



Selwyn Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for another fantastic week. It has been great meeting some of you at the year group meetings. These will continue into next week.

You should have all received by email a copy of your child's year group booklet for 2017/18. These are also available to download and print from the year group pages on our website. In them you will find key information regarding uniform, curriculum and the ever important diary dates.

As the year swiftly progresses, I want to remind you of some of our school's priorities for 2017- 2018: We continue to work on ensuring that **more of the teaching at Selwyn is outstanding and that there is excellence in teaching and learning.** We are committed to **developing our curriculum so that children have the opportunity to deepen their learning and master more skills.** **Attendance** remains a priority and so our target for individual children, classes and the whole school remains at **97%**. We have a lot of work to do in this area. We want Selwyn to be a centre of excellence in all areas. After all, the only 21st century skill that we can be sure will still be useful to our children is the skill of learning! Our pupil outcomes show that our children, with your support, do well however, there is much to do to improve. Our motto for sometime has been about our children 'keeping up and not catching up'. With your help we can do this. Please help us by ensuring your child is in school everyday and that you a reading with your child daily. Raise concerns about your child early and give us the opportunity to deal with your concerns. Together we can ensure that every child in Selwyn learns, grows and develops.

Kind regards

Lisa Bogle
Head teacher

Diary Dates

- 26 Sept Parents' Meeting – Yr1 & Yr 5
9-10am or 6-7pm
Parents with children in these years are expected to attend.
- 27/28 Sept Victorian Day – Yr 4
- 29 Sept MacMillan Coffee Morning
- 2 Oct Black History Month begins
- 3 Oct Parents' Meetings - Yrs 3 & 4
9-10 am or 6-7 pm
Parents with children in these years are expected to attend.
- 4/11 Oct William Morris Trip – Yr 4
- 5 Oct Year 6 debate – Parents Welcome
9.30-9.45am
- 6 Oct Coffee Morning – 'Phonics'

L'Oreal Young Scientist Trip - Cedar Class
- 11 Oct 'Bring Your Parents to School'
9 -10.30 am - Reception1 & Yr 2
- 13 Oct Inter-school Debate – Yr 6

World's Biggest Coffee Morning

**Friday 29 September
9.15 – 10.15 am**

Next Friday, 29 September, we will again be taking part in the World's Biggest Coffee in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support. As always, donations of cakes, buns or biscuits (home-made or bought but **no nuts please**) will be gratefully received and we hope to see as many of you there as possible.



Selwyn Stay & Play

Play, learn and grow together!

Thursdays 9.30 – 11 am (Dining Hall)
1.30 – 3 pm (Nursery)



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

Only 50p per family per session.

Hope to see you soon!

Science Dome

On Wednesday, Year 5 took part in sessions in a Science Dome. They were fascinated to see the night sky reproduced in the dome and to learn all about planets and the solar system.



Junk Orchestra

Yesterday, the Junk Orchestra came in and worked with children across the year groups. The children had fun making music with items that would normally be considered junk and thrown away, such as wheel rims, bottle tops and broken tennis balls.



Then, they created their own instruments using 'junk' items from home. Finally, they came together to perform as their own 'junk orchestra'.



Trips Reminder



If you have not yet returned your child's trips permission slip, together with any contributions due, please do so as a matter of urgency, as your child will not be able to take part in any trips without them.

Attendance

The classes with the highest and lowest attendance for the week ending 15.9.17 were:

Highest	Percentage
Hawthorn	100%
Rowan	99.3%
Holly	98.8%
Lowest	Percentage
Cedar	92.1%
Mulberry	91.4%
Maple	83.2%

We are pleased to say that, for a second week running, we have a class achieving 100%.

Congratulations to Hawthorn Class!

Dahlicious Day



We are pleased to say that our donations have raised nearly £300 for Roald Dahl's Children's Charity.

Writer of the Week



This week, our congratulations go to:

Lower Phase –Katie Oliver, Olive Class

Upper Phase – Zuhayb Anwar, Aspen Class



Mathematician of the Week



This week, our congratulations go to:

Lower Phase – George Wanjau, Olive Class

Upper Phase – Yunus Hussain, Aspen Class