



Blanche Nevile School Newsletter
24th March 2017
Secondary Department
(in partnership with Fortismere School)

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a very productive week with a very strong focus on fundraising for our two charity events; World Water Day and Red Nose Day. We've learnt a lot about why clean water matters and how essential it is to health and development. Our students always impress me with their ability to empathise with others and show their support by contributing towards charity drives and working hard to make sure that our charity work is taken seriously.

We are also very much in 'exam mode' now and it is of course essential that students taking exams or preparing coursework make sure that the work is finished on time and done to the best of their ability.

Next week, as you know, will bring me to the last week of my Headship at Blanche Nevile School! If any parents and carers would like to come and say goodbye to me, as I would of course like to say goodbye to you, we will be holding an event on Thursday 30th March at 4pm-6pm. Please let the school office know if you are able to come admin@blanchenevile.org.uk

Huge thanks to Mrs Christian and Mr Rosenburg for their work in leading the charity drive for World Water Day.

Next week I will also be able to report on our successes on Red Nose Day (which is today!). There is certainly a lot of red being worn and also a lot of pretty fantastic red noses!

Kind regards,

Veronica Held

Headteacher

World Water Day – 22nd March 2017

Our school raised £73.23! This money will be sent onto Water Aid shortly.

Thank you to all students and staff who contributed, and thank you to Mrs Christian & Mr Rosenburg.



Deaf Education Advocacy Fellowship – 23rd March 2017

DEAF are an organisation based in Manchester that support young deaf people achieve their dreams and aspirations. Mahan came to visit our Year 11 group yesterday to discuss life after college.



Thank you to Ms Bissell and Ms Atkinson for supporting the group.

Ms Daly



Important Reminders

Free School Meals Renewals

If your circumstances have not changed you can renew your FSM application by telephone (unless your child is moving from year 6 to year 7). If your child is not eligible for FSM you will need to sign up to ParentMail to activate a cashless account, or send your child to school with a packed lunch.

To renew call **020 8489 1000 (9am-5pm)** **have your NI number & DOB details ready**



Use of mobile phones in school

Please remind your child that they are not allowed to use their mobile phone in school – thank you.

 Up and Coming Events	
<p>Remark Easter Deaf Playscheme 4th- 6th, 11th-13th April 2017 For Deaf children aged 6-16 years old. 10am-4pm £2 per day Bring your own packed lunch</p>	 COMMUNITY <i>See attachments</i>
<p>Special Children's Day at London Zoo 6th-7th May 2017</p> <p>Special Children's Day is a unique annual event at ZSL London Zoo welcoming children with special needs</p>	

and their families and friends. With increased specialist facilities and number of staff, as well as special interactive events and discounted entry, Special Children's Day is an exciting and exceptional event not to be missed.

All Special Children's Day activities are free and all Zoo visitors are welcome to join in the fun!

Please be aware there are a limited number of tickets available for this event and we strongly advise booking early to avoid disappointment.

A Very Special Welcome: Our staff and volunteers will be ready to greet you at the dedicated Special Children's Day entrance. Pick up your Special Children's Day planner. There are friendly animal-costumed characters to meet too!

Singing Hands: Meet Suzanne & Tracy in person as they introduce you to the amazing world of animals through Makaton themed signs, songs, rhymes, stories and games. Shows are free and run throughout the day

Wildlife Gardening: Plant a seed to take back with you and grow at home, or build a mini-beast hotel to attract wildlife to your garden

Sensory Storytelling: Immersive and interactive stories about the natural world. Shows are free and run throughout the day

Hands on Habitats: Investigate the natural world with our hands-on activities

LIVE! talks: Our amazing animal talks will be accompanied by British Sign Language interpreters throughout the weekend

Animal Adventure: Meet some of our fantastic animals and Keepers, get close up and hands on in the 'Touch Paddock', or play in the splash zone, secret garden and tunnels.

- **Art Zone:** Get creative with our fun family art activities.

<https://www.zsl.org/zsl-london-zoo/whats-on/special-childrens-day>