

WEST LEA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



CONTENTS

| | |
|--|----|
| Welcome from the CEO | 3 |
| West Lea in the News | 4 |
| Platinum Jubilee Celebrations | 5 |
| Reflections from the Year | 8 |
| Online safety update | 12 |
| Mental Health update | 13 |
| Update from Enterprise Cooperative Trust | 14 |
| Update from Learning for Life Charity | 16 |
| Our Campuses | 18 |
| Key Term Dates 2022 | 19 |

WELCOME FROM THE CEO

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to this half-term’s newsletter: the last of the academic year! A year ago we were still in the midst of a global pandemic, which brought suffering to so many people, families and communities. But slowly, we emerged from this and have begun to find our feet once again. However, one challenge has seemed to lead to another this year, whether that be the war in Ukraine or the current cost of living crisis.

Despite this, as I reflect back on the year, I feel there is so much to be grateful for. Often, challenges motivate people to connect and lend a helping hand. Within our school community, our pupils, as always, have been an inspiration – they are experts in rising to the challenge! I know I speak for all the staff at West Lea when I say that they bring an energy that keeps us all going.

As we end this academic year, I would like to thank all our staff for their continued commitment and dedication to serving our pupils and in doing so, serving their families and the community as a whole. We are so grateful for the support and kind wishes we receive from parents and carers – thank you.

With all good wishes to you and your family – have a lovely summer holiday. Our mission continues in September and we’re with you all the way!



Paul Quinn
CEO, West Lea School

WEST LEA IN THE NEWS

Kika Charalambous nominated as a Careers Champion!

Last month, the Careers & Enterprise Company, which is the national body for careers education in Britain, teamed up with the Gatsby Foundation, set up to provide funding for charitable causes, to celebrate its Careers Champions. These individuals work tirelessly to help every young person find their best next step. Among the hundreds of people, employers, schools and colleges whose careers-focussed work has made a positive difference to the lives of young people, Kika Charalambous Head of School at Horizon Campus, was nominated!

Kika Charalambous responded by saying:

"As a senior leader at West Lea I'm committed to serving our pupils and their families from the primary years at Meridian campus all the way up to Horizon. We already run an incredibly successful Supported Internship (now in its 5th year) in partnership with Enfield Council. We are proud to say 80% of interns gain a paid job at the end of the programme.

"We know successes and challenges will vary amongst students, so we have designed a new pre-internship programme which we are excited to launch in September. This builds in more time for those who need it to focus on the key skills required to succeed at work before undertaking a Supported Internship.



"We also work in partnership with the Learning for Life charity to provide employment support for those who need ongoing input so they are able to continue doing well at work well beyond the internship programme.

"I'm fortunate to work with a passionate team of people who are committed to our campus' #NoLimits vision. We all get to see our pupils thrive and become independent as we challenge them to break down barriers and achieve what they may have once thought impossible. I always say how lucky I am to do what I do. I can't imagine a more rewarding job than to help our children and young people realise their dreams."



You can find out more about West Lea's Supported Internship Programme by searching the below on YouTube:

CEC Careers Champions 2022
Kika Charalambous – YouTube



West Lea's Supported Internship Programme also now has its own website, which you can find here:
www.westleasip.co.uk

PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

All campuses across West Lea celebrated the Queen's platinum jubilee on 26th May. This helped bring students together, strengthen our school community, and spread excitement amongst students!



Meridian Campus

Children across Meridian Campus had a fantastic day celebrating the Queen's platinum jubilee. At Springfield, children enjoyed having a tea party, making crowns out of paper and exploring the jubilee themed provision which was created to look like The Mall and outside Buckingham Palace. The children had lots of fun making and wearing their crowns to their jubilee themed lunch.

At Dysons Road, children made crowns and flags ready for the arrival of the Queen. We were lucky enough to have a violin performance from a parent which the children and adults loved. The children then took part in a platinum parade in the playground. The children enjoyed marching like the Queen's soldiers and practicing their royal waves.



