

# Swing Gate News 18<sup>th</sup> May 2018



## Diary Dates

Mon 14<sup>th</sup> to Thurs 24<sup>th</sup>  
May SATs Weeks

Sat 19<sup>th</sup> May  
School Spring Fair

Mon 21<sup>st</sup> May  
Walk to school week

Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> May  
Year 1 Class trip

Fri 25<sup>th</sup> May  
Year 2 Class trip

Mon 28<sup>th</sup> May  
Half Term

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> June  
Return to school

Tues 5<sup>th</sup> June  
KS1 Hockey

Wed 6<sup>th</sup> June  
EYFS Hockey

Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> June  
Voles Class trip

Fri 8<sup>th</sup> June 09:15  
Squirrels Class  
assembly

Tue 12<sup>th</sup> June  
Whole School photo

Wed 13<sup>th</sup> June  
Whole School yoga

Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> June  
EYFS PE coaching day

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> June 09:15  
Owls Class assembly

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> June 15:00  
FoSG Tea and Cakes

Mon 18<sup>th</sup> June 08:30  
Father's day breakfast  
(Voles)

## Spring Fair

We have all been caught up in the preparations for the Spring Fair tomorrow. I would like to thank you for your kind generosity and especially those members of the Friends of Swing Gate who have given much of their time and worked very hard to organise this event.

I was very impressed with the standard of art work the children created in the competition for the design for the brochure.

We are all very excited about the Spring Fair and of course the Royal Wedding. The Year 2 choir have chosen to sing songs that reflect the events of the day. I look forward to a very enjoyable day.

## Karate Day

Once again, Mr Keegan came in for the day to run a karate workshop. As you can see in the photo, you need good reflexes.



## Attend and Achieve

The Attend and Achieve assembly was held this week. The proud winners of the cup for April were **Badgers Class** with an attendance of 99.8%.

Rabbits 99.5%  
Foxes 98.7%  
Owls 98.1%  
Hedgehogs 97.6%  
Squirrels 96.1%  
Voles 93.1%



## Class Assembly: Year 1

Rabbits Class gave the first assembly. Everyone in the class had something to say or do about Africa. They made shields and rainmakers, told a story about the Lazy Lion and the finale was an African dance accompanied by drumming.

Hedgehogs Class assembly was based on the theme of "How does your garden grow?" The children recited some poems and finished with a lovely song called "The world is a wonderful place".

## Walk to school week

Next week is Walk to School week. By walking, cycling or scootering the children will help Buster the dinosaur to walk from one side of the earth to the other. Please encourage your child to help Buster.

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## PAUSE for THOUGHT

*"Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today."*

*Malcom X*

## African Jungle Workshop

The children enjoyed flying to Africa. They met the animals that live in the African jungle, got chased by a crocodile and sang lovely songs all before flying home for tea. An amazing day trip was had by all!



## Aldenham Country Park

Following an extensive refurbishment, the centre is now running the SEND Adventure Playground. There is an extensive indoor sensory play centre in the SEND pavilion and wood cabins for educational use. The SEND facilities are suitable for both school visits and families with SEND children. More information can be found by following this link

[www.aldenhamcountrypark.co.uk/education](http://www.aldenhamcountrypark.co.uk/education).

## Voles Street Party

Having read the story "George and Flora's Big Party" the children planned a street party of their own. They made egg and spinach tart, salad and dips, pineapple ice cream which was all washed down with limeade. They organised the stalls, created posters and paid for their turn on the stall. They opened the party with a musical performance. A lovely time was had by all. Thank you to the parents that came.



## Staffing changes

We are delighted to welcome Mrs King and Mrs van der Merwe back from maternity leave at the start of next half term. Mrs King will be teaching in Hedgehogs Class along with Miss Long. She had a lovely welcome from the children when she visited this week. Mrs van der Merwe will be joining Owls Class later in the term.

## Can you help us?

### Lunchtime assistant needed

We have a vacancy for a lunchtime assistant. If you would like to join our team, please contact the school office for information and an application form.

*Francesca Gallagher (Mrs)  
Headteacher*

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