

MAGIC ARC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Spring 2

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Dates for Your Diary:

- 23rd April 2019 – Staff Inset Day
- 24th May 2019 – Staff Inset Day

Parents' Evening:

We will be notifying parents of a date for a Parents' Evening in the summer term. These are important events the purpose of which is for parents and carers to meet teachers, teaching assistants, governors and the Head. It will enable you to understand how the school works and for us to gain a better understanding of your children and how we can work collaboratively to ensure they make progress in their education.

Introduction from the Head

Welcome to Issue 2 of the Magic Arc newsletter. Much has happened since I last wrote to you. Two new teachers have been recruited, greatly strengthening our capacity to deliver the new curriculum. We are updating our development plan (see overleaf). A new breakfast club is underway.

There has been a great reconfiguration of the school campus, meaning that we have created more indoor space to welcome new students after Easter. Demand for school places at Magic Arc continues to rise. As the school grows, we can offer a more enriched curriculum for all students and create a more diverse atmosphere that helps students develop important social skills to enable them to participate in wider society. I hope you and your family have a wonderful Easter break and we look forward to welcoming pupils back on Wednesday 24th April 2019.

Mrs Emmett

Magic Announces . . .

Forest School



Pupils are now regularly attending Forest School as part of our new curriculum offer. They are experiencing outdoor life, developing team working skills, better communications with each other and with adults, developing resilience through climbing trees making dens and building campfires.

Swimming

Most pupils are now having swimming lessons with Hayley our swimming teacher, which they thoroughly enjoy. This is building their self-confidence and teaching them potentially life-saving skills.

Red Nose Day

Magic Arc pupils and staff organised a range of activities including, amongst other things, a bake sale and a sponsored sing from Chloe. £151.70 was raised for this great national British fundraiser. As well as raising money for good causes, this event also helps the pupils develop a sense of social responsibility, team work and communication skills.



New Logo

As part of Magic Arc's development for the future we have invited the pupils to submit their ideas for a new logo for the school. We have received some exciting and innovative submissions which will inform the design to be launched in September. Congratulations to Ben who won the overall prize for his designs!

Goodbye

We say goodbye to Julie Sutton who has worked at the school for over 5 years. Julie, we wish you well in your new endeavours. She wishes you all well and says she will miss the pupils very much.

Magic Presents...

Teacher - Philip Drew:



Philip has a Bsc(Hons) in Mathematics and has a wide range of experience in teaching Mathematics, humanities and ICT. Philip joined

Magic Arc School as he wanted to use his wide experience in helping pupils to reach their full potential, whatever their needs are.

The Wonderlab

Pupils from KS1, KS2 and KS3 went on an exciting trip into London to visit the Wonderlab at the Science Museum in support of Science Week. Pupils caught the High Speed train from Strood into London St. Pancras and then the tube over to Kensington. Pupils explored the museum before going into the Wonderlab where they were able to take part in experiments and watch demonstrations in physics and chemistry. We had a most enjoyable day.



Ofsted

Through our Action Plan, we continue to address the findings from the November 2018 Ofsted inspection. My updated commentary is set out below under the inspection headings.

Leadership and Management

- New management and whole school structure with new roles being created is being introduced to strengthen education delivery and accountability for pupil performance. When finalised this structure will be communicated to all parents/carers and pupils
- Our new website is under construction for launch after Easter

Quality of Teaching, Learning and Assessment

- Two new teachers – who specialise in primary, science, maths and humanities have been appointed. A new tutor who specialises in Dyslexia will also be starting after the Easter break to provide appropriate interventions for pupils who are Dyslexic
- A new curriculum is being prepared, ready for September. More details to follow
- Target setting in place for all pupils, linked to their Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) targets

Behaviour, Welfare and Safety

- Investments in upgrading facilities to ensure compliance with health and safety requirements continues
- A new school counsellor service in place to support our pupils
- Safeguarding policies and practices are continually being updated to ensure pupils are safe

Outcomes for Pupils

- New sets in English and Maths for identified pupils to ensure they are accessing age and ability appropriate learning
- A new Careers Information, Advice and Guidance Service has been launched for pupils in Year 8 and over, to help pupils begin thinking about their plans for the future. A full Careers Programme will be launched from September 2019.