It was a fantastic day of fun and celebration, during which students developed an understanding of the jubilee in preparation for the upcoming events during half term.

Learning for Life Campus

We celebrated the Queen’s Jubilee in style at Broomfield with our very own street party! The event kicked off at 12.40pm with lunch in the playground, for which we all sat together to eat our celebratory meal and some delicious cream scones. At 1pm, we had a visit from someone very special indeed – the Queen herself! Well, not quite...but Mr Z dressed up (wig and all!) was certainly as exciting! Our ‘Queen’ stayed to meet the students and take pictures before she had to run along – she’s a very busy woman as we all know!



It was a wonderful afternoon celebrating a historic event and a fantastic way to wrap up another great half term at Broomfield site.

Afterwards it was time for street party games, and what fun we all had! ‘Pin the Tail on the Corgi’ got a lot of laughs, and ‘Hook a Duck’ got more concentration from students than we’d seen all year in class! The crown decorating station was full of our most budding artists, and the sportiest among us got stuck in with ‘Beat the Goalie’ and ‘Silly Races’. But the most popular by far had to be ‘Splat the Teacher’ – a few brave members of staff volunteered and left with wet (but smiling!) faces.

All this fun was powered by snacks made by students and staff, including jam and cream scones and beautifully decorated Jubilee biscuits, washed down with squash.



Horizon Campus

This year a garden party was held at Horizon Campus to celebrate the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee.

The interns and KS5 students were very much involved in organising this event. They designed posters, created bunting and they came up with the most amazing ideas.

Crown making, ‘Pin the Diamond on the Crown’, ‘Tin Can Alley’, a photobooth and a raffle were just some of the stalls and activities that were offered.

The most popular activity was ‘Splat the Royal’. This involved throwing a cold, wet sponge at members of staff and there was quite a crowd that gathered for that activity!!!

There was also a cake competition that was open to staff and their classes. The cakes were sold along with tea and refreshments and they sold out pretty quickly!

As well as participating in the activities, the Interns and KS5 students, all took part in running their own stalls.

A small fee was charged for each activity and due to the generosity of donations we had many great prizes for the raffle.

The Horizon students raised a tremendous amount of £174.56. They will use this money to help fund their end of year celebrations and trips.

This was a fantastic and memorable day thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. We’re sure the Queen would be very proud of all of the students and all that they achieved!

REFLECTIONS FROM THE YEAR

End of year poem

This year at Haselbury,
learning has been lots of fun,
In the rain, sleet and snow,
but especially in the sun!
We have been to Southend
and the Theatre too,
We've even been to London
to visit the Zoo!

At Paradise Park we climbed,
played and ate lunch

The animals and dinosaurs
looked ready to munch!
To go as a campus was such a delight,
The snakes and the T-Rex gave
most a big fright!

We've been great at sports
and dance competitions,
Cool Skiing and Youth Games
were quite the additions,
Our challenge at football
tournaments was very nice,
Even better when winning GOLD,
we did this TWICE!

We loved celebration assemblies
and Face Front Theatre,
And so fantastic to perform in
the Junk Yard Orchestra!
We explored local parks,
shops and ate out too,
Learning in and out the classroom
is what we like to do.

A highlight of the year was
the Queen's Jubilee,
We danced, ate and sang but
we didn't drink tea,
With staff and pupils all
making their bakes,
We all enjoyed the competition
while eating their cakes!

So as we end this most fabulous year,
Look back and smile,
you might even shed a tear.

