

In Loving Memory of Lilly

It is with great sadness that we share the news of the passing of Lilly, a beloved pupil of our school, who touched the hearts of everyone she met. Lilly passed away peacefully last weekend after a courageous battle with the



challenges she had faced in recent years. She was a bright and shining star in our community for the past 13 years.

Throughout her time at the school, Lilly was a joy to be around. Her infectious laugh and beautiful smile could light up any room, and she had a zest for life that was truly inspiring. Against the odds, Lilly continued to show her strength, resilience, and an unshakable spirit. She faced each day with courage and determination, leaving a lasting impact on everyone she encountered.

Lilly was lovingly taught in the last few years by Larissa, Jess, and Marie, who had the privilege of watching her grow and blossom. Her presence brought so much joy to her class teams, classmates, and the entire school community. She will be remembered for the love and laughter she brought into our lives, and she will be deeply missed by all who knew her.



Our hearts are with Lilly's parents Mark, and Kelly and her family and friends during this incredibly difficult time. While we mourn the loss of a remarkable young girl, we also celebrate the incredible legacy she leaves behind — one of love, joy, and the beautiful reminder to cherish every moment.

Rest in peace, dear Lilly. You will forever be in our hearts



Message from SLT

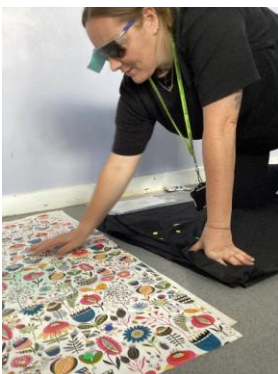
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This is our first newsletter of 24/25, and it is a pleasure to welcome everyone back. The pupils have done an amazing job settling back into school so well. We have seen some really lovely activity and experiences happening around the school already. We have had two trips out into the community, and another planned for next week. Horse-riding has begun and our therapy dog team will be joining us next Tuesday which all of the staff and pupils are looking forward to. We have extended our Rebound sessions this year to one and a half days each week from one day. Rebound was a real success last year and we want to allow more pupils to access the therapy each week.



Our teachers had Multi-sensory Impairment (MSI) training on Tuesday this week. This

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training was a highly valuable experience for the teaching staff. By engaging in practical exercises that simulate sensory impairments, the teachers are gaining crucial insights into the real life experiences of pupils with multiple sensory impairments.

This kind of training is instrumental in enhancing their ability to plan lessons and provide more effective support tailored to the specific needs of these students.

Hannah Redwood, our MSI advisory teacher, is a great asset, and familiarity with the staff and pupils helped her to deliver fully relevant and impactful training. The resources she provided, which mimic a range of sensory impairments, offered an eye-opening perspective for the teachers, allowing them to step into the shoes of their pupils.



It's also fantastic that Hannah is involved in supporting the school's intervisor team too, as this helps us to improve collaboration between teachers and intervenors that are already working with pupils at the school.

With the second half of the training still to come, it's clear that the staff will soon be even better equipped to use these insights in the classroom and make full use of the intervisor team to support pupils with MSI.

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We marked Jeans for Genes day on Friday with a sea of denim...in some cases dare I say double denim!? We raised over £100 for charity, and all had a very chilled and clammy day dressing down slightly. Next Friday, 27th September we are delighted to inform you that we have the first of our shared learning days.



This will coincide with The MacMillan Coffee morning. We will send out a timetable of class time slots on Monday. Please come and join your child for a class activity and then share a cup of tea with us and other parents to help keep in touch and share valuable thoughts and experiences.

We are also very pleased that in the afternoon on that day we are going to welcome some residents from the local care homes and their staff to have a cup of tea with us too. This is all part of our strategy this year to develop our role within the community, to network and hopefully generate more funding and projects within the school.

Pupils of the week

Meadow in Wonder Class: for amazing work on her fine motor skills.

Rebecca in Hawking Class: for settling in well into Hawking Class and using her words to communicate.

A learner in Adepitan Class: for settling into his new class so quickly and smoothly. He has built trusting connections with the staff team quickly and is a joy to have in class.

Mason in Bayley Class: for his increased engagement, particularly in exploring new resources.



- 20/09 – Jeans for Genes day
- 24/09 – Dedham Therapy dogs in school
- 27/09 – MacMillan Coffee Morning shared learning
- 18/10 – Wear it Pink
- 11/11 – Anti bullying week begins
- 15/11 – Children in Need
- 29/11 – Advent Hoops go up in Hall
- 12/24 – Christmas jumper day

Safeguarding

We had our annual safeguarding training for all staff at the start of term. All staff have also read and signed off that they understand part 1 of Keeping Children safe in Education 2024 (KCSIE) and will work to in accordance with KCSIE in all that we do at school. We spent the first week ensuring that all our care plans, risk assessments and individual pupil folders are up to date, and they now being signed by the head teacher and families. We welcome families engaging with us in all matters that ensure the safeguarding of our young people.

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Last week as well all staff had cyber security training. This is a growing concern and we remain vigilant to the risk of ransomware, phishing, and other activity that may put individuals data at risk or impact on the school financially.

Welfare

Throughout this year, our Family Support Worker, Carlette Londjoka, will be organizing regular opportunities for you to come in and engage with us and other families and to access advice and training from our visiting therapists and professionals. Carlette and the senior team at school are always at the end of the phone or email should you need any support or guidance in matters related to your amazing young people.

Around school

This week we have a small selection of activities from some classes around school. There is a mixture of physical sensory work, Harry Potter 'spell making,' creative activity, and problem solving.

There are also lots of insights and images to discover on our Facebook and Instagram. Why not go check those out too if you are not already signed up. We aim to share as much of what we do and celebrate throughout this year.



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