

TUKE SCHOOL

Spring Term Newsletter 2017

18th Jan
& 23rd
February



Message from the Head Teacher to Parents & Carers

I am delighted to share with you some of the highlights that have taken place during the Spring term. Such events and projects are a real indication of the richness of opportunity and provision here at Tuke school. For example, following the success of the BMX training we are using pupil premium funding to purchase new school bikes and further develop student skills in this area. Congratulations to Hinckley and Samson, our Jack Petchey Award winners for the Summer term. Have a wonderful holiday.

Independent learning space

We have a keen group of 5 parents who are attempting to get our Independent learning space up and running! A big thank you to **Tina, Sarah and Nadine** who gave up so many hours of their valuable time to help us out with the decorating. Thank you so much! Our plan is to convert a little used changing area to a living/learning space with bed, cupboards, fridge, a parent has even been donated a large fish tank!. One or two students at a time will work in small groups in the room. There will be different household room tasks that can be completed. But for now we need to get it painted and furnished! The photos show progress over one day!



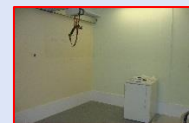
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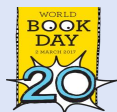
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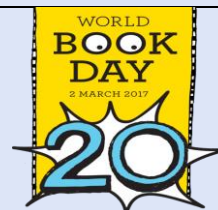


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This year we celebrated World Book Day in Style.

Many of you dressed up as Where's Wally or Wizard of Oz characters. Students were treated to a morning performance of the Wizard of Oz created and performed by Elaine and Laurence. We visited a local bookshop called 'Review Book' on Bellenden road to purchase our World Book Day books. In the afternoon the whole school and parents/carers got together for a Catwalk event where students showed their Where's Wally outfits. Students took their books home. Congratulations to best outfit prize winners, **Kitty Mattsson -Hill, Alex Wathen Forster and Alex Miles.**



Home work club

Homework

We have begun a small homework club for students whose parents can pick them up at the end of the session. We are focusing on writing, word making and drama this term. The group are keen to attend and sessions have been led by members of the SLT team over the last half term. We hope we will be able to continue this to the end of the academic year.



Dance Project



Dance + Learning Disability

We are pleased to continue our collaboration with Involuntary Movement, an organisation based in Peckham which provides dance opportunities for students with Learning Disabilities. The project this term was linked to World Book Day and ended with a performance to all staff and students on the **29th March**. You can visit their page on:

www.facebook.com/involuntarymovement



School council

The School council meet regularly throughout the school year deciding on matters important to school life. This term we set up a school 'buddy' system and are taking a look at updates for the school website. Thanks goes particularly to Nadia, Najib and Soraia who give up lunchtimes to organise letters and other communications. Recently we took a critical look at our school website and invited comments from the group. Don't forget to take a look yourself on www.tukeschool.co.uk



Reminder: Students return after the Easter break on Wednesday 19th April 2017