



The Livity School Weekly Newsletter

School News

Please join us on Tuesday 19th December for our Winter Show. The children have been practising and are excited to show you what they have been learning with their peers. On the day, **please arrive by 9.20am.** This will help us to start the show on time. We look forward to seeing you there!

Message from the Speech and Language Therapist (SALT) and Occupational Therapist (OT)

The OT and SALT from London Children's Practice (LCP) will be running the next block of joint sessions starting in January to develop children's functional skills around dressing, food and toileting. The focus of these sessions will be improving functional skills and functional communication.



In these sessions, we will be doing fun and highly motivating functional activities that help children develop the essential skills needed for dressing, eating and toileting by working on their fine and gross motor skills and attention and regulation to support these skills. Alongside this, we will be developing language and communication skills based on these functional activities by exploring concepts such as wet, dry, dirty and clean. We will also be working on sequencing, as well as building vocabulary around body parts, verbs and prepositions used during these functional activities.

Please remember to call the school office before 7.30am if your child is going to be absent.

Red Class

Red Class enjoyed their last session at Brockwell Greenhouses this week. This half term we have made bird feeders, tree decorations, recycled paper and lots of messy play.



Pink Class

This week in Pink Class we have been enjoying our new story *The Not So Perfect Penguin* and have been participating in 'winter' activities to support our learning of the story. We've also been busy creating decorations to put up in both the school hall and our classroom.



Yellow Class

This week, Yellow Class children have been reading books through use of their communication devices. They activated the words of the story to see the related videos. The children also explored boards with sensory materials – stretching their arms and moving their fingers over different objects.

Blue Class

During art, the pupils decorated their costumes for the Winter Show with blue, white, silver and gold colours. Our class theme for the celebration is Notting Hill Carnival! We will be performing to a song from the Brazilian singer Clara Nunes called *Portela*. We look forward to showcasing our carnival masks in Tuesday's performance next week!



Orange Class

This week, Orange Class have been creating decorations for the hall and costumes for our Winter Show. The pupils were encouraged to use mark making tools to create their art pieces. These type of activities help children to develop their fine and gross motor skills.



Ladybird Class

This week we had a wonderful trip to see Father Christmas at The Lodge in Dulwich Park. The children were brilliant! They enjoyed singing Santa songs and dancing to Christmas music. They met Santa and received presents too. Thank you so much to all the parents who were able to come to help us. The children have also been working hard preparing decorations for the hall. We have also been practising for the Winter Show too.

Thank you to parents who have sent in grey or white clothes for your children to wear during the performance – they will be dressing up as astronauts.

In cooking, we made ginger bread and the children chose what shape they wanted to make their gingerbread into. We have also been busy making treats to take home for the festive holiday.



Rainbow Class

In Rainbow Class this week, we had a birthday. One of us turned 10 years old! We therefore held a little party to celebrate his birthday. We also invited our friends from Unicorn Class to share the celebration. After we had some food, we did some dancing. Everyone had lots of fun!



Green Class

Green Class this week enjoyed listening to a steel pan performance put on by Elm Court pupils. We liked clapping and dancing along to the music. Some of our peers also really enjoyed a trip to Brockwell Greenhouses. We got to hunt for different vegetables and then made prints using the vegetables we found.



Purple Class

This week in Purple Class we enjoyed festive activities during *My Thinking*. We developed our number skills by counting out baubles onto Christmas trees. Some of us also made great Christmas patterns using lollipop sticks! We focused really well and showed some great fine motor skills during the lesson.



Butterfly Class

This week, Butterfly Class joined Ladybirds for a PE session and dance. The children interacted very well and expressed themselves through movement and gestures.



Bumblebee Class

This week, Bumblebee Class has had the opportunity to visit Santa at his house from the Whippersnappers Winter Experience. Children were amazed by Santa and have each received a present. We have danced and sang along to Christmas songs and took a photo with Santa. It was fun!

During creative time, we have decorated a snowman with cotton wool and glitter. Swimming was great too as we have challenged ourselves to move through the water.

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Gold Class

Pupils in Gold Class have been getting ready for the activities organised for next week and learning about activities linked to Christmas. Children completed independent work at their stations linked to what we have been learning about. Pupils learnt about things that happen during the Christmas holiday. We also made our own Christmas dinner and decorated a lunch mat with our favourite food.



Silver Class

Silver Class visited the Greenhouses at Brockwell Park. During their visit they explored a range of fruit and vegetables (parsnips, potatoes and pears). This also included taking part in sensory activities i.e. water and bubble play. Using fruit and vegetable slices, the pupils made shapes and printed them onto paper.



Unicorn Class

This week in Unicorn Class we have been working on using comparative language in order to gain a greater understanding of measurements. We have also been building our descriptive vocabulary!!!



Don't Forget

- **Monday 18th December**
Christmas Lunch
- **Tuesday 19th December**
Christmas Performance
- **Thursday 21st December**
Last day of Autumn 2 – *school closes at 1*
22nd – 5th January TERM BREAK – no school
- **Wednesday 17th January 2024**
9.30-10.30 Parent Forum CWDT Focus
- **Wednesday 31st January 2024**
9.30-10.30 Parent Forum Mental Health
- **Tuesday 6th February 2024**
Safer Internet Day 2024
- **Friday 9th February 2024**
Last day of Spring 3
12th – 16th February HALF TERM – no school
- **Wednesday 28th February 2024**
9.30-10.30 Parent Forum Attention & Focus
- **Wednesday 20th March 2024**
9.30-10.30 Parent Forum Mental Health
- **Thursday 28st March**
Last day of Spring 4 – *school closes at 1*
29th – 12th April TERM BREAK – no school
- **Wednesday 1st May 2024**
9.30-10.30 Parent Forum Dr. Wicks Sleep

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6th May BANK HOLIDAY – no school

- **Wednesday 15th May 2024**
9.30-10.30 Parent Forum Mental Health
- **Thursday 23rd May 2024**
Last day of Summer 5
24th – 31st May HALF TERM – no school
- **Wednesday 12th June 2024**
9.30-10.30 Parent Forum Jane Thomas Continenence
- **Wednesday 26th June 2024**
9.30-10.30 Parent Forum Mental Health
- **Wednesday 24th July**
Last day of School – *school closes at 1*

All our term dates are available on our website <https://www.thelivingschool.co.uk>

On the website under 'Parents and Carers' you will find the link for **Parent Pay** where you can pay for school dinners and uniform.

If you have any issues with transport, please contact **London Hire** on the following numbers
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MERRY CHRISTMAS
and Happy New Year

From all the staff and pupils at The Livity School

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