

Swing Gate News

6th March 2017



Diary Dates

MARCH 2017

Mon 6th – Fri 10th Mar

Book week – book fair open all week after school

Tues 7th Mar

Book Character Day

Weds 8th Mar

Fairy Tales and Fables
Drama Workshops

Thurs 9th Mar

African Stories Workshops

Fri 10th Mar

FoSG Film Night

Tues 14th Mar

Parents representatives meeting at 2pm

Wed 15th Mar

FoSG Skip & Bounce

Thurs 16th Mar

Class photographs

Fri 17th Mar

Maths Open Morning

Tues 21st Mar

Parents Evening

Thurs 23rd Mar

Parents Evening

Fri 24th Mar

FoSG Quiz night

Thurs 30th Mar

FoSG Easter Egg Hunt

Fri 31st Mar

End of term – school closes at 1:30p.m.

Mon 17th Apr

Bank Holiday

Tues 18th Apr

INSET Day – school closed

Wed 19th Apr

Start of Summer Term

WELCOME

We would like to welcome Mrs Bowers and Miss Lopes who joined our lunch time staff last week. Also congratulations to Mrs Smith (lunch-time staff) on the safe delivery of baby Stanley.

Ofsted Inspection

As you are aware we had Mrs Aykin visit us to inspect our school. I would like to thank all of you who took the time to complete the on-line Parent Voice Survey. I am sure that like the staff, you are eagerly awaiting to hear the result of the visit. Once we have received formal notification we will let you know. Mrs Aykin enjoyed her talk with the Eco/School Council at lunch time and I would like to give them a huge thank you for being so well behaved and polite when talking to her.

Safety

The children have all been learning about various aspect of safety including e-Safety and they have been producing some wonderful work that is displayed in the Main Hall. You will be able to view the displays during Parents Evenings.

For safety, please make sure that your child stays close by when near cars.

Events in school since we last wrote...Year 1



If you have the chance to walk through the Library, you will have seen the wonderful vehicles that are on display. The Year 1 classes have been learning about axles and wheels.



Year 1 went on a virtual flight to The Gambia last week. They travelled by 'aeroplane' to The Gambia, saw the countryside from above as the aeroplane came into land and they had their passports stamped. All in one afternoon, wow! This was a super start to their Africa Topic.

The starting grid for lifelong learning.

PAUSE for THOUGHT

'Let us remember: One book, one pen, one child, and one teacher can change the world.'

*Malala Yousafzai
(Female Education and Human Rights Activist)*

PARENTS EVENINGS

Lisa MacGovern will also be available at the first Parents Evening, on 21st March, for those of you that work in the day. Mrs Galvin (SENDCo) will be available at the second Parents Evening on 23rd March, those of you who wish to talk to her please call into the office to book a slot.

BOOK WEEK

This week is Book Week and we have lots of activities organised to engage and enthuse your child with the joy of reading. There is a Book Fair held after school until 4pm each day.

Today is Book Character Day and it was fantastic to see all the children dressed as a character from their favourite book. Where's Wally?



Wednesday Fairy Tales and Fables Drama Workshop.

Thursday African Stories Workshop – I am sure that Year 1 will be looking forward to this especially after their flight to The Gambia last week.

On Friday we have invited family members to come into the class and read a story aloud to a group of children. Please come and talk to the Class Teacher if you would like to take part.

Events in school since we last wrote...Year 2

This week Year 2 have been investigating the jobs that children did in the Victorian period.



As you can see from the photographs the trials of being a chimney sweep and a coal miner were tried out. Were all the jobs so dirty?

Foundation Stage

They have been growing cress to make their own organic snack for break time.



During show and tell the Nursery Class met Eileen the 3 legged whippet who was kindly brought in for a visit. Eileen was not allowed onto the playground but the Nursery class said hello through the gates.



*Francesca Gallagher (Mrs)
Headteacher*