Narita class



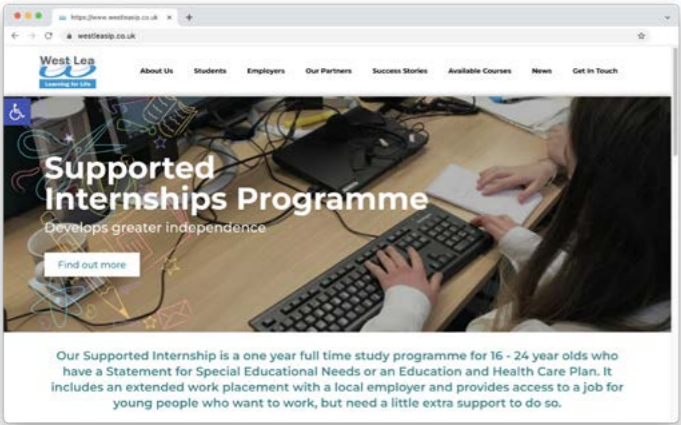
As this beautiful poem rightly shows, there is a lot to reflect positively upon this academic year at West Lea School.

This includes our successful freshers week, designed to ensure all our new students feel confident and excited about their academic year ahead. Rest assured, we will be running our freshers week again this September!

Our reading strategy was also a brilliant initiative, designed to help all students build a love and appreciation for reading. Please see below our updated curriculum tree, which showcases how reading and literacy threads many other parts of our teaching across the school.

Supported Internships

We want to congratulate everyone involved with our Supported Internship Programme, which is a crucial part of our journey to independence work. This year, our employment retention rate rose from 85% to 90%, which is far beyond the national average. This is testament to the hard work that so many staff members have put into the programme. We also want to thank Greggs for joining this scheme and providing a brilliant workplace for our interns. Finally, we launched our Supported Internship Programme website, which you can find here:

