

Waverley School

Autumn Newsletter September 2022

Message from the Headteacher The Autumn term has already started and again we have new rules regarding covid. In summary we are no longer asking staff nor pupils to test. Pupils and staff can come to school even if they have a cough but are otherwise feeling well within themselves. We are also no longer asking pupils or staff to isolate if they have been in contact with others who have covid. Obviously this may worry some of you. I would like to reassure you that we are following the advice from the Department for Education which asks us to treat the infection as we would any infectious condition. I will continue to speak to public health and also be keeping a watchful eye on how the winter months affect the spread of infection. If required we will reintroduce more measures to reduce the spread. If pupils or staff decide to get tested because they have symptoms and they are positive, staff will now isolate for 5 days and children 3 days.



Healthy School Street If you have visited school lately you will see that our neighbouring school is part of a Healthy School Street scheme. This scheme has been really beneficial in making our school entrance and end of day experience much calmer. Cameras are now in operation. If you regularly take your child to school please let the office know so we can get an exemption for you. If you have transport via Enfield buses you will not need an exemption. If there are occasions that you bring your child in because the bus didn't run, please let the office know on the day and we can ensure you don't get a ticket.

Attendance School is now open for everyone. The department for education expects that all pupils should now be attending school regularly. If you are still concerned about

sending your child to school please contact me or the special school nursing team to discuss the risks. Please call school if your child is not going to attend. Giving a message to the bus escort is not enough to inform us. If your child has appointments which they need to attend please complete a request for school absence. The office can provide you with this.

Parent survey As requested during last term's parents survey you wanted more opportunities to meet other parents. We held this year's first coffee morning last week. It was lovely to see some of the parents from Honilands come to the main site. This year we hope to deliver regular coffee mornings. We hope to see more of you attending. We will also be encouraging dads to come along too.

Class dojo If you are not already signed up to class dojo please talk to your teacher to ensure you have access to daily updates.



EHCP reviews Please be aware that the date and times of reviews can only be changed once. If you are unable to attend the date and time you are offered please let Sibel know as soon as possible.

It has been great to see lots of new pupils at school. Many of the pupils have changed classes and departments too. For some the change of staff brings with it more opportunities to make new relationships. Despite this transition being challenging for many of our pupils the majority of pupils have already settled into their classes and are developing lovely relationships with the staff.





It's also lovely to see new friendships between the children starting to flourish.

The new enterprise curriculum

Secondary 4 have introduced new opportunities for our pupils. On a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday pupils take part in enterprise activities. Each class is transformed into a business and the pupils have the opportunities to use the skills they have learnt throughout their time at Waverley in tasks which prepare them for adulthood.



Redwood Cafe.

Students have started their new business enterprises in Secondary 4. I wanted to share some really lovely photos of the activities and learning that has taken place so far in the Cafe.

- We have already made various recipes including homemade pizza, vegetable soup and toasted paninis. Students have been encouraged to make choices about ingredients, smell, their likes and dislikes and made comments on the taste, and look of the food produced.
- They have been learning about food safety and the importance of washing our hands before handling food. They have been cutting bananas with a blunt knife to get them safe and secure in handling a range of sharper knives in the future.
- We are currently choosing our uniform colours and soon the students will have proper chefs outfits with aprons, hair nets and smart overalls and polo shirts.

We look forward to inviting you into school later in the year to our Cafe to try our food and drink. Thank you, Gary Smith and the Redwood Cafe Team.

School improvement : pupil progress

PUPIL PROGRESS - whole school

Progress Target last year:

25% of pupils make better than expected progress

75% make expected progress

Pupil progress 2021-22

29% of pupils are making above expected progress

62% of pupils are making expected progress

9% are making below expected progress

Pupil progress target for 2022-23

At least 95% of pupils make at least expected progress

The schools current priorities for the term

- We will be ensuring all teaching is at least secure
- Staff will continue to receive training to improve their practice
- Parents will have input into pupils behaviour plans
- We are updating our website and we will be having a film crew in school this month to make a school video. I will be in contact when we have a launch.
- We have introduced wellbeing sessions for the staff on a Thursday after school.
- Secondary 4 will be embedding their new curriculum. Thank you to all the parents who attended our launch in July.
- We will continue to work with the Local Authority with the aim to improve pupil opportunities when they leave Waverley.
- We will work with the Occupational therapy team to develop better independence opportunities in our bathrooms.
- We are recruiting a new staff governor
- We will be working with the local authority with the aim to increase our capacity at Bell Lane
- Our outreach team , Lorraine Bennet, Ella Cove and Angela Burnett will be supporting mainstream schools.

Information for families We would like to invite all parents to our parents evening which is taking place next Wednesday. During this meeting you will be able to discuss the start of term with your child's class teacher. If your child has a behaviour plan you will be asked to review this and sign the plan to demonstrate you agree with any strategies in the plan.

