# Swing Gate News 9th Feb 2018



#### Diary Dates FEBRUARY 2018

12th – 16th Feb Half Term

Tue 20th Feb KS1 Game On PF Coaching

Wed 21st Feb EYFS Game On PE coaching

Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 9:30 Nursery Open Day

Thurs 22nd Feb Perform drama workshop – 'Discover Your Body'

Fri 23rd Feb FoSG bedtime stories

Mon 26th – Fri 2nd March Book week

**MARCH 2018** Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> March Dress up – book day

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> March FoSG Coin weigh in

Tues 6th March 9:30 Nursery open day

Wed 7th March Mighty Zulu Nation workshops

Wed 14th March 14:30 Science day – parent assembly

Thur 15<sup>th</sup> March School Photos

Fri 16th March FoSG Film Night

# Healthy Living Weeks

The children have really enjoyed taking part in lots of different workshops and activities in the last two weeks, including a visit from Mrs Fruit and a BMX champion.

# BMX Year 2 Workshop

The Year 2 children learnt some new skills this week with Mike Mullern, a BMX World Champion. This helped them with developing a 'growth mindset'.







## Speed Stacking Workshops

The whole school took part in a speed stacking day, where the children learnt how to build towers using the speed stacking cups. Mini competitions challenged children to see how fast they could build and take down their towers.



### Game On - Tag Rugby

Reception and Key Stage One children took part in tag rugby workshops. They enjoyed games where they had to work collaboratively to complete challenges. They also learnt some new rugby skills including how to dodge an opponent and how to throw and catch the rugby ball.





The starting grid for lifelong learning

### PAUSE for THOUGHT

"A teacher is a compass that activates the magnets of curiosity, knowledge and wisdom in the pupils."

Ever Garrison

Author and teacher

#### Mathematics Enterprise Event

Thank you to those of you who were able to come to the Mathematics Enterprise event last week. We are delighted that we were able to raise £267.27 for the NSPCC charity. The children worked really hard to make their class products and set up their inviting stalls.



# EYFS PE Coaching

Nursery and Reception enjoyed some energetic PE sessions with Mr Miller this week, learning ways to increase their heart rates. They enjoyed learning new games.



## Parking Reminders

If you are driving to and from the school, please remember to park responsibly. This is a residential area and we need to be aware of our neighbours and local shops. Parking in front of the school gates is for disabled access only.

#### **Book Week**

Our book week begins on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb and lots of exciting activities have been planned. We are looking forward to inspiring the children with book related activities. The children will be able to come into school dressed as their favorite book characters on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**. There will also be a book fair (details to be confirmed) with the opportunity to browse and buy each day.

#### Attendance

The Attend and Achieve assembly was held this week. The proud winners of the cup for January were Squirrels class with an attendance of 98.4%.

Owls	96.9%
Foxes	96.9%
Rabbits	96.6%
Badgers	96.3%
Hedgehogs	96.0%
Voles	94.2%



#### Thomas Coram and Victoria

Your views are still welcome on the proposed federation between Thomas Coram and Victoria. The consultation closes at noon 16<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018. See www.thomascoram.herts.sch.uk/collaboration

Have a safe and happy half term break.

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