

Christmas Newsletter

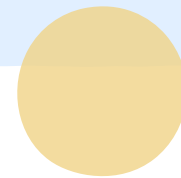


As the proud Principal of TLC, I am delighted to say that we've had a fantastic Autumn term full of fun, incredible learning opportunities and some wonderful trips and visits. The learners have worked hard, with 21 learners taking national qualifications and GCSE re-takes in November. It is this kind of achievement that we are honoured to be able to facilitate for our learners, who otherwise may never get the chance to obtain these kinds of qualifications, which ultimately set them up for life. Our magnificent staff team has grown again, we welcomed Vicky, Maths Teacher, Adam, TA, Thea, HLTA, Dawn, Senior SENDCo in September, and more recently Josiah as our new Humanities Teacher. We have all settled down into our new building set-up which hopefully you will see when you visit us for the parent/carer coffee morning on Friday; and we are loving having more space for our learners. As you know, we introduced Active Afternoons to replace PE, and as part of this our learners have been out and about twice a week doing rock-climbing, golf, boxing, gym and the ever-popular walking group. It has been so lovely getting everyone out and about, building confidence amongst the young people to access community venues and be active.

This week we have enjoyed some fabulous Christmas activities including Snow White and the 7 Dwarves at The Churchill Theatre, our own church service at Holy Trinity, our delicious Christmas Dinner made by Windryna and her helpers and our points-winners trip to Quaser Laser Quest with Pizza... and of course, we are looking forward to welcoming you all in to school on Friday to chat with staff, look at some of your children's work and join us for a cup of tea and a mince pie.

Thank you so much for all of your support and collaboration; I wish you all the merriest of Christmases and a peaceful New Year. Here's to another brilliant TLC year!

Helen Dyer - TLC Principal



Halloween

The Learning Centre had a fantastic Halloween celebration! Learners and staff came together to dress up, enjoy sweets, and participate in dancing and singing to create a fun and lively atmosphere. It was great to see such creativity in everyone's outfits. Everyone was wearing unique costumes, which made some memorable moments for the learners.

Holocaust assembly

We also held a meaningful and impactful Holocaust assembly. Hearing a personal story, from someone who shared the experience of their mother being Jewish during such a tragic period in history, it was a powerful and emotional experience for the learners that offered a deeper understanding of history and the human impact of the Holocaust. Her mother's book was donated to the school library which tells her mother's story and is a beautiful way to preserve the memory of that important history and share it with future generations. It was a great opportunity for those who attended the assembly to learn more and reflect on the lessons from such a powerful personal experience.



Church service

This was a wonderful event, bringing together learners and staff. Everyone had a chance to join in singing familiar hymns, creating a lively and joyful atmosphere. The readings by learners were engaging and thoughtful, offering moments for everyone to reflect. It was a great way for all at TLC to come together, feel connected and find some peaceful moments during the busy school year.



Christmas dinner

In the last week of term, the learners had the opportunity to be hands-on in preparing Christmas dinner with Windryna, the Foodwise teacher. Cooking together can be such a fun and educational experience, and it has brought everyone together to celebrate the season. With everyone pitching in to help, it was a team effort and was a perfect way to build community spirit within the school. With music playing in the background, it created such a warm and cheerful atmosphere with everyone singing and everyone's spirits so high.



As we approach the Christmas break, we recognise how this can be a challenging time for some of our learners and families. There are some resources available to provide support for those who may need it.

The Bromley HAF programme can provide support for those receiving benefit related free school meals. If you are unsure if you can access this support then please email HolidayActivitiesandFood@Bromley.gov.uk to enquire.

We are also aware of a number of concerns around social media and the sharing of personal images. Childline run a report/remove service to help people get nude images of themselves removed from the internet. <https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/report-remove> provide support and guidance to assist young people and their families in having images removed as quickly as possible. You can also call ChildLine on 0800 1111 for free and confidential advice and support.

Bromley Y are running a free webinar for young people and families to provide guidance on managing stress and worry. The webinar can be accessed through the following link:

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/report-remove>

The webinar provides advice for those who are having feelings of stress and worry that are impacting them and explores possible strategies for managing these. Parents/carers are also invited to join in or watch the webinar.

We hope you all enjoy the holiday break and look forward to seeing you back in January. If you have any concerns please feel free to get in touch and one of our safeguarding team will aim to reply when possible.

James and the safeguarding team.