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Emerald Class went on a lovely outing to Trent Park where they had a nice walk around the park. They later went to Enfield Town where they looked at the shops and brought an item of their choice!

They had a fabulous time and they are looking forward to having another outing!

Half Term

**Half Term break commences on:
Monday 27 October to Friday 31
October 2014**

**School will finish at the normal time
of 3.00pm on Friday 24 October.**

Inset Day

**An Inset Day has been arranged for
Monday 3 November and school will
be closed to all pupils on this day.**

**School re-opens for all pupils on:
TUESDAY 4 NOVEMBER at the
normal time of 8.50am.**

Magic Breakfast

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Magic Breakfast is a UK registered charity, dedicated to ensuring every child starts their school day with the right breakfast. Magic Breakfast believes no child's education should suffer for the lack of a breakfast and provide free healthy breakfast food to schools with over 35% free school meals to reach the hungriest children. Durants would like to say a huge thank you to Magic breakfast who has agreed to support us for a year. We have already started receiving our food deliveries and it has been a big hit with the pupils, especially the bagels!

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Durants News

October 2014

A letter from the Headteacher

Welcome

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our first newsletter of the year. All the pupils at Durants have settled down well including our 12 new students and all the classes are working well. The school is very busy now we have 100 pupils and an extra class but the atmosphere at Durants remains very calm and positive. Please remember that should you have any problems or want clarification about something do contact the school. You can either contact your child's class teacher via phone or home school book. You can also contact the Head or Deputy Headteacher at any time.

School Uniform

The school uniform of a dark blue sweatshirt, grey trousers and white polo necks are required by all pupils from years 7-11. The uniform is stocked at the Lyons school outfitters at Enfield Highway. Please could all parents of younger pupils please ensure pupils have the correct uniform. Pupils in the 6th Form (years 12-14) can wear non uniform clothing. Many thanks for your co-operation with this.

Enjoy the half term break.

Peter De Rosa

Headteacher

Education Health and Care Plans

New government Code of Practice for SEN means that an integrated support plan (EHC Plan) will replace the current Statement of Need for all pupils at Durants. The Plan will focus on achieving outcomes that helps a young person make a positive transition into adulthood and involve Education and Health, as well as other agencies that support needs that young person may require.

As part of this process at Durants school, we are arranging meetings with parents and the school Educational Psychologists for pupils in Year 11 + those students who will leave school in July 2015 to be completed this school year. Over the next two years we will process all the pupils at Durants, so that by 2017 all pupils who previously held a 'Statement of Need' will have a personalised Education, Health and Care Plan.

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Transition Event 2014

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Durants School held its annual Transition Event on Thursday 25th September 2014. This event is aimed at parents who have pupils in year 9 and above to help them

start thinking about possible options for the future. The staff here at Durants are aware how stressful transition can be and try to help it run as smoothly as possible.

A big thank you to all parents and services who attended the event.



Proposed New Site

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Due to the increased numbers at Durants and with the roll at the school expected to be about 130 in the near future the council have acquired an additional site opposite Southgate College to extend Durants. The proposed plans are that the current Durants site will be for pupils aged 11-15 and the new site in Southgate for pupils aged 16-19. These plans are at the initial stages but it is hoped that some of our senior pupils may be able to transfer next September. No firm decisions have been made yet on this and parents will be kept well informed and involved once we have further definite information or news.

Siblings Group

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Our first siblings group this year was a huge success! We had lots of fun with some arts and crafts, making a lovely display that will soon be put up for all to see in our Parent Room. We had some new members join too who we are delighted to welcome! Fun appeared to be had by all and the evening ended with some soft play fun! Please take a look at our group photos on the website to see some of the things we get up to!
www.durants.enfield.sch.uk



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Silver Class have recently joined Albany Leisure Centre to attend their gym on a weekly basis. Students have enjoyed following a tailor-made fitness plan which allows them to access a number of cardio and resistance training machines under the assistance of their class team. Silver Class have enjoyed their sessions so far, and look forward to continuing to maintain a healthy lifestyle as well as learn about independent travel, money management and life skills.

New Staff

We would like to welcome Irene to Durants School.

Irene is our new Admin Assistant who has taken over Caroline Faulkner's role. She has settled in her role and hopes to get to know you all!

We would also like to welcome Chrissie to Durants School.

Chrissie is our new Orange Class Teacher who joined us in September. She is a very experienced practitioner who has worked both in mainstream and special schools previously.

Asda Charity



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I would like to thank all the parents, staff and pupils for their support with collecting the green tokens for Asda Charity. I would like to say we came second and we received a Donation for our charity. This will be used in supporting our pupils.

Caroline P

DURANTS CHRISTMAS XTRAVAGANZA!

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Please save this date!

We are having our Christmas Xtravaganza!

Please bring all your family and friends!

Santa Grotto, raffle and lots of fun!

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