

# Primary Newsletter



**BLANCHE  
NEVILE  
SCHOOL**

**The best of both worlds  
for deaf children**

**In partnership with Highgate Primary School  
30<sup>th</sup> April 2018  
Fourth Edition**



Dear Parents and Carers,

Another fantastic edition of the Primary newsletter!

Deaf Day at City Lit was a very successful event which was fully supported by many members of staff, on a Saturday! Thank You to the staff for always going the extra mile to celebrate Blanche Nevile School; 'The Best of Both Worlds'.

Fingers crossed the sunny weather will return, in the meantime have a wonderful week.

Best wishes,

***Geraldine Santiago***

**Headteacher**



## Emily's Class

Blanche Nevile EYFS have been enjoying the lovely hot weather. At forest school we noticed that the woods look different. There are more green leaves and flowers because the weather is getting warmer. We can even hear the birds chirping loudly in the trees.

We have also been practising our number formations and adding groups of numbers together. The children have also been using the story sacks to retell different stories in the reading garden.



## Lauren's Class

It certainly has been a busy start for the Year 1s. Our new topic for this term is all about 'Flowers and Insects'. We went to Sunshine Garden Centre to have a look at different plants and gardening equipment.

We talked about the similarities and differences between the plants. We bought some seeds to plant in school. We went on a bug hunt with our mainstream class in the peace garden; we found some worms, ants, slugs and spiders. We also talked about the different habitats for different bugs.

In Maths we have been using bee bots to understand the use of position/directional language.



## Sharon's Class

In Year 3 we joined our mainstream class for our second class assembly of the year.

Our focus was on Human Rights. We explained that we all have the right to clean drinking water.

At the end of our assembly we sang and signed John Lennon's 'Imagine'.

The audience was very moved by such a powerful, important message and we were all really proud of our contribution to a fabulous assembly!



## Ruth's Class

We have had an exciting start to our new Romans topic. Becoming rich Roman citizens and slaves, we joined Sharon's class and had a fantastic Roman feast. Our rich Romans were very demanding and the slaves soon learnt that they had to obey or else they would be killed!

We have also been looking at the different lives of rich and poor Romans. We enjoyed looking at the Roman art in the rich Roman's houses and have made our own mosaics to put inside the villa we have created in our classroom.



## Ben's Class

Year 6 have really enjoyed welcoming a new student, Rodi, to our class this term. Rodi is already settling in really well and making friends across the school. Over the first few weeks, we have been focusing on speech in English - writing speech bubbles and using inverted commas for direct speech.

Our Maths focus has been using bar models to represent addition and subtraction visually. In our topic, 'Moving On Up', we have started by looking back at our best memories of Blanche Nevile School. In BSL, we have been teaching our HPS partner class some useful conversational vocabulary for school and the playground. During the 'heatwave' of the first week, we enjoyed an impromptu trip to Highgate Woods for our afternoon PE lesson!



## WONDERFUL WORK ASSEMBLY





## Important dates



Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018 – Natural History Museum Trip (Year 1)

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2018 – NSPCC Online Safety assembly + workshop

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2018 – Year 3 and 4 Verulamium Museum Trip

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2018 – Bank Holiday (School Closed)

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018 – NDCS Listening Bus Roadshow visiting with pupils from Summerside school

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2018 – EYFS Aldenham County Park

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> of May 2018 – Year 3 and 4 Museum of London Trip

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> of May 2018 – Aquarium Trip for EYFS

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> of May 2018 – Year 6 LEGOLAND Trip

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018 – Last Day of Summer Term

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2018 – HALF TERM (School Closed)

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018 – Start of Summer 2 (School open)

### Reminder:

Please ensure you check your child's school bag and Home /School book every day for important letters and information.

# SEND

Haringey Local Offer  
Support & Services



HEALTH



SUPPORT



EDUCATION



MONEY



PREPARING  
FOR ADULTHOOD

For all the information and guidance on the support and services available for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), visit Haringey's Local Offer.

[www.haringey.gov.uk/localoffer](http://www.haringey.gov.uk/localoffer)

**Haringey**  
LONDON



April 2018

Dear All

I hope you have had a good Easter break and welcome back for the summer term. There is a lot of news as ever:

### **1) Education Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) new assessments and conversions**

I am delighted to tell you that we have the majority of statements converted to EHCPs in draft form. However, unfortunately we missed the deadline to finalise all the education health and care plans. We are continuing to convert children's statements to education health and care plans as swiftly and accurately as we can with yourselves and your children's settings. If you are concerned about the progress of your child's conversion to an EHCP, you can contact the SEN department by email on [sen@haringey.gov.uk](mailto:sen@haringey.gov.uk), and ask to speak to your caseworker. We are committed to finishing the conversions as soon as possible, and no child will lose their services or school place because they have not yet had a finished Education Health and Care plan. Haringey will also continue to deliver all the services that are written into your child's statement.

### **2) Capital Funding - SEND Grant**

Haringey were successful in our application for the first tranche of funding to help us expand our special school places. The funding is over three years and is helping us to expand our special school places. We have started work on the new section of Riverside School for 16-19 year olds, which is next door to the Riverside School.

