

Message from the Head teacher:

The 5th to the 11th of February marks Children's Mental Health week. Now in its 10th year the theme for 2024 is 'My Voice Matters'.

This is something schools, families and communities can get involved in and help to raise awareness about some of the difficulties children and young people may experience. It is normal to have concerns or worries at different times of our lives and for many of us it can be difficult to talk or express how we feel.

In an SEN setting it is crucial that we work together to support pupils to have a voice and the appropriate communication tools to express their needs, likes & dislikes as well as to know how to communicate if they are unhappy and who they can go to for support. This is achieved by working closely with families, the SaLT team and classroom staff.

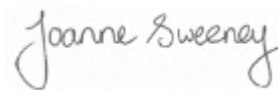
If you would like more information or ideas, please take a look at the website below:

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>

In the local area, Walthamstow library is hosting a craft event for children on Wednesday 7th February at 15.30pm to mark Children's Mental Health week. Details below:

<https://allevents.in/london/childrens-mental-health-week-craft-at-walthamstow-library/10000811498061547?ref=sharer>

I would like to remind all families about the importance of wearing school uniform. Most pupils do and look very smart in their sweatshirts and jumpers with the LAH logos on them. Please do check the uniform policy and contact school if you have any queries.



Deputy Head Teacher

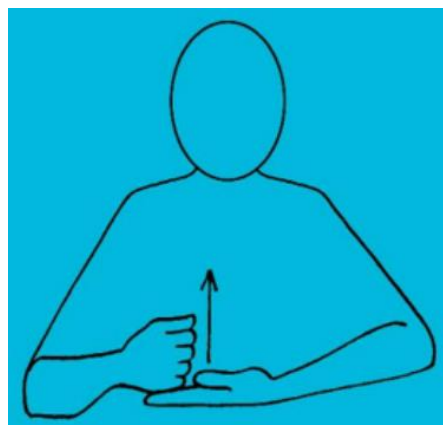
SCHOOL CALENDAR



9 th February	Last day of half term
19 th February	Return to school

Makaton -Sign of the Week –Help

This week's Makaton Sign is: [Help](#)



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This Week's Top Attendance

Whole School Attendance

(Average this year)

86.2%

Attendance Congratulations

Classes with above 90% attendance

- (WM) Charles – 97.9%
- (WM) Mandela – 94.5%
- (WM) Fotheringham – 94.4%
- (WM) Capaldi – 93.6%
- (WM) Adepitan – 93.3%
- (WM) Wonder – 93.1%
- (BH) Maroon – 92.8%
- (BH) Blue – 92.5%
- (BH) Ruby – 92.2%
- (WM) Fox – 92.1%
- (BH) Gold – 92.0%
- (BH) Coral – 90.8%
- (WM) Reeve – 90.0%

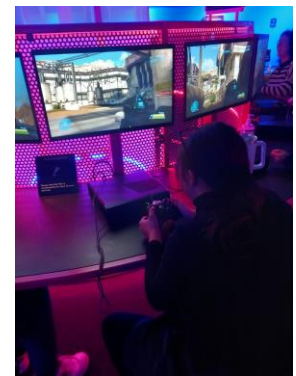
Recycling @ BH Site

'Make a Mess' is the theme for Brookfield House this term. We'd be grateful for any clean recycling you might have for junk modelling. We also need rolls of tape, especially masking tape. Please make sure that the items you send in are clean, with no residue or crumbs in the bottom.

Thank you!

Learning @ WM – Wonder Class

Wonder Class went to visit the Level Up workshop – Gaming through History, at the Science Museum. Our learners were learning about working as a team and developing our communication skills. Learners loved every minute of it and were able to explore games/consoles they had never seen before!



A fun day was had by all.

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Learning @ BH – Rose Class

Rose Class have been very busy this week. In My Thinking, we have been working hard at practising our counting and addition skills. We have been reading the story 'Too Many Carrots' and enjoying counting carrot themed sensory trays.



In Me and My Body, we have been making pizza. The learners worked hard to follow instructions and make requests for what toppings they wanted. They really enjoyed eating them after they were cooked.



In My Community, we have been reading 'The Blue Giant' and considering how to look after our environment. The learners have been enjoying and sea themed sensory tray. They have been using nets and tweezers to pick out rubbish they have found in the sea.



Rose Class have also been busy going out into the local community. They have been having swimming lessons and are working very hard on different pool skills. We have also been visiting the forest. The learners have been enjoying building dens and making mud kitchens.

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Parent/Carer Autism Online Workshops

Whether your child is awaiting a diagnosis or has already been diagnosed, these workshops are a great opportunity to learn more about Autism & ask questions within a supportive group of other parents & carers.

- **Week 1 - An introduction to Autism**

An opportunity to explore what Autism is, the many strengths and the differences that make each child so wonderfully unique.

- **Week 2 - Communication**

Identifying what communication is and the different communication methods that may be helpful for Autistic children.

- **Week 3 - Sensory Processing**

Explaining the 8 sensory systems, how the environment can impact on a child with sensory processing differences/challenges and strategies to meet an individual's sensory needs.

- **Week 4 - Pathological Demand Avoidance**

A look into the interesting subject of PDA, how this may present and what is the best approach to take to avoid conflict.

Workshops will be held on a Monday evening from 7:30-8:30pm via Zoom.

You can benefit from all 4 workshops for just £100 and you will receive a certificate of attendance after the final workshop.

We are only running the 4-week programme in February, March and April.

To book your place... Email enquiries@theautismtrainingnetwork.com with the month you would like to attend, and you will be sent the link to book on.



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LONDON FUTURES EMPLOYABILITY PROGRAMME



Are you aged 18-30 with a learning disability/disability looking for employment?

Do you want to play sports and have 1-1 mentoring with trained Coach Mentors?

Join us from the 17th of January 2024

Sessions will take place 16:30-18:00 on Wednesday's
at In2Sports Canary Wharf, 40 Harbord Square, London E14
9QH

Nearest station: Canary Wharf (Jubilee Line)



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