

## NEWS

A big farewell to our Safer Schools Officer PC Etuk who is leaving SILS after 18 years of dedicated work. Nsikan has been a huge asset to our school and the Southwark community and we will miss him greatly. Good Luck PC Etuk from all of us at SILS.



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# SILS 3 Newsletter

## Spring 2— March 2023



### ACHIEVEMENTS

**Congratulations to students who have returned to main-stream schools:**

**Sameira Gane**

**Excellent attendance – 90% and above to:**

**Loriano Mendes**  
**Shafiq Ocan**

*School reopens after the Easter break on Monday 17th April 2023.*

*Please call the office on 0207 525 1150 if you have any queries.*

### HEADTEACHER'S ADDRESS

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been an extremely busy half term for our students and staff. We have been lucky to visit the council offices, at Tooley Street, welcome poet Caleb Femi and host a DJ workshop. We held our school council elections and are proud to formally present our student reps to all members of the SILS community.

As always, I am sure you will join me in showing appreciation to the staff who have worked hard to create these opportunities.

I wish you and your families a pleasant Easter break.

**Yomi Adewoye**  
**Headteacher**

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# Introducing...

## SILS Student Council 2023

On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023 SILS 3 voted for their new student council representatives. In the lead up to this students were taught about democracy and elections, those students who were interested in becoming a student representative on the school council had to write a manifesto. Students and staff submitted their votes and the councillors were elected!

Well done to all those who took part and a huge congratulations to our new school representatives.



**Loriano Mendes, Year 9** "I think I was elected because I am very capable for the job. I will represent the students, the boys group and the mandem"

**Kimona Allen, Year 9**  
"Thank you for electing me, I think I will be good for the job"

**Jaya Sahara Williams, Year 9** "My goal as student representative is take the students on a trip to Thorpe Park"

## Visit to Southwark Council Head Offices (Tooley Street)

### National Careers Week 2023

On Wednesday 15th March 2023 students from SILS3 and SILS4 were invited to visit the Southwark Council offices on Tooley Street. Students met with Councillor Kieron Williams the Leader of the Council, Councillor Jasmine Ali the Deputy Leader and Nina Dohel the Director of Education for Southwark.

During the visit the students learnt about the role of a councillor and asked questions about the local area and education. Students explored the open plan office and spoke to different members of staff about their roles.

A huge thank you to everyone at Southwark Council for working with SILS and making this day such a success for our young people.



## Visitors @ SILS...

### Caleb Femi: Award Winning Poet from Peckham

We were so happy to welcome poet Caleb Femi to SILS this half term. Students have been studying Caleb's award winning poetry collection 'Poor', which explores life on the North Peckham estate.

Students had the chance to talk to Caleb about his journey to becoming a poet, share experiences of growing up, and discuss what it means to be from Peckham. We are very grateful to Caleb, and are so proud to have welcomed someone from our community to inspire our students.



### DJ Workshop with Noise Academy

On 16th March Noise Academy music producer Caroline Elizabeth visited SILS to run DJing workshops with the students. The students thoroughly enjoyed mixing their own tracks, learning how to make different sounds and counting the beat. Many hours of fun were had by students and staff!

## Behaviour and Rewards Workshop Feedback

### SILS Classroom Code of Conduct – summary of expectations 2022-2023

In our classrooms we will **LEARN**

- ✓ **Listen** — one person talks in any situation. One voice!
- ✓ **Enter the room on time, calmly and remain in lesson**
- ✓ **All instructions followed first time that you are asked**
- ✓ **Respect pupils, staff and property. No answering back**
- ✓ **Never forget to always try your best in lessons**



This half term we introduced a new classroom code of conduct and rewards scheme across SILS 3 and SILS 4. It was very important to us that we shared these updates with our students directly, and created an open forum for them to share their thoughts on these changes.

## What our students said:

### Rewards

Students feel that more positive phone calls and certificates, trips and rewards based on individuals effort and group efforts are a good thing.

They feel we should take responsibility for recording positive behaviour, however we do need reminding sometimes.

It is important that rewards are the same across all subjects and teachers. We need to know what to expect throughout the day.



### Code of Conduct

We like the colour coding on the behaviour document and understand that the colours signify severity of behaviour.

The document is quite wordy and doesn't cover every scenario, this could lead to confusion.

We could change the language to make it more student voice influenced.

We need to be reminded regularly and prompted to focus our behaviour, reminders give us a chance to address our behaviour.

Staff responses need to be the same in every class, we want to be heard and treated fairly.



# Tutor Take Over



We start everyday with tutor time - it's a chance for our students to learn about current affairs, share their views, and reflect on how they are feeling that day. For this newsletter we decided to give each of our tutor groups the chance to tell us about some of their work and enrichment activities from the last half term.

We have had so many exciting projects running across the curriculum, from BMXing to student elections, hear all about our favourites below.

## Blossom Tutor Group - Mr Simpson-Last and Ms Bojczuk

This term in Cycle Maintenance I have been fixing my bike with Andy. I am starting to work towards my project where I can get a professional certificate. I really like it.

**Jimmy Lee, Year 8**



I have enjoyed this term. We have had the Rugby coaches come in when we do PE and we go to BMXing on Fridays.

**Finley, Year 9**



## Willow Tutor Group - Mr Mignott and Ms Reid

This term I have started BMXing and achieved so much. Before I was not confident going down the track without help, but now I can.

Food Tech is my favourite lesson because we spend time cooking and cooking is what I enjoy doing in my spare time. **Dillon, Year 8**



I think our tutor group is fun because sometimes we get to relax and have good discussions. We read the news paper articles and discuss them and give our opinions.

We are supported by our tutors to do more work and display positive behaviour.

PE and Food Tech are my favourite subjects because one teaches me how to cook and the other teaches me how to be fit.

**Shakye, Year 9**

## Cedar Tutor Group - Ms Cole and Ms Kreeday

In English we are learning about Feminist Gothic Culture we read a book from Angela Carter which was critiquing the fairy tale genre.

**Ella, Year 9**



My name is Mia and I would love to help Helen at lunch time so that I could help make the food. The reason I would love to help Helen is because I love to cook and also her food is very delicious.

**Mia B, Year 7**