



Selwyn Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our first newsletter of the year! I hope you have had a fantastic week. We have been working behind the scenes to think of ways to improve the way we share information with you. We now have our Anomaly Board at the school entrance which contains key information, including upcoming events. We are also in the process of updating our website – look out for future updates.

Last week, I attended Waltham Forest Headteacher Conference. Although this often feels indulgent, it is a great place to reflect and hear about the exciting things other schools are doing. One speaker described an exciting project mysteriously called ROOM 13.

It is difficult to summarise in a few words the wonder of ROOM 13 but I will try. ROOM 13 is a space where children can create ART; Art of any kind. The room is supervised by an artist-in-residence who supports the children. At Selwyn, we do not currently have an artist-in-residence; however, with your support, I feel we could make this work. What I would like to do is run a pop-up ROOM 13 that is open whenever we have a parent volunteer available to act as artist-in-residence. This could be anything from an hour or two to a whole week, depending on the artist's available time.

The first thing to stress is you don't have to be an artist to get involved. This is for anyone who enjoys being creative, or watching others doing so. Children would visit ROOM 13 and do the art they choose to. I envisage a maximum of 6 children, with support to enable this to happen. There is so much our children would benefit from by having a creative space. I am a firm believer that artistic skills should be allowed to develop organically, not taught, and that while participating in art-based activities we learn, too.

So what do we need to make this happen? We need YOU. If you are creative and could give us an hour, a day or longer – whatever time you can afford - at anytime across the school year to run ROOM 13, we would be grateful. Please come and sign up in the school office or email your interest. Let's make this happen, for the benefit of all our children! I hope to hear from you.

Lisa Bogle
Headteacher

Children Born Between 1 September 2014 – 31 August 2015

Do you have a child born between the above dates? If so, they are due to start reception in September 2019. You must apply online for a reception place for your child at:

www.eadmissions.org.uk

For more information, visit Waltham Forest Primary School Admissions, where you can download a copy of the *Starting Primary School 2019* brochure, which has full details:

www.walthamforest.gov.uk/content/applying-primary-school-place

Closing date for applications is 15 January 2019.

Diary Dates

9 Oct	Swimming Yr 4
13 Oct	Inter-school Debate – Yr 6
	St Albans Trip – Yr 3
10 Oct	Walk to School Day
10/11 Oct	Victorian Day – Yr 4
11 Oct	London Eye Trip – Yr 2
	Coffee Morning – Phonics 9 – 10 am
12 Oct	African Dance Workshop – Yrs 2/3
13 Oct	Story-Telling Session with Craig (for Selwyn families only) Session times to follow
16 Oct	Swimming – Yr 4
	Geffrye Museum visit – Yr 1
17 Oct	Parents' Evening 3.30 – 7.30 pm (see below)
19 Oct	Breast Cancer Awareness – wear something pink
	FOSS Halloween Discos
22 - 26 Oct	Half-term holidays
29 Oct	Children return to school

Parents' Evening

You will shortly be receiving notification of how to book an appointment for this term's Parents' Evening which will take place on Wednesday, 17 October. If you have any queries or need any assistance with this, please see the office.

School Places

There are still 42 school places available at Selwyn. Please tell your neighbours, friends, relatives and anyone else you think might be interested to contact us for further information.



The Ragged School Museum

Children in Year 4 are studying the Victorians this term and so, to support their learning, they all visited the Ragged School Museum in Tower Hamlets.



They took part in lessons led by a 'Victorian' teacher in a typical Victorian Classroom, where they learnt how different – and strict - school was then. They were particularly fascinated by the punishments that Victorian children received, including the cane and dunce's hat!

Then, they spent time in a Victorian East End kitchen where, through role-playing, they learnt about home life. They scrubbed clothes, beat carpets and again began to appreciate how much harder life was then.



The museum runs a range of family-friendly activities, many of which are free. See adjoining box for further information.



Hallowe'en at the Ragged School Museum

Wednesday 24 & Thursday 25 October 2018
10 am - 5 pm

Join us this October half-term at the Ragged "Ghoul" Museum for our Hallowe'en shenanigans.

Concoct potions, hunt for ghosts and solve mysteries with a Victorian twist.

Arts and craft activities will be on offer throughout the Museum, The Victorian Classroom, East End Kitchen and Under 5s Ragamuffin Room will also be open as usual, as well as our Towpath Café for a spot of tea, and of course no Hallowe'en is complete without a spot of face-painting!

Admission & all activities are free!

For further information visit:

<https://www.raggedschoolmuseum.org.uk/holiday-activities/>

Attendance

The classes with the highest and lowest attendance for the week ending 28.9.18 were:

Highest	Percentage
Cedar	100%
Cherry	99.6%
Rowan	99.3%
Lowest	Percentage
Hornbeam	94.8%
Willow	89.7%
Cypress	83.7%

Our congratulations to the children of Cedar Class for their excellent attendance last week!



Macmillan Coffee Morning



We would like to thank everyone who supported our Macmillan Coffee Morning last week, whether by making/donating a cake, attending the morning, or purchasing one of the many goodies on offer.

We are pleased to say that more than £100 was raised for this worthy cause.



Writer of the Week



This week, our congratulations go to:

Lower Phase – Lola, Oak Class

Upper Phase –Tadhg, Mulberry Class



Mathematician of the Week



This week, our congratulations go to:

Lower Phase – Sophie, Oak Class

Upper Phase – April, Olive Class