley site)

This workshop is **FREE** and is for dads, mums and carers of children at Chiltern Wood School.

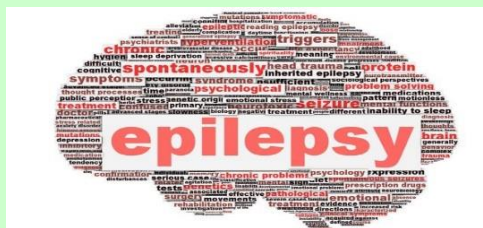
- Everyday First Aid for your family
- How to manage an emergency situation.
- Practical tips on dealing with: choking, burns, CPR, minor injuries.
- Increase your confidence in applying basic First Aid.

For terms and conditions please go to: www.adultlearningbcc.ac.uk

Epilepsy Information Session for Parents

Tuesday 12th February Cressex site
10:30 am -12.00pm

All parents welcome



Run by our School nurses

Q & A session
Information on medication
Discover things to do at home to support
your child.