

Swing Gate News

20th July 2018



Diary Dates

Mon 3rd September
INSET Day

Tues 4th September
Return to school

Tues 4th September
Breakfast Club
opens

Mon 10th
September
Little Deers After
School Club opens



Maths Week

Maths week was held on the week starting Monday 2nd July. Each day every class explored a different area of mathematics in a fun and cross curricular way.

The children began the week by listening to mathematical based stories, and writing number problems.

The children held their enterprise sale on Wednesday. They had to use mathematical skills to create a product to sell and work out the costings of these items. We thank you for your support of the sale. We made £144.66 profit which will go towards new mathematical equipment.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the week's activities.

Architecture Workshop

The Architecture Workshop was the highlight of the week. Each class used numbers, counting, problem solving, shapes and space to work together to create giant 3D structures. We would like to say a big thank you to FoSG who paid for this valuable experience.



Attend and Achieve

The Attend and Achieve assembly was held this week. The proud winners of the cup for July were **Rabbits Class** with an attendance of 97.9 %

Badgers with 97.0 %
Hedgehogs with 96.8 %
Foxes with 96.3 %
Squirrels with 96.1 %
Voles with 90.5 %
Owls with 89.0 %.

Art Week

Last week the children further developed their knowledge and skills in art. They took on a number of art projects, including designing and printing on fabric and paper and using a Brusho technique to create a whole class piece. Their work was inspired by a number of artists including Georgia O'Keeffe, Andy Goldworthy and Tony Craggs. New skills were learnt and great fun was had by all.



Voles Class Assembly

The children enjoyed practising for their assembly, especially the songs. Their excitement was such that they made a change to the ending the day before their assembly and added a new video clip of themselves singing a favourite song.

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PAUSE for THOUGHT

"Don't make things too complicated. Try to relax, and enjoy every moment".

Angelique Kerber

Top 100 ranked tennis professional

Year 2 Leavers

Thank you Year 2 for the lovely assemblies this week. You, your teachers and teaching assistants have worked very hard. I can't wait to see you again at Thomas Coram School later this year and to hear about your progress.

GOOD NEWS

There have been very many positive things that have come or are coming to fruition this year. The Governors, the Senior Leadership Team, Office Staff, Marketing Team, Grounds Working Group and I have been planning and working behind the scenes on a number of projects.

These include:

The **Golden Jubilee celebrations** which were a great success and the Gazette & Express has written a small piece. You can follow the link <https://www.hemeltoday.co.uk/news/golden-jubilee-for-berkhamsted-infant-school-1-8568445>.

Full wrap around care from 07:30 to 18:00 in partnership with Little Deers.

Academisation, you should have all received a letter yesterday updating you via ParentMail.

The Year 1 outdoor learning environment. This has been finalised and will be completed in the summer holidays ready for the Autumn Term. More details and pictures to follow.

Fond Farewells

It is with sadness that we are saying goodbye to valued members of staff. Mrs King will be leaving to have her twin babies. Mrs van der Merwe, Mrs Glass, Mrs Oakley and Mrs Beattie will be off to pastures new. Mrs Keough, although not teaching next year, will be returning to continue her work with the Swing Gate Choir. We would like to wish them all the best for the future and to thank them for all of their hard work and commitment whilst they have been at Swing Gate Infant School and Nursery. Good luck and thank you.

New Beginnings

In September we would like to welcome new staff to our Swing Gate family.

Mrs Huke, Miss Sonner and Ms Twydell will be the new teachers in Year 1 and Foundation Unit. Mrs Heffernan, Ms Bailey, Mrs Turner will be joining our support staff and we are looking forward to working with them.

Summer Farewell

Finally, I would like to wish you a fantastic summer break, many of you I will meet again next academic year but some of your children will be going off to pastures new so I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and them a happy and healthy future. It has been a pleasure to work with your children and with such supportive parents.

*Francesca Gallagher (Mrs)
Headteacher*

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