We would like to ensure mums, dads and carers access class dojo. Please give your child's teacher additional emails so they can be linked onto dojo.



Resources with ever-shrinking budgets we are continuing to provide the children and young people with the necessary teaching equipment. We would appreciate a box of tissues and wipes for each child or young person as we go into the colder months and colds and runny noses start appearing! Don't forget to send in your termly donations for snacks and cooking ingredients etc £20 per term. If you are unable to contribute to this please ensure you send in your child's snacks. Thank you to the families who have already provided this.

Parent Support: **Sara Hassan** will be able to support families who need advice. Please call her on Tuesdays between 9:30-2:30, her telephone number is **020 3941 9629**.

Staff update:

New staff

Deirdre O'Regan
Teaching Assistant



Monika Piotrowska
Teaching Assistant



Dagmara Dowgird
Teaching Assistant



Shaneka Whiteley
Teaching Assistant



Kayleigh England
Teaching Assistant



Edona Ahmed
Teaching Assistant



Ayesha Geraghty
Teaching Assistant



Malgorzata Rodak
Teaching Assistant

Shelley Carter
Teacher



Deborah Marshall
Teacher



Sophie Spicer
Speech Therapist



Effie panagiotopoulou
Physiotherapist



These are the ways you can help support the school



Waverley Association for Special People (WASP) - our School charity

If you have a fundraising idea or if you can help with the school lottery, payroll giving, easy fundraising, and match funding, please contact the school office on **0208 805 1858** and speak to **Helene**. Or please [Make a donation](#)

Go fund me



School lottery

Easy fundraising



Recycle with Michael



Donation of old clothes/shoes

Based at Waverley School mainsite



We have 37 supporters for the school lottery ! If you haven't signed up yet for your school lottery, you are missing out. So far there have been 203 winners, all friends of Waverley. [Please click the link to join our school lottery](#). So far £5817.60 has been raised.

Waverley School premises for Hire



Waverley School is hiring out the school premises.

If you wish to hire the
school hall or classrooms

Please contact

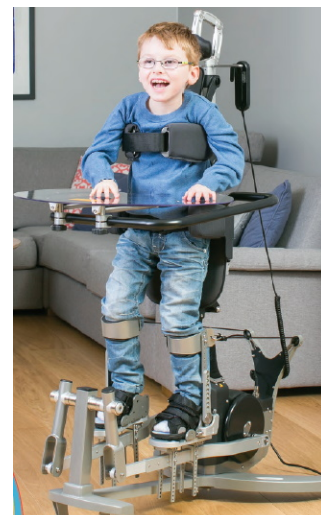
Jill Bukin

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Can you help? We are raising money for £25,000 for a innowalk

We are keen to raise funds for a innowalk : the innowalk simulates walking partners which enables pupils with severe physical needs to enjoy the benefits of movement including improved bone density, stimulating and strengthening lung and heart functions, better digestion, it also aids control of muscular tone and counteracts the tendency of muscles to lose flexibility. This piece of equipment costs over £25,000.





Website [Read more on our website](#) Please keep an eye on our website for updates. There are new policies on the website, these include the behaviour policy. Please take a few moments to read these policies as they hold a lot of information about the school.

School Dinners School dinners cost £2.70 per day and £13.50 per week. To reduce the cash flow in the office we ask you to use your parent pay account or your PayPoint card.

Dates to remember

Parents evening 12th October 2022

Flu vaccines 14th October 2022 - Reception to under 17 years of age

Dentist 1st December 2022 - Mainsite

Dentist 6th December 2022 - Honilands

Monday 24th October 2022 to Friday 28 October 2022 - October half term closed to pupils

Monday 31st October 2022 - Inset day closed to pupils

Tuesday 1st November 2022 - Pupils back to school

Monday 19th December 2022 - Monday 2nd January 2023 - Christmas holiday closed to pupils

Tuesday 3rd January 2023 - Inset day closed to pupils

Wednesday 4th January 2023 - Pupils back to school

Monday 13th February 2023 - Friday 17th February 2023 - February half term closed to pupils

Monday 20th February 2023 pupils back to school

Monday 3rd April 2023- Friday 14th April 2023 - Easter half term closed to pupils

Monday 17th April 2023 - Pupils back to school

Monday 1st May 2023 - Bank holiday closed to pupils

Tuesday 2nd May 2023 - Pupils back to school

Monday 29th May 2023-Friday 2nd June 2023 - May half term closed to pupils

Monday 5th June 2023 - pupils back to school

Friday 21st July 2023 - inset day closed to pupils

Friday 1st September 2023 - Inset day closed to pupils

Monday 4th September 2023 - inset day closed to pupils

Tuesday 5th September 2023 - pupils back to school