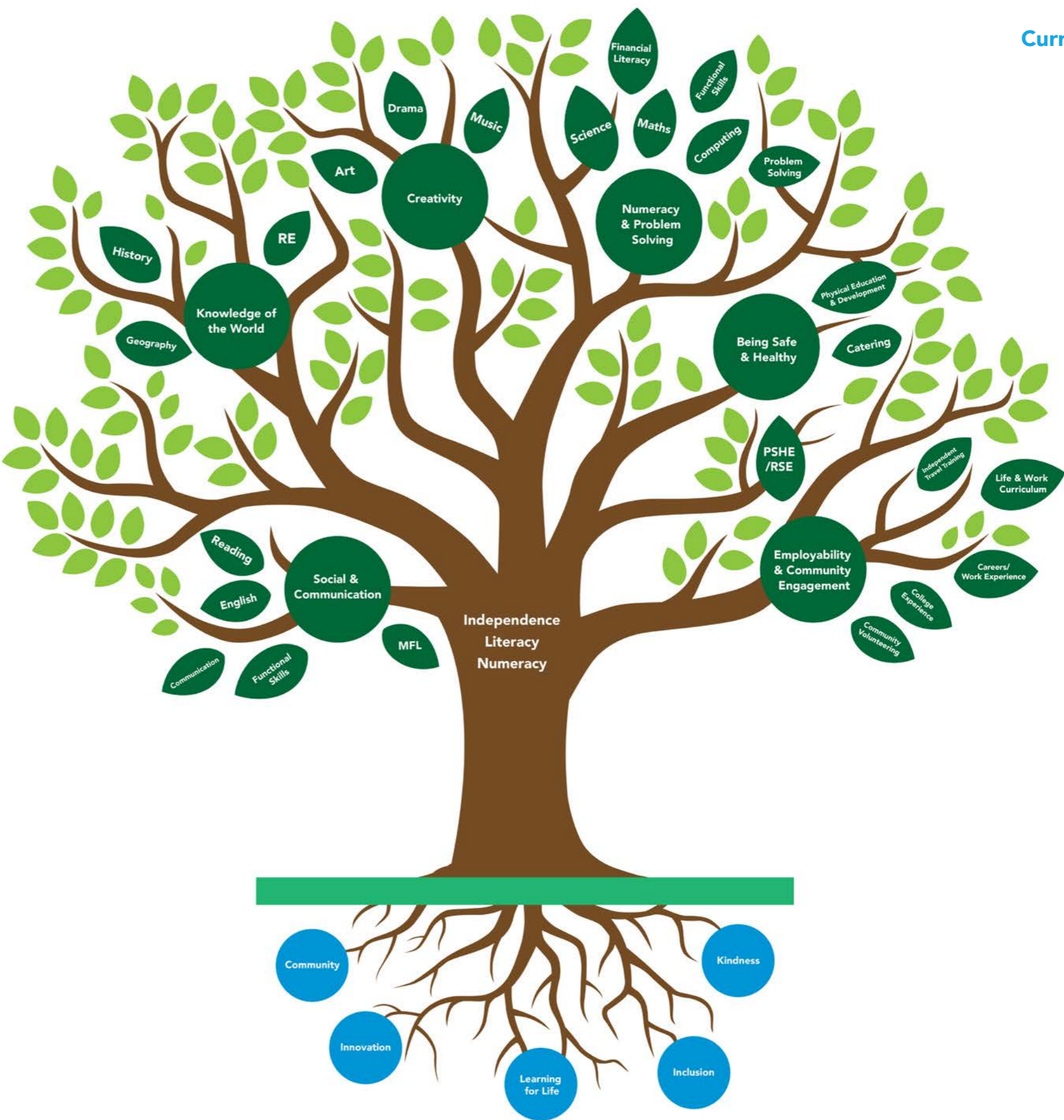


www.westleasip.co.uk. We will continue to grow this project next year so watch this space!

Building on our journey to independence work, we also underwent many exciting trips this year, including to London and Southend! Here, students built on key life skills, including time management, budgets for buying snacks, communication and teamwork. We were so proud of how well they behaved! All of these trips also help build the cultural capital of students, which we will continue to work on in 2022/23.

Next year, we are also planning to launch graduation ceremonies for those who complete their journey to independence passports! We will share more information on this very soon.

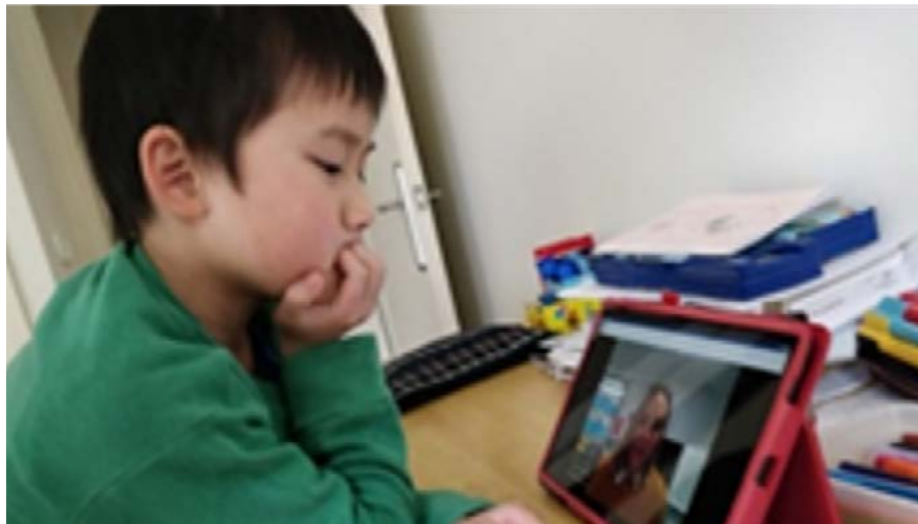
West Lea Curriculum Tree



ONLINE SAFETY UPDATE

Let's Talk about Chatting Online

Children communicate online through lots of different apps, social media sites and games (including Snapchat, WhatsApp, Instagram, FIFA and Fortnite). At West Lea, we educate children to understand the dangers of playing and speaking to others online but we need your support at home to ensure these messages are remembered.



It is important to talk to your child about what they are doing online and who they communicate with, so you can limit the risks.

