



# Selwyn Primary School Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a really positive week at Selwyn and lots of excitement as been generated by the start of the visits to the new classrooms in our new school. It's amazing how many children wanted to see my office, I thought they would be much more excited to see the new playground and early years play areas.

Many of you have been enquiring as to when you will have the opportunity to see the new building. Unfortunately, the builder has put a hold on visits for parents until we have full possession and therefore visits for parents will not happen until the autumn term when we have our official opening. Although we are excited to show it off, this is probably sensible as having a large volume of parents visit the building before we move in may lead to damage and the need to clean carpets etc. Something the builders wish to avoid

The year 2 SATs are almost complete and next week the year 6 children get the opportunity to show all that they have learnt. I have been extremely impressed by the standard of work and the progress the children have made. They have demonstrated that they are confident, resilient learners and I am sure you will join me in wishing them all the best for next week.

Next week, will mark the start of Ramadan for some of our school community. Can I remind you that you do not encourage children under year 5 to fast during this period and we have asked parents of children in year 6 to make sensible, safe decisions regarding whether or not children will be fasting during the SATs week. For those children who wish to fast, we will be providing a supervised space where they can observe the fast during lunchtimes. If your child is fasting next week you should have already informed your child's teacher. If you have not done so, pleased do as soon as possible.

Have a fantastic weekend,

Lisa Bogle

## Diary Dates

14 May	KS2 SATs week (see over)
	Healthy School Week
	Walk to School Week
14/21 May	Leyton Orient – Yr 4
18 May	Coffee Morning – Phonics
	Suntrap – Reception
21/22/23 May	L'Oréal Young Scientist – Yr 3
23 May	Victoria & Albert Museum – Yr 5
<b>24/25 May</b>	<b>Building Days - School &amp; Acorn Club closed</b>

**28 May – 1 June Half-term**

<b>4/5 Jun</b>	<b>Building Days - School &amp; Acorn Club closed</b>
<b>6 Jun</b>	<b>Children return to school</b>
7 Jun	Cambridge University Trip – Yr 5
	Cricket Competition – Yr 5/6 girls
8 Jun	French Day
	L'Oréal Young Scientist Cedar Class (rescheduled visit)
	Cricket Competition – KS2 boys

## Volunteer Readers

If you have a bit of spare time and would like to spend it fruitfully, we always welcome volunteer readers to support us by listening to children read, either on a one-to-one basis or in small groups.

If this would interest you, please speak to Gina or Ms Amankwah.



## Selwyn Stay & Play

**Play, learn and grow together!**

Thursdays 1.30 - 3 pm (Nursery)



Parents and carers, come and join Nas for fun activities and messy play. All activities are perfect for children aged 0 - 4 years.

**Only 50p per family per session.**

## Leyton Orient Visit

Last Friday, a group of children from Years 3 - 5 visited Leyton Orient Football Club. They were given a tour of the stadium, which included the players' changing rooms, their conference facilities and the board room where they looked at photos of old club players.



Finally, they were taken out to the pitch, where they were able to sit in the dug-out. However, they were not allowed to step on the pitch itself!



## Schools Tennis Competition

Yesterday afternoon, our tennis team competed in the regional finals of the Schools Tennis Competition. Despite playing with great motivation and enthusiasm, they were unfortunately beaten by another school in the borough. However, all should be very proud of the way they represented the school and the great sportsmanship they demonstrated, even in defeat.



## Writer of the Week



This week, our congratulations go to:

Lower Phase – Oliver, Chestnut Class

Upper Phase – Sara, Maple Class

## Supporting your child during SATs Weeks

At Selwyn, we are fortunate to have supportive and committed parents and carers. This is particularly appreciated during SATs week. With this in mind, we have some tips for supporting your child this time. We know you are probably already doing most, if not all, of these things, but it never hurts to remind ourselves!

1. Sleep is always important, but especially during extended periods of concentration. Try to ensure your child is not overstimulated in the run-up to bed time.
2. A relaxing bedtime routine should help send them to sleep.
3. Ensure your child has a nutritious breakfast to help them stay focused until lunch time.
4. It should not all be about studying. Allow time for your child to do activities they enjoy.
5. Ensure your child arrives at school in plenty of time so they remain calm and don't panic about being late.
6. Encourage your child not to panic. Discuss and reassure them about any worries they may have.
7. Send your child to school every day with a positive comment being the last thing they hear before heading in!

***Above all, don't worry and encourage your child not to either!***

## Attendance

The classes with the highest and lowest attendance for the week ending 27.4.18 were:

Highest	Percentage
Hazel	100%
Pine	99.3%
Palm Aspen	99.2%
Lowest	Percentage
Teak	91.7%
Olive	90.4%
Maple	88.6%

***Congratulations to Hazel Class for their excellent attendance!***



## Mathematician of the Week



This week, our congratulations go to:

Lower Phase – Fatima, Chestnut Class

Upper Phase – Jessica, Beech Class