



# IncludEd

## THE COMPASS INCLUSION NEWSLETTER

Family Edition

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## Hello and Welcome to the IncludEd Family newsletter!

At Compass, we are passionate about creating learning communities where every child thrives and experiences belonging. We believe that belonging is more than just a word; it's about creating a culture where each child's unique strengths are understood and success is celebrated in many forms. Following the success of our staff inclusion newsletter, 'IncludEd', we are thrilled to introduce a new family edition for parents and carers. This newsletter will allow us to share our ongoing inclusion journey with you. By working together, we can continue to build strong, connected communities and ensure the best outcomes for the children.

## Introducing our SEND Parent & Carer Forum

We're excited to introduce our SEND Parent and Carer Forum. This initiative brings together family representatives from each of our schools. This group shapes our strategic direction and ensures that children's and families' views are at the centre of our work.

***"I recently joined the SEND forum with two goals in mind: connecting with other SEND parents and contributing to discussions on supporting diverse needs.***

***We can provide support and empathy by sharing information and guidance with each other and Compass. I hope to play a role in developing strategies for children with a history of trauma and those with complex needs."***

**Daniel**

We are currently looking for representatives in several schools, so please look out for communications and consider putting yourself forward.

## PARENT SURVEY

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the survey last summer. We have learned that parents and carers of children with SEND are eager for more opportunities to connect and discover supportive services and activities in their local area. You also told us that raising awareness of diversity and our support in schools should continue to be a priority. This newsletter will update you on our progress towards these important goals.



# OUT & ABOUT IN THE COMMUNITY

Look at some of the amazing things happening on our doorstep in Greenwich, suitable for children with SEND!



[Audio Universe: Tour of the Solar System | Royal Museums Greenwich \(rmg.co.uk\)](#) - A show from the Royal Observatory - made especially for visually impaired people/ children, but enjoyable by all!



[Dance Ability: Carers & Dancers | Trinity Laban](#) - A fun and creative weekly class, specifically designed for young dancers with cognitive and/or physical disabilities or who identify as neurodivergent.



[Morning Stars | Royal Museums Greenwich \(rmg.co.uk\)](#) - Relaxed Planetarium shows for those who prefer a calmer environment, such as people with autism.



[Sensory Sailors](#) - Come to the National Maritime Museum and enjoy this brand-new sensory play session for children with special educational needs.



[The Enchanted Cinema 'The Snowman' Interactive | Woolwich Works](#) - The Snowman (Interactive) glides across the towns and cities of the UK for another winter!



[Father Christmas | Christmas Magic in Greenwich - Old Royal Naval College](#) - Relaxed sessions available on Sunday, 15 December, 10.15 am and Sunday, 22 December, 10.15 am.



[Autistic Inclusive Meets](#) - Runs a Sensory session on Mondays for families in Greenwich.



[Royal Museums Greenwich](#) - offers a safe space for local LGBTQ+ families to meet one another, get involved in creative activities for all ages and explore the stories within the collection



[Royal Greenwich Children's Services | New Lodge \(newlodgerda.org.uk\)](#) - horse riding sessions for children with SEN in Greenwich.



[Family Fund](#) provides support for families on a low income who are raising a child with disabilities. Grants are awarded for clothes, sensory toys, games, books, music, laptops and tablets, outdoor play equipment, games consoles bikes and short breaks. [REACT](#) are another small charity offering rapid support, including Christmas gifts, for children with potentially terminal illnesses.