



COOMBE HILL INFANTS' SCHOOL

Friday 21 April 2023

Dear Families,

I hope you all had a restful break, your children have come back with energy and great enthusiasm. We are all looking forward to a busy, exciting summer term.

This term we will enjoy sports day, a summer concert, swimming and class trips, alongside all of our regular activities. We are constantly reviewing our curriculum to make it as relevant and creative as possible, details can be found on the website.

Our behaviour focus continues. This week we are trying hard to be respectful of each other. For your children this means using kind hands, feet and words. We are still seeing some rough play and play fighting, please remind your children that we don't do this at school. Your children are very young and this is very much a part of their learning, if we all work together on this they will get there eventually. We are also continuing our whole school focus on respectful listening. Our updated Relationship and Behaviour policy is now on our website.

Emergency alert

We have been asked to remind all families that on Sunday 23rd April at 3.00pm there will be an emergency alert to all UK mobile phones. There are concerns that this could cause worry for the elderly, children, or vulnerable adults who have phones. We are also mindful that some people who experience domestic abuse have hidden phones for emergency use.

Emergency alerts and severe alerts can be switched off in settings.

Iphone guide to opting out [here](#) .

Android guide to opting out is [here](#)

Sports Day - date change

Please note that the date for Sports Day has now changed and will be held on **Tuesday 27th June**.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused. We are unable to find a reserve date so fingers crossed for good weather!

Swimming

All being well, we are looking forward to swimming starting on Tuesday 9th May. Please read the information which has been sent separately and let us know if you have any further questions. It was great to see so many of you at the information meeting this morning. Thanks to Kate, our site manager, and her team for working so hard to get the pool ready for us and to Laila (Albie's mum) for organising the rota.

Uniform labelling

As I am writing this it is cold and pouring down, but hopefully the warm weather will be back soon. Just a reminder that as it gets warmer your children take off their jumpers and fleeces and leave them lying around, we can only return them if they are labelled. We had a large amount of unnamed and unclaimed lost property at the end of last term which has now been sent to a charity and put into our second hand uniform sales stock. Please help to avoid this by labelling every item of clothing that your child brings to school.

Adventure playground

It is lovely to see so many of you enjoying the adventure playground after school. It is a lovely opportunity to meet up with each other and for the children to play before they go home. Please could we remind you to supervise your children especially when you leave the site. Children should not be opening the gate, or playing in the car park, we are concerned that this is happening, and request that you move on as you leave the playground. Thank you for your support.

Proposed Industrial Action

You have received an email regarding the proposed Industrial Action/teacher strikes scheduled for Thursday 27 April and Tuesday 2 May. Please read this carefully and know how this affects your child/children's class(es).

School Clubs

School clubs start next week, please collect your children promptly at 4pm (unless they are attending Connections afterwards), thank you.

Class and Sibling photos - date change

Due to the proposed industrial strike action, meaning that not all classes will be attending school on Tuesday 2 May, we have postponed the class photographs to Thursday 4 May. We will also be offering sibling photos on this day for children in both the Infants' and Junior schools. We will contact you with more information on this shortly.

Coombe Hill Quiz night at the Royal Oak pub

CHIPTA have arranged a quiz night at the Royal Oak pub in New Malden on Wednesday 3 May from 7.30pm. You will receive more details on this via your class reps soon. Tickets are £7 each. Set up your teams and come along for a fun evening whilst raising money for our school. We will be holding the next quiz night at the school, please look out for more details soon.

Eid celebration

Last year we held a lovely Eid celebration cake/food event in the Infants' school, this year we have decided to combine our celebration with the Junior school. The event will be held in the Junior school hall, everyone is welcome and for those of you providing the food and supervising the stall please go straight to the Junior hall. Food donations can be dropped at the Infants' office. We hope that it will be a joyous event bringing the community together. Details on the flyer in the link below, everyone is warmly invited to come along.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/12PU112rjnu00cdJq90dx2uv1ZLw3Gir0/view?usp=sharing>

Coronation events in Kingston Borough

Kingston Borough are organising a number of events to celebrate the King's Coronation. The New Malden Community will come together in Jubilee Square on Monday 8 May and Kingston Marketplace will hold a Coronation Parade on Sunday 7 May. As a family, you can get involved in the parade by joining a massed junk band. Just bring something to bang, shake, scrape or hit and

come for a quick rehearsal in the Rose Theatre from 1.45pm on Sunday 7 May. More details here: <https://www.kingston.gov.uk/celebrating-kings-coronation/events-borough>

“Autism is my superpower” - event at Latchmere School

Latchmere school are hosting an event with Sam and Tony Holness on Tuesday 25 April. Sam (a talented triathlete) was diagnosed with autism at the age of 3 and he and his father Tony will talk about their journey and the importance of setting high aspirations. Please see the flyer at the end of this newsletter, you can book your ticket via Eventbrite using the following link: [Autism as a superpower Tickets, Tue 25 Apr 2023 at 18:30 | Eventbrite.](#)

Discoverers event at Richmond Park - Sunday 23rd April

The next Discoverers event will be held in Richmond Park on Sunday, all about fish! Meet at Pen Ponds between 11 - 2pm to take part in some activities for children (poster at the end of this newsletter).

