

Achievements this week ...

Mason	Trying lots of different foods
Venus class	Settling back into class so well since returning to school
Jose Carlos	Taking an adult by the hand to his milk bag at lunchtime
Jayson	Having a meaningful interaction for a long period of time
Eda	Independently standing for 5min
Quentin	Showing us his new counting skills and using lots of new vocabulary
Keelia	Being brave after her surgery
Louisa	Having a brilliant week, eating all her lunch and lying over a wedge



Flu Vaccinations

The Flu Vaccination Clinic run by Wandsworth Immunisation Team is being held at school on **9th October**. A free flu vaccine is given via a nasal spray is available for all children aged 4 – 11 years. If your child is younger than 4, you are still entitled to a free flu vaccine given at your GP clinic, not at school. Consent forms will be sent home. Please could these be returned by the 21st September.

Closure of Bubbles

As you will be aware we've had to close 4 bubbles this week due to staff and pupils showing possible Covid 19 symptoms. We've been seeking advice, in liaison with the LA, to get clarification on some conflicting information in their latest guidance to schools published on 18th September with the DfE and Public Health England.

The message seems to be that we should only be sending those home with Covid symptoms but then in the same guidance it states; "[self-isolate](#) if they have been in close contact with someone who develops coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms or someone who tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19)". When you check to see what close contact means the definition given is;

- close face to face contact (under 1 metre) for any length of time – including talking to them or coughing on them
- being within 1 to 2 metres of each other for more than 15 minutes

Both of these definitions is what happens on a day to basis in every class or bubble between pupils and staff. We raised this conflicting guidance with PHE during the summer holidays who said we should err on the side of caution and today have received that same advice when we spoke to the DfE.

It is our absolute desire to have all of the pupils in school where they are getting access to education, therapy and friendships but with our cohort of medically vulnerable pupils we hope you understand that we have to ensure we safeguard your child whilst at the same time keep them in school. We all want the pupils in school but don't have the tools to make this happen as the testing system has completely failed. Some parents are putting together a letter which we will make available to all parents in the hope that you will support us in getting better access to testing by writing a letter to your MP. We will share this with you next week. We will also update you on the outcomes of those being tested when we receive results.

If you are concerned about your child's health and how this may be impacted by Covid 19 please can we encourage you to discuss this with your child's paediatrician or GP at their next planned clinical appointment.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Half term Theme

Our theme for this half term is 'Silver Linings' and is SEMH/PSHE focus on community, emotions, belonging, building friendships and our texts are stories about characters' feelings.



Friday Assemblies

Whether you are at home or at school you'll still be able to take part in our live assemblies each **Friday at 2pm** on Instagram Live. Thank you to Hannah and her techy team for making this work so well. Keep a look out for Instagram notifications about the theme for each week and what props to bring along.

Home Learning

In the event of a hub closing, Home Learning materials will be emailed to you just as we did during lockdown and the subsequent school closure. You will receive a 'Home Learning Grid' which will consist of a selection of activities for you to choose from linked to this half terms topic 'Silver Linings'.

Teachers will send suggestions of YouTube videos to watch to support you with the strategies necessary for some tasks.

If learning at home please choose one or two activities a day to focus on and we would love to hear or see photos of how your child is getting on at home.

Teachers are available on email and can arrange telephone calls if you require specific strategies or advice to support your child's learning at home.

Also, don't forget to log on to assembly via Instagram on Fridays at 2pm!

"Flyerz Hockey"

One of our parents is involved in running "Flyerz Hockey" London at Wayfarers Hockey Club, South Wimbledon in conjunction with Access Sport. "Flyerz Hockey" is the national governing bodies' disability/accessible hockey initiative.



Introducing a new **pan-disability** hockey session for all 11-19 year olds.

Keen to join in?

First 3 sessions are free taster sessions. Any hockey playing siblings or friends welcome to join you at the session.

Launching Monday 7th September (5:45 - 6:45pm) at Saint Francis Xavier, SW12 8EN (nr Clapham South), LW FLYERZ in partnership with Access Sport.

For more information and to register your interest please contact lwhc.flyerzmembers@gmail.com

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*For families
with disabled children*

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WANDSWORTH



Toilet Training

Tuesday 20th October

9.45 - 11.45am

Delivered via Zoom this workshop will focus on toilet training your child with additional needs including tips and strategies to help with knowing when your child is ready, preparing your child and making a plan that is right for you and them.

To book your space, please e-mail The Enhanced Children's Centre at enhancedcc@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk