

# ❄️ Snowflake School News ❄️

Safe, Understanding, Patient, Enthusiastic, Respectful



Artwork by Shooting stars class who have been learning about their bodies

## A message from Kerry, Headteacher

2020 has been a year like no other I have known, and I need you to know how much , Fay, the staff and I appreciate your continued support for our school through it all.

I am pleased we were able to open in May and offer part time learning to the pupils. I loved taking part in Charlotte's wonderful music lessons with you all. I know our therapists Mairead and Lee delivered innovative online teaching as did many of the tutors and supervisors. Staff completed several training courses including Attention Autism and phonics training and the highlight of my week was the whole staff zoom meeting at 5pm every Thursday.

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**INSET DAY**

Friday 18th  
December 2020

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**INSET DAY**

Monday 04th  
January 2021

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**FIRST DAY OF TERM**

Tuesday 05th  
January 2021



### Reports, Classes and Homework

Primary end of term report envelope will contain homework challenges which we would like children to complete over the break.

### School Trips

We are aiming to resume some of our school trips from next term, a consent form will be sent home and more information to follow.



### Spare Clothes

A reminder to please send in spare clothes for your child and to please return the school spare clothes that were sent home where applicable.

## We opened our Secondary site!

Since September we have loved welcoming lots of new pupils and staff and of course, in November against all the odds we opened our beautiful new secondary site in Acton.

A special thanks must go to Andrea and Catherine who embraced their new Assistant Head roles with enthusiasm and passion. Despite closures and staff sickness, they remained resolute and calmly addressed all eventualities as they arose, and thanks also to Fay always there to fill any gaps whether it is carrying furniture, heating food; it all makes my job a whole lot easier.

I hope 2021 will be better for us all, we have a 2 more pupils to welcome, and a few new members of staff and we are more or less full capacity in both sites. We will be saying goodbye to Alessandra and wish her all the best for the future.



I am delighted to tell you that Lee our OT will be working 3 days a week in each site, and this will vastly improve the amount of OT we can offer to the pupils. I hope to employ a full time OT and full time SALT by the end of the academic year.

I wish you all a safe and healthy holiday. Please remember school is closed to pupils on January 4th for essential staff first aid training and will open, as normal on January 5th, 2021

## A MESSAGE FROM PRIMARY

As we come to the end of what has been the most challenging school year in living memory, I would like to offer our collective thanks once again for the support you have given to your children, the staff and the school over recent months.

We could never have envisaged that this year would present us with so many uncertainties, changes and challenges. As always, we continue to place the children at the heart of every decision we make and every action we take, and it has never been more important for home and school to work together.

We are extremely grateful for your support during these unprecedented times and we look forward to continuing working in partnership with you in 2021. We have had some exciting things happening this term despite the challenges though, the most memorable one is the opening of our secondary site, and half of our pupils graduating and moving on to the new site.



## Primary reports, classes and Homework

We will be sending end of term reports home to children. Your child's class name, tutor and supervisor will also be shared with you.

Your report envelope will also contain homework challenges which we would like children to complete over the break.

## And Finally...

I am sure you will join me in thanking both students and staff for an excellent year's work and once again I would like to thank you for your continued help and support throughout this incredibly challenging time.

The end of term is finally here and I wish your family an enjoyable, restful and safe break.

Yours faithfully,

Andrea Moldovan-Grunfeld, BCBA  
Assistant Head of Primary Site



## Diamond Class News

We have welcomed two new pupils in our class Leonardo & Wali they are both settling in really well.

Our tutors have continued to make sure that each pupils individual educational plan targets have been run at a table and in fun natural environment teaching sessions! We have been having lots of fun with Christmas Jumper day raising money for Save the Children charity.

Thank you for supporting us with this dressing up day! We have celebrated Leo's birthday in class as well! We have also learned about Diwali celebrations and James has made a beautiful drawing!

## DIAMOND CLASS FESTIVE CELEBRATIONS

This term Diamond class have busy with doing lots of fun festive themed Art & Crafts projects. We especially enjoyed listening to festive songs during circle time and feeling celebratory.

I am very proud of all of our pupils and love to see how much they have progressed over this term. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Paulina, Diamond class Supervisor



## Sapphire Class News

This term Sapphire class have been learning about seasons and months of the year, we have been working hard on sitting in group and playing together.

We welcomed 3 new pupils, Harry, Madina and Faye who have settled in beautifully into our class. Who especially enjoyed registration/circle time and music and loved singing the seasons song and the goodbye song. The class have all made amazing progress in a short time already and enjoy showing everyone how brilliant they are.

Samantha, Sapphire class Supervisor

## A note from our Sapphire class pupils..

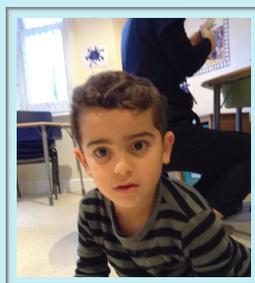
Our favourite things to do are bounce on the red ball and jump on the trampoline, we are getting really good at taking turns and sharing these.



We enjoy a wide variety of activities such as water play, painting, building with Lego, vehicles and marble run.

We are excellent at arts and crafts, just look at our 'A splash of art' wall. We love to have our pictures taken, we keep a memories board to remember all the fun things we get to do, and we each have our own snowflake, as each snowflake is unique and beautiful so is each of us! As for our teachers, they are super stars! We have staff stars, where they write something cool that another person did, they read them out and stick it up.

### SOME SAPPHIRE CLASS PICTURES



## A MESSAGE FROM SECONDARY

The end of term finally beckons, we would like to thank all our students and their families for their continued support for what has been a challenging term.

Since March, the school year has been far from ordinary. The challenges we have all had to overcome have forced us all to live and work differently.

I am proud of how all our staff have responded to these unusual circumstances. I am proud of the parents and carers who have worked tirelessly to support their children with home learning when with heavy hearts we have had to close classes or the school.

All of our students have transitioned well into their new surroundings and have settled in wonderfully. They are taking full advantage of all the space their new setting has to offer them. As we look forward to the holidays and a new term approaches we are looking forward to slowly returning to some form of normality.



In January we will have a new supervisor starting with us, Poonam which is really exciting. Please stay safe through the Christmas break and we look forward to welcoming all of our students back in January.

Best Wishes,

Catherine Stephenson,  
Assistant Head of Secondary.

## SUPERNOVA CLASS NEWS

This term Supernova Class moved from Earl's court to our new secondary site in Crown Street. We have been enjoying the spacious building and have been pairing with their new tutors.

We have been using our fully equipped kitchen to practise daily living skills, to bake and also cook. We especially enjoy the art room and the music sessions with Charlotte. Our favourite things to do are OT, SLT and PE

Thank you to Ian who created this wonderful front cover for our Snowflake Calendar. Available to purchase for £10.00.

Vasilis, Supernova class Supervisor

