



Selwyn Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

We have had a lot of parents contacting us who are concerned about the attendance letters recently sent out.

We are required, by law, to record the attendance of every child on roll and to show who is absent or late. Absences due to illness, where a parent notifies us, are recorded as authorised, however this is still an absence and will affect your child's attendance figure.

Here at Selwyn, we believe that every child has a right to a good education. To achieve this we need to work with you and your child, by first, ensuring that your child attends school for every session possible. The table below helps to illustrate the impact of poor attendance:

% Attendance	No of school days missed across a full school year	Average no of lessons missed across a full school year
95%	1 week & 4.5 days	58
90%	3 weeks & 4 days	76
85%	5 weeks & 3.5 days	114
80%	7 weeks & 3.5 days	152
75%	9 weeks & 2.5 days	190
70%	11 weeks & 2 days	228

We wish to work with all our families to ensure that our children get the very best from their education. Please contact Gina Millan should you require any support or advice.

I would like to take this opportunity to apologise for the misprint in the last school newsletter. Julia Passos, mother of Renata Castro, is the parent council representative for Mulberry Class. We apologise for this mistake.

Kind regards
Lisa Bogle
Headteacher

Armistice Day

Next Saturday, 11 November, is Armistice Day. Although this originally commemorated the end of the First World War, it is now the day when we remember all those who have served their countries during any conflict. If you have a relative, friend or neighbour who is a veteran, we would like to extend an invitation to them to join us for our special Remembrance Day assembly next Friday, 10 November.



Diary Dates

- 8 Nov Open Day - 9.30 am
New Reception parents
2018/19 intake
- 9 Nov Selwyn's Got Talent Final KS2
1.30 – 3 pm
- 10 Nov Coffee Morning 9 – 10 am
'How we teach Maths'
- Remembrance Day Assembly – Yr 6
9.30 – 9.45 am
- Selwyn's Got Talent Final KS1
1.30 – 3 pm
- 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
Parents welcome
- 23 Nov Junk Orchestra – Reception & Yr 1
- 24 Nov Coffee Morning 9 – 10 am
Year 5 debate 9.30 – 9.45 am
Parents welcome

Bonfire Night

As you are almost certainly aware, this weekend Bonfire Night will be celebrated across the country. With this in mind, we have held special assemblies this week to remind the children about being safe around fireworks.

If you would rather go to an organised event, Waltham Forest will be holding their annual spectacular 'Fireworks Night' this Sunday in Chestnuts Field. The event is free and will run from 6 – 9 pm.



For more information, visit:

www.walthamforest.gov.uk/get-together

Black History Assembly

On the last Friday before half-term, we held special assemblies in all key stages, where the children shared what they learnt during Black History Month. This was done in word, song and drama, and covered a wide range of inspirational people, from those as young as Malala Yousafzai to elder statesmen like Nelson Mandela.

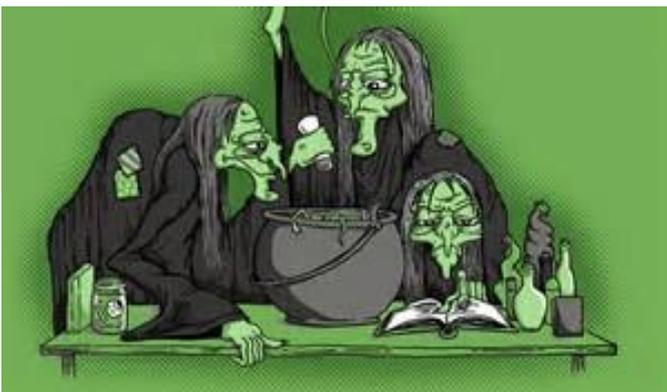


St Albans Trip

This term, Year 3 are studying the Romans and so, yesterday, they went on an exciting trip to the Verulamium Museum in St Albans. It is built on the site of the ancient city of Verulamium which was the third largest city in Roman Britain. The children were fascinated by the wide variety of artefacts and information in the museum, which helped them understand what life was like at that time. They also took part in workshops where they got to dress up as Roman characters – complete with their own Roman names – and acted out scenes from Roman life.

Shakespeare for Schools

On Wednesday, pupils from Year 5 performed in this year's 'Shakespeare for Schools Festival'. This is something we have been taking part in for some years now and, once again, our pupils did us proud with their version of Macbeth which they performed with poise, confidence and great acting prowess.



Congratulations to all those who took part.

Attendance

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

Highest	Percentage
Beech	99.3%
Rowan	98.9%
Cedar	98.5%
Lowest	Percentage
Hazel/Maple	94.8%
Mulberry	94.6%
Juniper	83.8%

Writer of the Week



This week, our congratulations go to:

Lower Phase – Angelina Thomas Walnut Class

Upper Phase – Edward Trott, Beech Class



Mathematician of the Week



This week, our congratulations go to:

Lower Phase – Daniel Madan Walnut Class

Upper Phase – Ruby Buttfield, Cedar Class