



Selwyn Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to update you regarding the school's Special Needs and Welfare team.

As many of you will know, Ms Barter, the school's previous SENCO left the school at the end of the last academic year. Since September, I have been the Special Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO) for the school. I am supported in this role by the school's welfare team: Ms Ropa Matibenga and Ms Gina Milan. Our primary role is to ensure that we have an effective safeguarding culture at the school and that we have good quality provision for children with additional needs that supports them in keeping up with their peers. The wider team consists of specialists including: an educational psychologist, music therapist, counsellor, speech therapist, Whitefields Outreach Support Service, sports instructors, yoga instructor and a Waltham Forest Dyslexic Association teacher.

If your child is on the special needs register, you will have already met with Gina or Ropa as part of the one-page profile meetings. If you are new to Reception, you will have been invited to meet with me.

We are here to help. Should you have any concerns regarding extra support for your child with their learning in school, please do not hesitate to get in touch: in the first instance with Gina and Ropa who will be happy to discuss your child and arrange a meeting with me, if necessary.

Kind regards
Lisa Bogle
Headteacher

Safeguarding Notices

Please note that we are currently operating a **one-way** system on both school gates while there are building works on the house adjacent to the school. This work is due to be completed by the end of the term. Thank you for your co-operation.

We are sending out pupil data collection sheets for all pupils. Please check that we have **up-to-date contact details** for all parents and emergency contacts. Please also ensure that you have provided a password to be used in when collecting your child in emergencies.

Further information about our safeguarding can be found at <http://www.selwynprimarywaltham.co.uk/safeguarding>

Diary Dates

13 Nov	Anti-Bullying Week
14 Nov	Duxford Trip – Yr 6
16/17 Nov	Cycle Confident – Yrs 3 & 4
17 Nov	Instrumentalists Performance Assembly - 9.30 am Invited parents
23 Nov	Junk Orchestra – Reception & Yr 1
24 Nov	Coffee Morning 9 – 10 am Year 5 debate 9.30 – 9.45 am Parents welcome
25 Nov	Christmas Fair – see over
27 Nov	Cycle Confident – Yr 5 (all week)
30 Nov	Piano recital 4 pm – Invited parents
1 Dec	Shakespeare for Schools Performance 9.15 am Parents welcome

Remembrance Day

This morning, we held a special assembly, led by pupils from Year 6, to commemorate Remembrance Day, the day when we remember all those who have served their countries during any conflict. If you were able to join us, we hope you found it as moving as we did.



At 11 am, we all came together to observe a minute's silence.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

On Saturday, 25 November, FOSS will be holding their annual Christmas Fair. This is always an exciting event, guaranteed to get you in the Christmas spirit. There will be a wide range of fun activities suitable for the whole family, including: games, gifts & crafts, tombolas, face painting, mulled wine & mince pies, and even Father Christmas himself.

Obviously, events like this take an enormous amount of hard work and effort, so all offers of help will be gratefully received, whether on the day itself or helping to set up on the Friday evening before. If you are able to help, please let the office know.

Selwyn's Got Talent

As you are probably already aware, this week we have been holding Selwyn's Got Talent across the school. Yesterday was the final for pupils in KS2 and, once again, we were treated to a great selection of entertainment - music, dance, gymnastics, magic and jokes – performed in groups and as solos.

Everyone did themselves proud and it was a tough task for the judges to only pick one winner. However, after much careful contemplation, they decided the winners were a group of girls from Year 5 who performed a song and dance number which they had choreographed themselves.



**Congratulations to our KS2 winners:
Janine, Taqwa, Dariana, Leona and Alessia!**

At the time of writing, we are eagerly anticipating this afternoon's KS1 final which promises to be as exciting.

Cold Weather

The weather has become noticeably colder this week but we still have some children coming to school without a coat. Please ensure that your children are dressed appropriately for the weather with a winter coat, and also gloves, a hat and scarf if possible.



Attendance

The classes with the highest and lowest attendance for the week ending 20.10.17 were:

Highest	Percentage
Olive	99.3%
Hornbeam	98.9%
Teak	98.8%
Lowest	Percentage
Hazel	93.3%
Hawthorn	91.9%
Palm	81.5%

Writer of the Week



This week, our congratulations go to:

Lower Phase – Iris Wood, Palm Class

Upper Phase – Hassan Adam, Juniper Class



Mathematician of the Week



This week, our congratulations go to:

Lower Phase – Leon Holst, Palm Class

Upper Phase – Jakub Wojciechowski, Hawthorn Class