



Selwyn Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

This is probably one of the most important newsletters I have ever written as its sole topic is keeping our children safe. As a school, we have a responsibility to ensure that we equip parents with the knowledge they need to keep children safe. With this in mind, over the next few weeks, I will be writing to you about various topics to do with safeguarding our children.

This week I would like to share what I know about our local area. 14 children were killed on our streets as a result of knife crime. It is suspected that much of this activity was linked to gangs. The community police have informed me that there are gangs active in the Chingford area. This makes all children vulnerable but, in particular, gangs are targeting the siblings of other young people, often girls and children under the age of 10. Often girls are recruited to these gangs by other girls. The Mayor of London has launched a campaign called **London Needs You Alive**. Further information on gangs and knife crime in London can be found on the Mayor's website:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/mayors-office-policing-and-crime-mopac/london-needs-you-alive-dont-carry-knife>

Your children are never too young for you to begin to talk to them about positive and negative influences. Although you may not want to talk about the horrors of knife crime with younger children, it is especially important that these conversations are happening with children as early as when they are in Year 4. As a school, we have asked the local police to run workshops with children in Year 6. As part of the PSCH curriculum, we continue, to talk about caring for others – one of our 5Cs - and the community with the whole of the school. We ask that you begin appropriate discussions with your child as you deem fit. Working together is the best way to keep our children safe.

Kind regards
Lisa Bogle
Headteacher

Diary Dates

23/30 Jan	Craig, story-teller, in Rec/Yr 1
20 Jan	Story-Telling Sessions with Craig 10 am and 11 am All welcome (See over for more information)
22/26 Jan	Houses of Parliament Trip – Yr 6
24 Jan	Growing Against Violence Workshop – Yr 6
26 Jan	Art Gallery 3.15 – 4 pm All welcome
29 Jan	Young Voices performance at 02
31 Jan	Chinese New Year Assembly - Rec 10.30 – 10.45 am
1 Feb	Bring a Parent to School - Yrs1 & 3 9 am - break
1/5/7/8 Feb	Science Museum Trip – Yr 4
2 Feb	Coffee Morning 9 – 10 am 'How we teach & assess children's work in reading, writing, spelling & grammar'
5 Feb	Music Festival
8 Feb	Valentine's Disco
12 – 16 Feb	Half-term break

Maths Afternoon

It was great to see so many parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, siblings and carers at our Maths Games Afternoon this week.

We hope you were impressed by the imagination and creativity of your children, and enjoyed playing their games with them as much as they did.



Young Writers Poetry

Competition

In addition to the children mentioned in last week's newsletter, we are extremely proud to add another name to those who took part in the Young Writers poetry competition, 'Little Riddlers'. This time, the child is in Year 1 and his name is Leon Holst. Many congratulations, Leon!



PE Kits

Despite our many reminders, a significant number of children were not able to participate in PE lessons this week due to a lack of PE kit. Please ensure that your child has a kit in school by next Monday, and leaves it there until the February half-term break.

Safeguarding Notices

Reporting Absences

In the event that your child is unable to attend school, please call to notify us as soon as possible. Failure to do so may result in their absence being recorded as unauthorised.

Outside of school office hours, please leave a message, clearing stating your child's name and class, on: **0208 527 3814**.

After-School Collection

As mentioned last week, if someone else is collecting your child from school, please make sure the office has all their details, together with a password.

These measures are vital for ensuring the safety of all our children.

Motivational Workshop

Yesterday, pupils from Year 6 all took part in a motivational workshop on the theme 'What it means to be successful'. They joined in a range of activities which involved problem solving as part of a team.



These helped them identify the skills they will need to be successful in life, both at work and in their personal lives.



Attendance

We are extremely pleased to be able to report that last week we exceeded our attendance target of 97%.

The classes with the highest and lowest attendance for the week ending 12.1.18 were:

Highest	Percentage
Chestnut	100%
Rowan	99.6%
Walnut	99.5%
Lowest	Percentage
Hornbeam	95.0%
Cypress	
Teak	94.4%
Cedar	93.8%

Congratulations to Chestnut Class for 100% attendance!

Writer of the Week



This week, our congratulations go to:

Lower Phase – Frankie Dawe, Olive Class

Upper Phase – Oliwia Salek, Maple Class



Mathematician of the Week



This week, our congratulations go to:

Lower Phase – Hiban Yousaf, Olive Class

Upper Phase – Natalia Mauro, Beech Class