We will also be spending the money on some small changes needed to St Mary's CE School N8 as they have kindly provided the classrooms in a small unit in the school. This will be where two of The Grove Special School classrooms will be based whilst the new Special School site is built on Downhills Park Road N17.

### **3) Direct Payments**

Parent who receive Direct Payments have said that the systems and processes that Haringey are using are not user friendly or clear. We want to improve the

system to enable more families to use a direct payment (where they receive the money for a service) rather than the Local Authority managing it for them. If you have direct payments, or receive services from the Disabled Children's Social Work Team, you will shortly receive a letter inviting you to an event on the 10<sup>th</sup> May 2018 10.00am -12.30pm at the Cypriot Centre. If you would like to attend this event but do not receive a direct payment for services, please can you contact me on [sen@haringey.gov.uk](mailto:sen@haringey.gov.uk) and I can tell you more about the event.

#### **4) Haslemere Road**

Some families may know that Haringey has an overnight respite care provision called Haslemere Road which is currently closed. We have been looking for a new provider to run this centre for us for some time now without success, however recently we have had discussions with two providers who are thinking about whether they would be able to run a provision in Haringey on our behalf. The provision would be over night care for people with learning disabilities, in the evening and at the weekend. If families would like to know more about this I will be talking about this more at the direct payments event, or you can contact SEN by email on [sen@haringey.gov.uk](mailto:sen@haringey.gov.uk) and I can call you or email to answer any questions you might have.

#### **5) Preparation for Adulthood and Supported Internships**

We have received a grant from the government of 58K to help us develop more opportunities to support people with Learning Disabilities into employment. Supported Internships are jobs with employers for people with Learning Disabilities where the person has extra support to learn how to carry out the job and manage the challenges of being employed aswell as carry out their job affectively. We will be meeting with neighbouring boroughs to look at how they are addressing this, and working with our own apprenticeships and employment services to see how we can progress this area for people with learning disabilities. We are working on our pathways for preparing young people for adulthood and the information available to help families and children as their children approach 18 years. We have a working party called the "Moving On" group, which has:

Made improvements to the Local Offer website for the 18-25 section.

Made better links between the Local Offer website and the Haringey social care website on preparation for adulthood information;

Developed information on mobile apps to help people with disabilities, which will go on the Local Offer

I will keep you informed about further developments in this area.

#### **6) Support for Children with SEND at Secondary School**

We know from parents and children that transitioning from primary to secondary school is a worrying time, and families have expressed concern that their children will not settle into school confidently. We have asked one of our experienced secondary mainstream schools to work on this together with special educational needs co-ordinators in all the secondary schools and our Education Support Team in SEN lead by Eilika Mcauley. The team will be looking at a variety of areas including:

- Transitioning into school
- Communicating with parents and children
- SEN and behaviour policies
- Teaching and learning approaches

This piece of work will be lead by Alexandra Park School in the first instance. I will let you know more about it as it progresses.

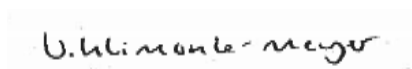
### **7) Support for Children with SEND in schools and Education Health and care plans**

Schools receive some funding for children with SEND directly, and the government adds to that funding by providing grants to local authorities called the 'high needs block' budget, which then funds the money into a child's education health and care plan. If your child has an education health and care plan and is in a mainstream school, you may have noticed that the plan has money called your child's 'top up' on the last page of the plan. This year that amount will go up slightly, as Haringey schools have agreed to put some additional money into the high needs block to help with supporting children with special educational needs. This will go into your child's school from April 2018 and then be amended on your child's education health and care plan after their annual review. The additional money is to make sure that the schools can meet the increased costs of employing staff members, and may not increase the amount of support that your child has in school.

I will write again in June 2018 with further updates

Please note that this newsletter will be published on the Local Offer under 'Local Offer Information', on the website

Best Wishes



**Vikki Monk-Meyer**

**Head of Integrated Service SEN and Disabilities**



## Petitions

UK Government and Parliament

Petition

# Fund free BSL lessons for every parent or carer of a Deaf child in the UK

90% of Deaf children are born to hearing families, most of which will have no experience of what they need to do to support that child. As a Teacher of the Deaf I repeatedly meet families that cannot afford BSL, which can leave the child isolated & frustrated. It costs £3000/person to gain level 3

▶ [More details](#)

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**7,205** signatures



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10,000

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/217239>

Our families are very lucky at Blanche Nevile as we offer free BSL lessons to parents, carers and family members. Please help to support this cause so others have the same opportunities to learn BSL for free.

Dear Parents and Carers,

At Primary, we have all made a fantastic start to our Summer Term. Thank you to all the parents that that attended our recent Coffee Morning. This was led by the NSPCC and it focussed on keeping your children safe online.

There will be follow up workshops and assemblies for pupils on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May in school. We are also very excited to welcome the National Deaf Children's Society (NDCS) and their Listening Bus Road Show on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May. Further details are to follow.

We also welcomed the CBeebies to school last week and we look forward to keeping you informed of a possible future project with them.

As always, thank you for your continued support

Best wishes,

Kathryn McCarthy  
Acting Assistant Head teacher

