



# Selwyn Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Happy half-term! This week has been Child Mental Health Week, with the theme: Being Ourselves. We have been celebrating our unique qualities and discussing the things which we have in common. We are all different and every child at our school has the right to feel comfortable in their own skin. They are taught through the PSHE curriculum that they are free to express themselves within the framework of our 5Cs and our British value of mutual respect. If you are concerned about your own or your child's mental well-being then we are here to help. We have access to a range of services, both in-house and external, that we can put you in contact with, to ensure you and your children are well supported. If you would like to discuss this issue more or require more information, please contact Gina Milan, Monday to Friday, on the school's number.

This week we have also had Safer Internet Use Day. This is a national initiative that has been running for a number of years and has been recognised by schools across the UK. As part of this, pocket-size guides on how to use the social media site Facebook were sent home with all children. We are by no means promoting Facebook usage - especially not for children of primary age - but want parents and siblings who use Facebook to be aware of how they can make its use safer. We have a small number of similar leaflets about safer use of Instagram and Twitter. If you would like more information or to obtain a leaflet, then please attend the Safer Internet coffee morning that will be held Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 9 am.

The school continues to be a hive of activity. This week we have been visited by the local ambulance service who spoke to the children about their role in keeping them safe. We will be visited by the local community police next term.

As the half-term break approaches and school is closed for a week, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that our responsibility for keeping the children safe does not stop. If you are worried about a pupil at this school during the holiday or out of normal school hours, including the weekend, please contact the school by phone, on any weekday during a holiday before 1pm, or email any safeguarding concerns to [cp@selwyn.waltham.sch.uk](mailto:cp@selwyn.waltham.sch.uk). This email is accessed regularly and will receive prompt attention.

Thank you for your continuing support this term and I wish you all a safe and enjoyable break.

Lisa Bogle  
Headteacher

## Half-term activities

As you can see opposite, our Year 4 pupils all thoroughly enjoyed their time at the Science Museum this week. Because of this, and with the half-term holiday about to start, we thought it was worth mentioning that most museums in London are free. These include: the Natural History Museum, the Museum of London, the British Museum, the National Maritime, the National Gallery, and many more. For information on any of these, including opening times and details of special half-term activities, please visit their web pages or:

[www.timeout.com/london/museums/free-museums-in-london](http://www.timeout.com/london/museums/free-museums-in-london)

## Diary Dates

12 – 16 Feb	Half-term break
19 Feb	NSPCC Visit
20 Feb	School Nurse – Yr 2
21 Feb	Parents' Evening 3.30 – 8 pm
22 Feb	Special Assembly – KS2 'The History of Waltham Forest'  Egyptian Workshop – Yr 3  Nurse Drop-in session 8.30 - 9.30 am
23 Feb	Coffee Morning – 'e-safety' 9 – 10 am
27 Feb	Micro Musical – Yr 5 9.15 am – parents welcome
28 Feb	Natural History Museum – Rec
1 Mar	World Book Day

## Science Museum Visit



Year 4 have visited the Science Museum in London, where they had a great time in the Wonderlab, trying out an exciting array of activities, including visiting the 'Chemistry Bar', seeing lightening strike and creating 'flowing mist'.

After lunch, they watched a show called 'Live Wire' where they learnt about electricity in the home.

They had so much fun that one child even cried when it was time to leave!



## Stratford & East London Music Festival

On Tuesday, pupils from Years 5 and 6 took part in the Stratford & East London Music Festival, a competition for school orchestras, musicians, choirs and soloists. They performed a variety of pieces, including their version of Andrew Lloyd Webber's 'Whistle down the Wind' for which they were rewarded with second place.



## Football Tournament

Last Friday, two teams from Y5 and Y6 – selected for their performance in PE lessons and after-school clubs – entered Waltham Forest School Sports Annual Football Tournament at Goals in Chingford.

Both teams started well, with a victory apiece at the qualifying stage. Year 6 proceeded to win the next 3 games, with captain Shillo scoring some important goals. In their final match, they just missed out on topping the table with a 1-0 loss, and in the knock-out stages, they were narrowly beaten in the quarters by a worthy adversary. Year 5, led by captain Zachery, were less lucky with two draws, a loss and a win.

All thoroughly enjoyed participating and will use the experience to prepare themselves for future fixtures.



*Our Yr 5 & 6 football teams with proud coach Josh de Fernando-Burton*

## Ambulance Visit



On Wednesday, the ambulance service paid a visit to Reception and Year 1, and all the children certainly enjoyed meeting the paramedics!

They learnt about what they do, the different types of vehicles they drive and how they can help injured people. The paramedics also gave the children an opportunity to wear their special uniforms and acted out different scenarios where they might be called out for an emergency.

## Attendance

The classes with the highest and lowest attendance for the week ending 2.2.18 were:

Highest	Percentage
Chestnut	100%
Cedar	100%
Pine	98.8%
Lowest	Percentage
Hawthorn	94.0%
Holly	91.7%
Rowan	91.7%

We are thrilled to be able to report that two classes achieved 100% attendance last week.

***Congratulations to Chestnut & Cedar classes!***



## Writer of the Week



This week, our congratulations go to:

Lower Phase – Sofia Dumitru-Grecu, Chestnut Class

Upper Phase – Kenisha Daworaz, Cypress Class



## Mathematician of the Week



This week, our congratulations go to:

Lower Phase – Neriya Obili-Blay, Chestnut Class

Upper Phase – Daniel Sandford, Hazel Class