

A message from The Headteacher

Physical Tuesday

I am extremely pleased to report back to our school community that our Physical Tuesday initiative has got off to a great start during its trial this term. Our intention is to build on and develop our Physical Development Curriculum as well as provide increased opportunities to mix as a school and continue our social recovery post Covid restrictions.

The first step of mixing groups and moving around the building to different locations was achieved faster than we had anticipated! Therefore, the children have had a good block of sessions in their allocated activity groups. These include Swimming, Dance, Yoga, Circuits, Rebound and adapted PE. You will be receiving a photo of your child with some brief information about what they have accessed. In the Spring term you will be sent some additional information with your child's Record of Achievement report. If you have any queries about Physical Tuesday's please ask your child's class teacher in the first instance.

The children will change activity next half term and we will let you know what they have been allocated to. We are delighted that the Physio team will join our planning meeting for the next cycle and support us with this.





Swimming

Just a reminder that all children will receive a block of swimming across the academic year. This is different to Aqua therapy which is allocated separately and additionally by the Physiotherapy team. All children will access the pool in a way that is appropriate for them.

Trikes

It has been some time since we have had access to our Trikes. We have begun to work with the Trike reps to start the process of assessing children for access to this equipment. Trike access will be added to the Physical Tuesday list of activities and a group will begin this during Spring 1. We aim for all children to access a Trike or Bike across the academic year. All of these activities are also happening across the school week including Rebound (trampoline therapy). We just focus on all things Physical on a Tuesday to raise the profile, train staff in using different equipment and to have fun altogether!

Innowalk

Some of you may be aware that we have a piece of equipment in school called an Innowalk. Unfortunately, we have had to make the difficult decision to discontinue the use of this piece of equipment. It was originally provided to Greenmead by our charity (Friends of Greenmead) however, we are unable to continue with the servicing, maintenance, training and running costs. As this equipment is only appropriate for a small number of children at Greenmead and it is not necessary for the physical progress for those children (as other activities that are provided can serve that purpose), it is not cost effective for us to continue with this equipment moving forward. Our hope is to achieve a good price at re-sale, which we can reinvest in other physical activities/equipment.

If you have any general queries or feedback about Physical Tuesday or anything above, please do get in touch with me.

Warm regards,

Roxanne

Key diary dates



Coffee morning

Wednesday 14th December 9am

Whole school nativity 

Wednesday 14th December 10am

End of Autumn term

Friday 16th December 1pm

Start of Spring term

Tuesday 3rd January

Stars of the week



Titan class – **Riley** for following the daily routine expectations and learning all the routine songs

Mercury class – **Adam** for returning to school with a big smile on his face

Jupiter class – **Jannat** for finding a very inventive way of playing the tambourine and keeping to the beat throughout a Christmas song in music!

Europa class – **Tahlia** for her fantastic engagement in sensory story

Neptune class – **Fouzan** for amazing listening all week and following simple instructions throughout his school day

Venus class – **Reyon** for engaging in a new classroom environment

Mars class – **KC** for amazing completion of the maths worksheet

Pluto class – **Quentin** for good participation in write dance, moving his feet to the music

Staff shout out



Shout out to **Sylwia** (Titan class) for bringing the Christmas spirit to Titan Class with festive activities

Shout out to **Val** (Titan class) for always reacting quickly in challenging situations

Shout out to **Jaz** (Pluto class) for showing excellent leadership skills during Physical Tuesday

Sign of the week



SIGN OF THE WEEK



Slide right hand over back of left hand towards body, then close right hand and place on back of left hand



This week's topic based sign is our Topic sign:
Christmas

Christmas fun!



We've had lots of fun this week wearing our Christmas jumpers and decorating the Christmas tree!



Support worker required

About Nana: Nana is aged 10 and a very intelligent and sociable girl. She loves to sing, watch YouTube and be involved in any games and jokes - she's always up for a laugh.

Nana has cerebral palsy and presents with hyperkinetic movement disorder. She's mostly non-verbal, communicating well with Makaton, gestures, vocalisation and AAC.

Nana completes standing transfers and can get around on her knees.

We are looking for a support worker on three Saturdays to participate in activities from 8am - 6pm. Driver's license is essential.

For more information, please contact Francesca on francesca@lodccm.co.uk



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