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Spring/Summer 2014 Newsletter

**School Journey**

This term some of the children at Snowflake will be going on a school journey to Avon Tyrell, in Hampshire. This school venue has been identified by Danielle our Fitness Instructor and will be led by Jamey Herbert. The journey will be from the 16<sup>th</sup> June-20<sup>th</sup> June 2014 and is a residential trip. It will include activities such as nature walks, zip lining and obstacle courses. It is a fantastic opportunity for children to be able to explore their surroundings and nature. Children who we feel who would benefit have been identified and parents of those children have been notified. Below is the link to the Avon Tyrrell website:  
<http://www.avontyrrell.org.uk/page/home.html>



**Moving on**

Sadly, Emily Williams Lead Tutor and Laura Nicholson Tutor will be leaving Snowflake at the end of this term. Emily joined us in January 2010 as a tutor and with the support of the Headteacher, Fay and the Trustees she was able to progress through continual professional development to become a Lead Tutor the following year. Over the past two years she has enjoyed supporting pupils and staff alongside working towards achieving her 'Board Certified Assistant Behaviour Analyst' qualification. She has thoroughly enjoyed working at Snowflake School and her enthusiasm and total commitment have been an example to us all. I am sure she will keep in contact so she can follow the great progress our pupils are making. We all wish her the best in her new position as Lead Behaviour Practitioner at her new school.



## Recruitment

We are very happy to announce that Samantha Sullivan and Jamey Herbert have been appointed as ABA/VB Supervisors. This role will commence as of the Summer Term. We will also be recruiting a new Teacher and there will also be Tutor positions available too.



## MP Visit

This term the MP for Hammersmith came to visit our school. It was an exciting visit. He was very happy to see the children and also wanted to see the great work done by UK Youth.



## Training

This term lots of our staff members have been on various training courses and this is helping them to keep up to date with their key skills in ABA/VB.

Dr Vincent Carbone from the Carbone Clinic in the USA will be holding two conference workshops in London in March. Thomas Montgroux and Jamey Herbert will be attending on behalf of the school.

Between 3-7th March 2014 Laura Pardoe and Thomas Montgroux went on a Team Teach Instructor course. This means that they will be able now to train our staff team on the Team Teach techniques.

During the week of Monday 20-24th January, Jamey Herbert went on a 1st Aid Instructor Course. We are pleased to announce that she is now able to train our staff team in 1st Aid.

We are also very pleased to say that our Trustees have very generously agreed to allow 3 of our staff members to do the BCABA and the BCBA qualifications which will enable them to become qualified and so more experienced in ABA/VB. We are very grateful to the school for allowing us this opportunity.



## Parents Group

Snowflake school is really pleased to announce that we will be restarting our parents groups again. We feel that these groups are a great way for parents to come together, to learn about various principles of our teaching and to generally be able to speak to others.

The next parents group will happen on 7<sup>th</sup> April at 3.30pm. We hope you can all join us.



## Open Afternoon

Snowflake will also be hosting an Open afternoon for members of the public who are interested in visiting the school. These parents and families will get a chance to meet our Head teacher, staff and lead tutors and will have a tour around the school. We feel that this will be particularly helpful to parents who would like to send their children to Snowflake. We also feel that it will be less disruptive to the running of the school if we allocate an afternoon to these visits.

The next Open afternoon will be held on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2014

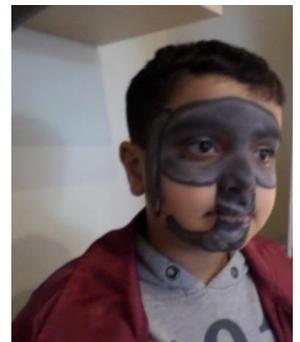
## Staff lunch

On 30<sup>th</sup> March, we will be celebrating Avi Mathur's birthday at school. Vidushi Mathur has very kindly offered to cook a staff lunch for the whole staff team on Avi's birthday. We are all very grateful to her for offering us her delicious food as well as taking the time out to cook these amazing dishes. Thank you Vidushi



## World book day

On 6<sup>th</sup> March 2014 we celebrated World book day by dressing up as our favourite characters from books and painting our faces with face paint. We all really enjoyed this and it gave us a chance to talk about various types of books and identify their characters.



## World Autism Awareness Day

On Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2014 it is World Autism Day. To celebrate this event we will be having a 'Onesie Wednesday', where all staff and pupils can wear a onesie if they choose to. It will be a really fun day where we will be doing various activities to celebrate Autism and our wonderful pupils.



## Term Dates

We would just like to remind you of Snowflake School Term Dates.

Spring Term finishes on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2014 (Easter holiday) the staff will return on 28<sup>th</sup> April for 2 training days.

Summer Term will begin on Wednesday April 30<sup>th</sup> 2014.

Half Term will begin on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2014 and the children will be back to school on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2014.

The Summer Term will end on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2014