



Spring 2020 Newsletter

We cannot believe that this week is the February half term break already – where has the time gone?!

We would like to take this opportunity to share with you the most important highlights and news since our last newsletter back in autumn 19 term.

Apart from our standard core programme we are pleased to announce that thanks to *the Awards for All Grant in partnership with Sports Works*, the Centre is able to offer another Zumba class which is running at Quakers Meeting House on Tuesday mornings. This was a great news for many learners who struggle to find time and opportunity around home and children's commitments. In addition to Zumba, RCLC is currently running a Seated Yoga class at the Pakistani Community Centre and ESOL Skills for Health at the Warehouse. Both courses are part of our partnership with Communicare and RRSF funded by RBC to deliver some programme to reduce social isolation for adults with language and cultural barriers. The need for such a provision in the community reflects the number of learners enrolled on these courses which were 16 and 29!

To raise awareness of RCLC provision and services, Shaheen, *RCLC Outreach & Development Worker*, organised couple of Coffee mornings held in Oxford Road Community Primary School and St Michael's Primary school. Both events were very successful and as a result of this a few women have already approached our Centre with either an interest in joining one of our courses or access an IAG session.

On 4th Feb 20, the students had an opportunity to listen to Anna Wolleb from Reading University who came to talk to them about the importance of teaching children a second language. Anna spoke about the health benefits of being bilingual which amongst many included better cognitive abilities, sharper decision-making, improved memory and ability to multitask. This was a very educational and encouraging session for our students as for 97% of them English is not their first language and therefore their children are often able to communicate only in their mother tongue before they start attending a nursery

External visits to the Centre

This term our main theme is "Accessing Services" and the Centre has invited the following representatives to introduce their services to our students:

- BWA (Berkshire Women Aid)
- Reading Maternity voices
- National Career Service, Adviza
- Visit to the Walk in Health Centre
- Visit to the Library

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Swallowfield visit to RCLC

On Wednesday 6th Feb, RCLC invited ladies from the Swallowfield Village Coffee Club to visit the centre, to meet our learners in the English Conversation Beginners Class, share food, make friends and help our learners to consolidate their language skills from the previous session. It was another lovely session full of laughter and joy, great food and company.

This lovely partnership of sharing cultures and stories really means so much to the women both at the Centre and at the Swallowfield Village Coffee Club. The ladies at RCLC are very excited about their next trip to the village in March!



ENROLMENT DATES FOR SUMMER 20

Mon 5th & Tue 6th March 20
from 9.30am to 2pm

Term starts on Mon 27th April 2020
Term ends on Wednesday 16th June 2020
Half term: Mon 25th May to Fri 29th May 2020

SUMMER 20

PROGRAMME

PRE-ENTRY ENGLISH

Mon & Tue 12:30 -2:30pm

ENGLISH CONVERSATION

Beginners:

Tues & Wed 9:30 -11:30 am

Improvers:

Tues & Wed 12:30-2:30 pm

READ & WRITE Beginners:

Wed 12:30 - 2:30 pm

READ & WRITE Improvers:

Wed 9:30- 11:30 pm

Looking good, feeling

good

Tue 12:30-2:30pm

SEWING SKILLS Beginners:

Tue 9:30-11:30 am

SEWING SKILLS Improvers:

Wed 9:30-11:30 am

IT for Beginners

Tue 9:30-11:30 am

ESOL FOR EMPLOYABILITY

Wed 12:30-2:30 pm

ESOL CAFE

Tue 11.30am - 12.30pm

All classes offered at RCLC are for women only EXCEPT for the Employability course