

# Swing Gate News 8<sup>th</sup> June 2018



## Diary Dates

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

Wed 13<sup>th</sup> June  
Yoga workshops

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

Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> June (am)  
Year 1 canal walk

Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> June (pm)  
Year 1 Mini Olympics event at Sportspace

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

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> June  
Year 2 trip to The Rex

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)

Wed 20<sup>th</sup> June  
Sports Day

Thur 21<sup>st</sup> June  
Reserve Sports Day

Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> June  
Year 2 Game On sports coaching at TC

Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> June  
FoSG Film Night

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> June  
Owls Class trip

Tue 26<sup>th</sup> June  
Squirrels Class trip

Wed 27<sup>th</sup> June 09:00  
All About Boy's course

Wed 27<sup>th</sup> June 14.30  
KS1 transition meeting

## Welcome back

The summer term is now in full flow; the children are settled back into their classes after the half term break. I have seen a lot of new and exciting events in school that are motivating the children to learn.

## Year 1 Class trip

On Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May the Year 1 children enjoyed a fun filled action packed trip to College Lake. The activities included pond dipping, bug hunting, and going on a sensory nature walk. The children also became nature detectives and went hunting for clues to solve a mystery in the woods. Thank you to the volunteer helpers that accompanied us on the day.



## Attend and Achieve

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

Hedgehogs with 97.7 %  
Rabbits with 97.3 %  
Foxes with 97.1 %  
Squirrels with 97 %  
Voles with 96.4 %  
Owls with 92.6 %



## Year 2 Class trip

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May the Year 2 classes visited Affinity Water Educational Center. This was a fabulous opportunity for children to gain an understanding of how the water cycle works, how water supports life, where their tap water comes from, and an appreciation of why and how water should be conserved. I am happy to announce that we won the Gold Award Lunch Box Challenge for minimal waste. I would like to thank everyone for their commitment to this challenge. We are truly becoming an Eco School.



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## PAUSE for THOUGHT

*"The beautiful thing about learning is that nobody can take it away from you".*

*BB King*

*American Songwriter*

## Game On Hockey

This week the children have been having hockey coaching with Game On. The children learnt how to control the ball using their hockey sticks and the importance of staying safe when using the equipment. The sessions were enjoyed by all.



## Year 1 Sports Event at the Sports Centre

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June the Year 1 children will be going to the Berkhamsted Sports Centre to take part in a mini Olympics event alongside other schools in the town. Each school will represent a country and will take part in an initial ceremony before competing in friendly games. The activities will include javelin throwing, curling, long jump, relay running and boccia. We need parent volunteers for this event. The coach will leave at 11:45am.

On this day the Year 1 children will be back at school around 3:20pm, we would advise parents with siblings at Thomas Coram to collect them first and then come to collect their Year 1 child from Swing Gate School after.

## Staffing changes

We are delighted to tell you that Miss Oliver is expecting her first baby, Mrs Marshall is expecting her second baby and Mrs King is expecting her third and fourth baby (twins). They will start their maternity leave in the autumn term and will maintain their current class commitments until the end of the summer term.

Mrs Glass and Mrs van der Merwe will be leaving at the end of the summer term to take on new positions. We understand that this will result in a number of changes for the next academic year but the Governors, the Senior Leadership Team and I have been working hard behind the scenes to minimize any possible disruption to the children. Once plans are finalized we will share these with you and the children.

## Going Green

Following intense media coverage of plastic waste and pollution, we are pleased to announce that the company that we currently supply milk for snack time will be replacing their plastic straws with paper ones. This will have a beneficial impact on our environment and help us to become a more Eco friendly school.

## GDPR

We will be sending out our new consent forms this half term and I ask that you return these to the school as soon as possible as the new regulations are clear that consent must be up-to-date and clearly recorded. From now on, lack of response cannot be interpreted as implied consent.

## Can you help us?

### Lunchtime assistant needed

If you are thinking of returning to work or have an hour spare during the day, but want to fit in with the school calendar. 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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