

**SOUTHWARK HEARING
SUPPORT SERVICE (SHSS)**

**SUMMER ONE
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WELCOME

Welcome to the Southwark Hearing Support Service (SHSS) 2022 Summer One Newsletter. In this issue, we talk about Deaf Awareness Week and one of our team leaving for new adventures.

There have been lots of great things happening since our last newsletter. You can't have missed the big story in the news about the British Sign Language Act 2022, and BSL having full legal status. This is going to make such a difference for those people who use BSL as their first or preferred language as guidance will now have to be provided to government departments and public bodies on how to meet these people's needs. For example, providing a BSL interpreter for medical appointments. We also saw Rose and Giovanni silent dance from last year's series of Strictly Come Dancing win the Must See Moment BAFTA a couple of weeks ago. Rose also read the Bedtime Story on CBeebies during this month's Deaf Awareness week. This was the first time that the story was signed.

As mentioned above, this month we had Deaf Awareness Week (2nd – 8th May). It was great to see lots of things happening in the news and we also saw lots happening in some of the schools we visit. One such school was Galleywall Primary. Several students and their SENDCo put together a very informative and interesting assembly about hearing loss, deafness and partial hearing. They presented their assembly twice during the week ensuring the whole school could learn more. Well done, Galleywall, your hard work and thoughtfulness has raised awareness and helped people to understand more.

Did you do anything? We would love to hear about what you got up to.

Best wishes

Southwark Hearing Support Service

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SAYING GOODBYE TO KAREN

One thing that also happened at the beginning of this half term, was that our very own Karen Rowley retired. She has worked with Southwark Hearing Support service for 25 years. Karen has played such a large role in so many young people's and their families lives. She has also had a huge impact on those she has worked with in the team. Karen was so knowledgeable and someone we all turned to on many occasions when we needed advice.



To say goodbye to her we held a leaving party at 1st Place where families were able to come to say thank you and goodbye to Karen. You can see from the photographs that everyone had a great time.



There were some who were not able to attend and Karen appreciated the messages that were sent to her.

I am sure that it won't be the last we see of her as I know she is keen to pop along to the summer picnic we hold each year.

Talking of the summer picnic. We are looking to hold one this summer in Burgess Park on **Thursday 14th July, from 12.30 until 2.30pm**. We will be sending out more information nearer the time but pop the date in your diary now. It would be so great to see as many faces as possible.