



## The Livity School Weekly Newsletter

### School News

#### FREE Makaton taster session Friday 17 March 2023

Parents/carers can access a range of training courses run by Evelina London Community Speech and Language Therapy, the details of this can be found

here: <http://www.evelinalondon.nhs.uk/our-services/community/community-speechand-language-therapy/overview.aspx>

Some parents/carers have been expressing interest in learning **Makaton**. Please see below details for a FREE taster session which you can book onto:

#### Makaton taster sessions

**Cost:** free

**Delivery:** live webinars

**Date:** Friday 17 March 2023 1.30-3pm

**Please email [gst-tr.contacts@nhs.net](mailto:gst-tr.contacts@nhs.net) to reserve a place.**

These are fun and interactive small group virtual sessions for all interested in learning about Makaton.

Session aims:

To give participants an insight into Makaton:

- . what it is and how it can support communication
- . to learn approximately 30 signs and symbols
- . to begin to discuss ideas on how Makaton can be used at home, school, nursery or other settings

Recommended for anyone who is interested in finding out about Makaton or anyone who is interested in attending further training such as a Level 1 or 2 workshop in the future.

[See a separate letter regarding strike action.](#)

Attendance is mandatory for all pupils of compulsory school age. You must inform the school office in advance if your child is going to be absent from school for an appointment. Please provide proof of appointment to the school office as well.

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

#### Red Class

This week Red Class children practised Yoga doing different positions. Here are some of the children doing the lion pose, butterfly pose and relaxing after the session. They also enjoyed the sensory session where they used their senses to explore flavours, smells, sounds, movement and lights.



#### Yellow Class

Yellow Class children this week have learnt about the rainforest. They enjoyed exploring different objects and fruits related to this environment. They had the opportunity to smell, touch, feel and taste mangoes, tomatoes and avocados. They also made mud with flour, warm water, coffee and cocoa. They mixed all the ingredients with their hands and added natural leaves to make it real.



### Pink Class

This week in Pink Class we've been working hard on our counting, using 'green bottles', 'monkeys on the bed' and 'sausages sizzling in the pan' to help us. In cooking we made some delicious pizza bagels and really focused well on following the recipe. Yum!



### Blue Class

Blue Class is having the opportunity to learn music and last week the pupils learned different rhythms playing drums. Firstly the music teacher showed the pupils some examples of the music and sounds in different rhythms and after that students reproduced these beats. Pupils also experienced the use of the microphone to play the sounds of their voices.



### Orange Class

This week in Orange Class, we continued to read our story "the very Hungry Caterpillar". Pupils were encouraged this week to match pictures to pictures, words to pictures and spell more challenging words from the story. We also made a fruit salad using some of the fruits mentioned in the story and this provided pupils with opportunities to consolidate and develop their fine motor skills.



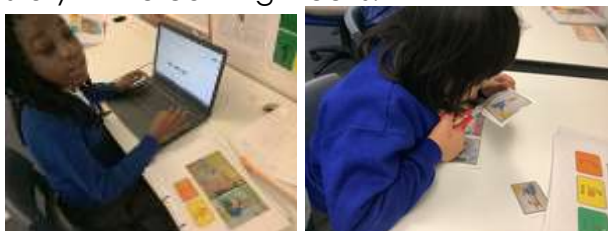
### Ladybird Class

This week Ladybirds Class have been celebrating Chinese New Year. The children used adapted chopsticks to pick up white rabbits hidden in noodles. They also made lanterns. We have been learning to take part in making music together with Kim, the music teacher, on Thursday mornings. The children are captivated by her guitar playing and drumming. We have made choices to create cactus art and we have also made spikey cactus to count.



### Rainbow Class

Children in Rainbow Class have been working 'Mr Wolf's Pancakes'. We have used colourful semantics and ICT to build upon what we know. We have matched words to the symbol and also sequenced the story and retold the story to our peers. We will be starting a new story in the coming weeks.



### Green Class

Children in Green Class this week have been very helpful by doing little tasks such as taking messages to other classes, helping to put toys away after playtime and bringing chairs to the circle for circle time.



### Purple Class

This week Purple Class have been focusing on the story 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. In maths the children were able to create patterns using a caterpillar template and also

worked exceptionally hard by expressing how they feel using balloons in art.



### Butterfly Class

In Butterflies this week we have really enjoyed learning about Chinese New Year. We created our own Chinese noodle dishes, choosing the ingredients we wanted to add and explored the ingredients. We have also made Chinese lanterns and lucky money envelopes to decorate the class.



### Bumblebee Class

Bumblebee Class has explored making Angel Delight in our cooking lesson. Children have had so much fun mixing, pouring and tasting two flavours of this pudding – toffee and strawberry.

This week, we have introduced the story 'Handa's Surprise' and Bumblebee Class has really tuned into the fruits that came in the story. Children had the opportunity to see and touch tangerine, banana, avocado, pineapple and mango fruits.

Bumblebee Class had an amazing week!





### Gold Class

Pupils in Gold Class have been learning about animals that live in cold areas in the Arctic. We made a Polar Bear snack with rice cakes and vegan yoghurt and added their faces with banana and blueberries. Pupils used their preferred communication method to request ingredients. We practise our writing and reading skills in our Phonics sessions.



### Silver Class

This week Silver Class pupils have been developing their literacy skills. Pupils have been applying their phonics knowledge and skills to decode words. Pupils have read accurately by blending sounds in unfamiliar words. For our cooking lesson, pupils have been applying their measurement skills learned in class to follow a hot chocolate recipe.



### Unicorn Class

This week in Unicorn Class our pupils have been working hard on their swimming, paddling with the aid of a float. They have also been continuing their work identifying complex 2D shapes and their properties!!



### Don't Forget

- **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023** - Parent Forum 9.30 - 10.30am
- **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023** - INSET DAY - no school for pupils
- **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023** - INSET DAY - no school for pupils
- **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023** - Parent Forum 9.30 - 10.30am
- **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023** - early school closure - buses / parents / taxis collect children 1pm
- **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2023** - Parent Forum 9.30 - 10.30am
- **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023** - INSET day - no school for pupils

- **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023** -  
Parent Forum 9.30 - 10.30am
- **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023** -  
Parent Forum 9.30 - 10.30am

**All our term dates are available on our website.**

#### **The Livity School 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  
**Tel: 0208 187 5318 / 0208 187 5317 / 0208 187 5316**