Some games children play online include communication between players, facilitated through the in-game text chat, direct messages or talking through headphones. Some games offer the ability to switch communication off or restrict bad language, so make sure settings appropriate to your child are set up for each of the games they play.



Please speak with our head of ICT, Angela Poplar, for more information, or to discuss how you can be supported to strengthen your child's online safety: Apoplar@westleaschool.co.uk



OWL is the latest way to interact with your local police and Neighbourhood Watch

- Regular local updates from your local police
- Get Covid-19 alerts on rule changes and scams
- Advice on improving your home and personal security
- Builds stronger ties with Neighbourhood Watch leading to safer communities
- A unique collaboration between the police and the public designed to tackle the issues that are important to you
- A quick, easy, and flexible system that fits in with your lifestyle

Register for FREE at www.owl.co.uk/met



MENTAL HEALTH UPDATE

We deliver a number of therapies at West Lea School to meet the variety of our students' needs.

For example, our medical team support children with medical needs, including the management of complex epilepsy cases or physical disabilities. A member of the medical team is always available across each campus. The team is led by Gill and formed by Debbie, Aga, Kirsty, Colleen, Caroline, Phoebe, Sherri, Shazia, Rochelle, Seyma.

In addition, school nurses liaise and work closely with our medical team, offer advice and expertise, and support with care plans (including in emergencies). Our nurse team includes Umu, Sonila and Angela.

We also offer Speech and Language Therapy. Our team provides life-changing treatment, support and care for children and adults who have difficulties with communication, eating, drinking and swallowing. They help people who, for physical or psychological reasons, have problems speaking and communicating. Patients range from children whose speech is slow to develop, to older students whose ability to speak has been impaired by illness or injury. The team also provides treatment for students who have difficulty eating or swallowing. They support students with mild, moderate or severe learning difficulties, language delay, specific difficulties in producing sounds, hearing impairment, cleft lip and palate, stammering, voice disorders, selective mutism and/or [developmental language disorder](#). Our therapists are Maddy, Julie, Tara and Stav.



Please speak with our head of therapeutic support, Jose Negrin, for more information, or to discuss how your child can be supported: jnegrin@westleaschool.co.uk

Boccia is a seated bowling game.

START PLAYING BOCCIA TODAY...

WE ARE A SOCIAL CLUB FOR PLAYERS WITH IMPAIRMENTS (PHYSICAL IMPAIRMENT AND LEARNING NEEDS) for 7yrs and above. FAMILY MEMBER OR CARER MUST ACCOMPANY AND STAY TO PLAY WITH AND AGAINST THEM!!

WIN OR LOSE WE LAUGH A LOT.

Wednesdays
7pm to 8.30pm (term time)
At West Lea School,
Haselbury Road, N9 9TU

Turn up and play:

More info:
marion.coram-ware@enfield.gov.uk
Ron Wright rwright1@talktalk.net

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT BOCCIA ENGLAND HERE

www.bocciaengland.org.uk

First two sessions free
Then £2 per person session

BocciaEngland @BocciaEngland

UPDATE FROM ENTERPRISE COOPERATIVE TRUST



We are delighted to tell you the Enterprise Cooperative Trust was officially launched on Wednesday the 29th June at Building Bloqs. The Trust is a not for profit foundation cooperative established by West Lea to extend opportunities to all young people in Enfield by providing them with a holistic education. The Trust brings together schools, colleges, businesses, charities and community groups to work in a spirit of cooperation thus furthering the life chances of our young people.



Janet Leach MBE
Chair of Enterprise
Cooperative Trust

Building Bloqs was the perfect venue as students have already benefited from the training programmes being run there by the Learning for Life Charity, in partnership with the College of North East London (CONEL).

Businesses, schools, community groups and local charities were all in attendance, as were local Councillors and representatives from the local authority. We were delighted to welcome Peter Nathan – Director of Education – who gave his support to the Trust particularly in light of the government White Paper which emphasised the need for schools to collaborate. It also highlighted the importance of schools in Trusts working with other partners to broaden the experiences of students and extend the opportunities for all.

