



Selwyn Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you have had a fantastic week. Thank you to all the parents who attended Parents' Evening this week. I hope you found it both useful and informative and have a better understanding on what we can work on together for the good of the children.

I have had some feedback regarding recent newsletter content and the letter some of you received from the NSPCC. I am sorry that some children have found some topics around safeguarding difficult. I apologise if this has been the case for your particular child; however, as a school, we have a duty to equip your child with the knowledge they need to keep themselves safe and I feel it is important that as parents you are aware of the local context. Newsletters will be paperless from next term and this should limit the audience that have access to future issues.

I want to take this opportunity to update you regarding some of the things we are doing as a school to make learning even better and to help you understand how your child is doing. The expectation for the autumn term was Emerging (E). This represents the standard we would expect for any child in Y1-6 at the end of that term. The expectation for the spring term is that all children should be moving towards and achieving the Expected Standard (EXS). By the end of the year, we would like all children to be working at least at Expected Standard but many (our target is over 1/3 of the class) should be working at Greater Depth Standard (GDS). This is the standard used to describe children who are working on their year-group objectives but with depth, more independence and sophistication. I hope the brief meeting with your child's teacher has given you some idea of how we can work together to support the children and ensure they achieve these standards. If you are not clear or have any further questions, please make an appointment to discuss this with the class teacher in more detail.

Last Tuesday, the Local Governing Body met. I am pleased to introduce Helen Dor and Benny Madan who have had a long relationship with the school and have joined the Governing Body. We thank them for the challenge and the support they will bring as we move towards outstanding.

Thank you all again for your continuing support. Have a fantastic weekend.

Lisa Bogle
Headteacher

Diary Dates

- 27 Feb Micro Musical – Yr 5
9.15 am – parents welcome
- 28 Feb Natural History Museum – Rec
- 1 Mar World Book Day

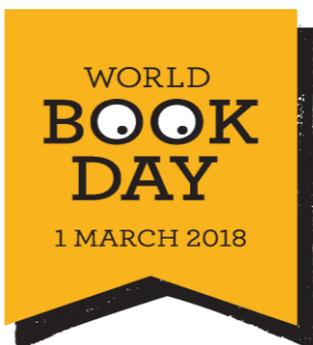
Micro Musical – Yr 3
9.15 am – parents welcome

First Aid Training – Yr 5
- 2 Mar Book Swap
3.45 pm - Cavendish Hall

LBWF School Spring Clean – Yr 6
- 5 Mar Special Assembly –
Community Police Safer
Neighbourhood Team
- 7 Mar Performance Assembly –
instrumentalists/vocalists/pianists
- 7/8 Mar Cycle Confident – Yr 3
- 9 Mar Mothers' Day Breakfast - 9 am
Mother's Day Assemblies:
9.30 – 10 am Rec/Yr 1/Yr 2
10 – 10.30 am Yrs 3 - 6
- 13 Mar Science Day – any parents who
would be able to share a science
skill, please let the office know

World Book Day

By now, you should have received a letter outlining the exciting activities we have planned to mark World Book Day next week.



These include: fancy dress day, book swap, and our 'Strange Place to Get Caught Reading' competition.

For further information, including ideas for exciting activities (from colouring to cooking) to make and do with your children, visit:

www.worldbookday.com

Parents' Evening

Selwyn was a hive of activity of Wednesday evening as we held our spring parents' evening. Once again, we were delighted to be able to welcome so many of you; it really is encouraging for us to see your support and commitment – both to your children and to our school - so clearly demonstrated.

If you were unable to attend the evening but would like to speak to your child's teacher, please feel free to arrange to do so after school one day.

'Nothing you do for children is ever wasted.'

Garrison Keillor

The History of Waltham Forest

Yesterday, staff from the Vestry House Museum in Walthamstow visited the school and led a special assembly for Years 5 & 6. The children learnt all about the rich history of our borough, including famous people, special events and inventions associated with Waltham Forest, two of which are the first petrol car and Andrex toilet paper!



This museum is a great place for you and your family to learn more about our borough. They also run special events, such as Arts & Crafts sessions on every 2nd Sunday of the month. These sessions, and admission to the museum, are free of charge.

Table Tennis Competition

Table tennis is part of our PE curriculum and yesterday, a group of students went to the Copper Box Arena in Stratford to watch the ITTF World Cup, where they were lucky enough to see the England Women's Team play against Hong Kong although, despite a valiant effort, they lost!



This was a great opportunity for them to see some of the best players in the world in action. They were really inspired by these elite athletes and even got the opportunity to meet the England Team,

who kindly signed autographs for them, too.

Writer of the Week



This week, our congratulations go to:

Lower Phase – Theodore Velinov, Holly Class

Upper Phase – Nicholas Heracleous, Juniper Class

Egyptian Workshop



Year 3's topic this term is The Egyptians and yesterday, to enrich their learning, they all took part in an Egyptian workshop. This included a variety of exciting activities, including re-enacting the stories of Rameses II and the Battle of Kadesh, dressing up in Egyptian costumes and using Egyptian artefacts and weapons.



Our fearsome Year 3 warriors preparing for battle!

Attendance

The classes with the highest and lowest attendance for the week ending 9.2.18 were:

Highest	Percentage
Cedar	98.4%
Olive	98.1%
Pine	98.0%
Lowest	Percentage
Juniper	88.8%
Hornbeam	87.0%
Mulberry	83.3%



Mathematician of the Week



This week, our congratulations go to:

Lower Phase – Behisht Musakhan, Holly Class

Upper Phase – Harry Goldblatt, Cedar Class