Homestart charity - request for volunteers to visit and support local families

Homestart is a local charity which provides a vital lifeline for local families with children under five. The charity relies on parent volunteers who give their time to help other parents who are struggling to cope. They support them to manage their own issues as well as helping their pre-school children to be ready for nursery and school. Homestart is particularly looking for parents in Kingston Borough as demand has risen significantly in the last few months. The charity is offering a free course to train you to be a home-visiting volunteer, supporting families with difficulties such as post-natal illness, bereavement or disability. The course will run in Kingston Borough 9.45am-2.30pm, on Thursdays from 4 May to 15 June (not half-term 1 June). After the course, you would visit a family for 2-3 hours a week. For more information, please contact Angie Ahmed angie@homestart-rkh.org.uk or 07884 536161 or visit www.homestart-rkh.org.uk.

Kingston Children's Centres - Summer programme

Please find attached a link to the Summer programme for families with under 5s for Kingston Children's Centres <https://tinyurl.com/5n8hr6ym>. There are also spaces on the Little Stars courses for the summer term. These sessions are aimed at children aged 18-36 months who have a speech & language delay. Parents/carers are shown how to support their children's speech, language and communication through sharing books, songs and play. Parents can complete an expression of interest form via this link: <https://tinyurl.com/bdhunun9>

Family Information workshop

The Family Information Service and Kingston Children's Centres will be running an online Family Information Workshop on Monday 24th April from 12:00-1:00pm. This may be useful to families who need some advice or support around childcare options, childcare funding for 2-4 year olds. More information at the end of this newsletter, and sign up here <https://forms.gle/KZuTZ2vZKGxV2bxH7>

Request for Duplo

We would be very grateful for any donations of Duplo for the children to play with outside. If you have any to spare please bring it to the School Office, many thanks.

We hope that our families celebrating Eid have a wonderful time, we look forward to hearing all about it. Eid Mubarak to all.

Warm regards

Janet Berry

Safeguarding

Safeguarding our young children is our priority and all staff are trained to keep children safe. However, safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and if you are concerned about a child or young person please call children's services on 020 8547 5008. The South London CAMHS Crisis Line for both children and adults can be reached on 0800 028 8000.

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Sam Holness

“Autism is my superpower”

Latchmere School are thrilled to announce that we will be hosting Sam and Tony Holness on Tuesday 25th April 2023.

The event is open to parents, staff, friends and colleagues.



Sam and his father Tony will talk about their journey and the importance of setting high aspirations.

Sam was diagnosed with autism at the age of 3. His parents focused on what he was able to achieve and together they challenged the norms and refused to put limitations on what Sam could achieve. He made history and became the world's first Ironman Triathlete with autism to compete at the Ironman World Championships and to get a Guinness World Record.

Details

When: Tuesday 25th April 2023.

Time: 6.30-8pm

Where: Latchmere School (Innovation House). Access will be via the KS2 parent waiting area.

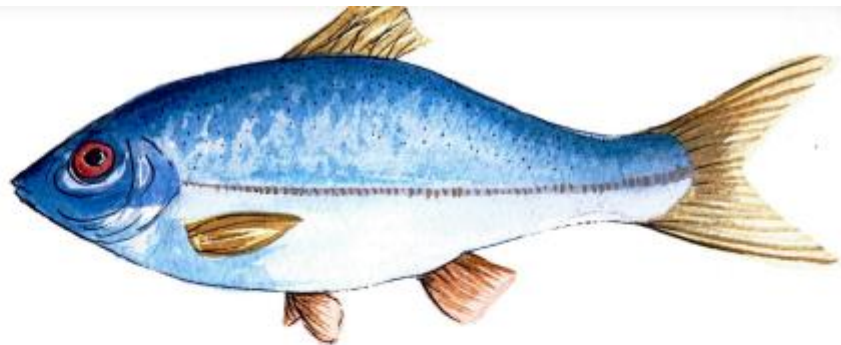
Price: £7.50

Please book your ticket via Eventbrite using the following link: [Autism as a superpower Tickets, Tue 25 Apr 2023 at 18:30 | Eventbrite](#)

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Discoverers Event at Pen Ponds, Richmond Park



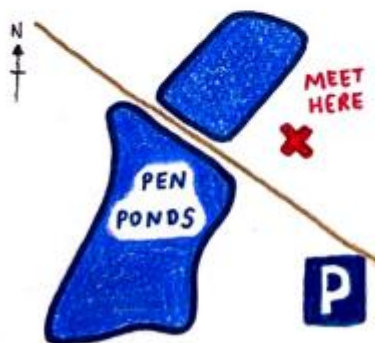
UNDER THE SURFACE

fish in the park

SUNDAY 23rd APRIL

11am - 2pm

Free Drop-in Family Event !



- Look at fish up close
- Follow a trail around Pen Ponds
- Make fish origami

FRIENDS of
RICHMOND PARK
DISCOVERERS



Volunteer. Because childhood can't wait.

If you have **parenting experience**, a few hours spare each week and want to make a difference to a local family, join our network of trained volunteers, helping families with young children through challenging times. **Free volunteer course** runs in **Kingston** on Thursdays

9.30am-2.30pm from 4 May to
15 June (not half term 1 June).

To find out more, contact
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Family Information Service Childcare Options Workshop



Monday 24 April 2023 12:00 - 13:00

Jill Anderson, Family Information Outreach Officer will be running an online workshop providing advice, support and information on:

- Childcare options
- How to find suitable childcare.
- Free Early Education Funding for 2, 3 and 4 year olds – understanding the criteria and process.
- 30 hours free childcare for 3 & 4 year olds with parents working.
- Tax Free Childcare

To sign up please fill in Google form:

<https://forms.gle/KZuTZ2vZKGxV2bxH7>

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