

'Success for Everyone'

Newsletter

DECEMBER 2024
SAFEGUARDING

Head of School's Message:

Looking back over this term and throughout this year there have been times where we have shown great resilience, determination and some awe and wonder moments for which I would like to extend my thanks to everyone in our school community. Whether you are a learner, staff member, parent or carer, it is also a great time to reflect on our personal achievements at this time as

*'Christmas is not a time nor a season, but a state of mind.
To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy,
is to have the real spirit of Christmas.'*
Calvin Coolidge

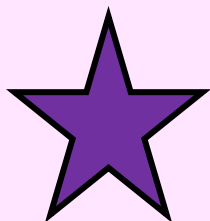
Finally, school will finish on Thursday 19th December 2024@ 2pm and reopen to our learners on Tuesday 7th January 2025. I wish you all comfort and joy and look forward to the new opportunities that await us next term. Have a restful and safe end to 2024 – see you all in the New Year.
Ms Fletcher

If you have any concerns or issues please contact us on:

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Achievement Certificates this month have been given to learners for:

*Showing improved behaviour this term. Successfully completing all assigned assessments
Working in collaboration with others to complete Wellbeing activity
Completing Functional Skills tasks set and show good behaviour for learning.
Excellent behaviour and for....participation in all sporting activities.
Improved attendance and punctuality. Showing kindness and respect for peers and adults.*



Pupil Voice:

Attendance

This month's focus was on Attendance and our learners were asked, Is good attendance important? How can you improve your attendance? What would you do if you were to employ someone, and their attendance was poor? Here are some of their thoughts:

'It's a good way to measure and show what time you came in and how regularly...compared to the statutory amount.'

'Yes, it's important to have good attendance.' 'You need to come in more...'

'If you wake up early, get to school on time, your attendance will improve.'

and finally, *'I would sack them because I cannot trust them to be there when I need them.'*



Attendance - Late arrivals...

Punctuality

EMLM school day begins at 9.00 and the Learners are required to be in school by then. If a Learners arrives after the register has closed at 9.10, they will be marked as 'late.'

Every Second Counts!

Safeguarding over the Christmas and New Year period

We have outlined some key issues which families/carers may face:

- Christmas can bring added financial strain, family pressures, or emotional stress
- Disruption of regular routine, which may leave our learners with more unstructured or unsupervised time. This could lead to situations where they spend more time in potentially unsafe environments, including online, or with individuals who may pose a risk to their safety
- Learners may also feel cut off from their usual support network of trusted adults and friends

Reduced access to support services - during the holidays, some support services, including schools or community organisations, might be closed or operating at reduced capacity.

Please see list below for Lifelines and Support Networks



Curriculum shout out... Design Technology

The National Curriculum describes Design and Technology as *'an inspiring, rigorous and practical subject.'* Here we look at a few of the key skills we would encourage our learners to develop and adopt through this subject:

Problem-Solving Skills: learning how to identify problems and finding creative solutions, adopting critical thinking and innovative practice.

Collaboration: project work involving teamwork, teaching our learners how to communicate effectively, share responsibility, and to collaborate towards a shared goal.

Adaptability: learning how to adapt to new challenges and technologies, whilst preparing them for the *'ever-evolving landscape of design and technology fields.'*

These sessions will not only equip our learners with technical knowledge and skills but also prepares them for challenges in the real world by adopting a mindset of constantly learning, improving and adapting.

Lifelines and Support Networks

- The NSPCC are here to help 24/7 and children can call their [Childline](#) number on 0800 1111
- [ThinkUKnow](#) – links to various sites
- [Safer Internet Centre](#)
- [Shout](#) is the UK's first 24/7 text service, free on all major mobile networks, for anyone in crisis anytime, anywhere. It's a place to go if you're struggling to cope and you need immediate help. Text 85258
- Anna Freud Crisis Messenger – If you need support, you can text **AFC** to **85258**. A free, confidential, 24/7 text message support service for anyone who is feeling overwhelmed or is struggling to cope
- <https://lewisham.gov.uk/myserVICES/environment/climate-emergency/our-commitment/help-with-energy-bills>
- <https://lewisham.gov.uk/myserVICES/cost-of-living/food-services>
- <https://communityconnectionslewisham.org/financial-hardship/>

Online Safety - Safeguarding over the Christmas and New Year period – What can you do to support your children?

- Encourage open discussions about how they need to safeguard themselves and provide information on available support services.
- **Promote online safety** -set up parental and safety settings on new devices, monitor online activity and be vigilant about your children's online activities, especially during the holidays when they may have more unsupervised time. Remind them about online safety and potential risks. The [Safer Internet Centre](#) has some excellent advice in their Parents' Guide to Technology and includes device-specific settings for different models.
- Continue to promote a culture of reporting concerns about child safety.



Postcards sent home for...

Great listening and behaviour... Completing...handwriting task.

Working well with others...keep it up!

Attitude to learning and doing all sports - keep it up!

Helping other learners in need.

Being helpful and fantastic behaviour during Art activity.

Good listening and being helpful to peers.

KEY DATES

Date for your Diary

*Monday 2nd September 2024
School closed for Learners -staff training.*

Autumn Term 1

*Tuesday 3rd September
to
Friday 25th October 2024*

Half Term – EMLM closed

*Monday 28th October
to
Friday 1st November 2024*

Autumn Term 2

*Monday 4th November 2024
to
Thursday 19th December 2024*

Parent Consultation Days
02.12.24 & 16.12.24
(9am – 3pm)

*Friday 20th December 2024
School closed for Learners.
– staff training.*

Christmas Holidays

*Monday 23rd December 2024
to
Friday 3rd January 2025*