Light refreshments and a fantastic video highlighting the work of the Trust and its ambitions for the future were enjoyed by all. Thanks to Emma at Love Your Doorstep for organising and planning the event and thanks also to AI at Building Bloqs for hosting. Watch this space for more updates!



UPDATE FROM LEARNING FOR LIFE CHARITY

Wanna be Friends Summer Ball

We hosted our summer ball on 18th June for young people aged between 16–25 years old. These students loved the event, which was designed to ensure young people with special needs in Enfield feel they are an important part of our community.

With the help and support of trained staff, the ball encouraged socialising and incited more extensive social support networks within the local community.

The ball was hugely successful and thoroughly enjoyed by all attendees, especially as this was the first event we were able to hold since February 2020. We are planning our next big disco which will be the Winter Ball – watch this space!



All Works of Life

This social enterprise project, which provides work experience to West Lea students, is now in full operation! We are pleased to announce it has got off to a great start and is on track to eventually become a supported business.

Learning For Life Charity has recruited an amazing creative print designer, Majenta, who is leading the printing and in due course, the embroidery activities. Majenta conceptualises and designs our projects online, which are then printed in physical form on materials including paper, plastic, cloth material, and ceramics. She has exceeded customer expectations by providing the highest quality service whilst promoting independence for young people from West Lea School, pupils from other schools/colleges and other sectors of the community.

Welcome to the team, Majenta! If you would like to place an order, please do contact Majenta for a consultation on her email: majenta@learningforlifecharity.co.uk

OUR CAMPUSES



West Lea
MERIDIAN CAMPUS

Dysons Road (KS2)
174 Dysons Road
Edmonton
N18 2DS

Springfield Road (KS1–2)
Springfield Road
New Southgate
N11 1RR





West Lea
HASELBURY CAMPUS

Haselbury Campus (KS3)
Haselbury Road
Edmonton
N9 9TU





West Lea
LEARNING FOR LIFE CENTRE

Broomfield School
Wilmer Way
N14 7HY

St Marys (KS1 & KS2)
Lawrence Road
Edmonton
N18 2HN





West Lea
HORIZON

Learning for Life Centre
24 Cyprus Road
Edmonton
N9 9PG

College
College of North
East London



KEY TERM DATES 2023

Autumn Term

Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd September 2022
School Closed to pupils – INSET Day

Monday 5th September 2022
Start of first half of Autumn Term – School Reopens to pupils

Wednesday 5th October 2022
School Closed to pupils – INSET Day

Monday 24th October – Friday 28th October 2022
Half Term, School Closed

Monday 31st October
Start of second half of Autumn Term – School reopens to pupils

Friday 16th December 2022
Last Day of Autumn Term

Monday 19th December 2022 – Monday 2nd 2023
School Closed – Christmas Break

Spring Term 2023

Tuesday 3rd January
School Closed to pupils – INSET Day

Wednesday 4th January
Start of first half of Spring term – School Reopens to pupils

Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February
Half Term – School Closed

Monday 20th February
Start of second half of Spring term – School Reopens to pupils

Friday 31st March
Last day of Spring Term

Monday 3rd April – Friday 14th April
School Closed – Easter Break

Summer Term 2023

Monday 17th April
School Closed to pupils – INSET Day

Tuesday 18th April
Start of first half of Summer term – School Reopens to pupils

Monday 1st May
Bank Holiday – School Closed

Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June
Half Term – School Closed

Monday 5th June
Start of second half of Summer term – School Reopens to Pupils

Friday 21st July
Last day of Summer Term



West Lea School

Haselbury Road Edmonton London N9 9TU

T: 020 8807 2656

E: office@westleaschool.co.uk

www.westleaschool.co.uk



[@westlea_school](https://twitter.com/westlea_school)



www.facebook.com/westleaschool



www.linkedin.com/company/westlea-school