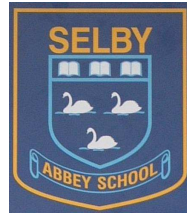


Selby Abbey Head teacher Newsletter



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Learning events for parents

In addition to our parents' consultations which are taking place next week, we are really looking forward to welcoming you to our learning events targeted at each year group in February. These will provide a valuable opportunity for you to find out more about what your child learns at school, what they are expected to be confident in by the end of the year and ideas on how we can best work together to support children's learning.

6 February 2019 2.30pm – 3pm learning event for **parents of year 2** children in the annexe hall

6 February 2019 6pm Year 6 SATs meeting for **parents of year 6** children in the main hall

18 February 2019 2.30pm – 3pm learning event for **parents of year 4** children in the main hall

19 February 2019 9.15-9.45am learning event for **parents of year 1** children in the annexe hall

20 February 2019 9.15-9.45am learning event for **parents of reception** children in the annexe hall

20 February 2019 2.30pm – 3pm learning event for **parents of year 3** children in the main hall

21 February 2019 2.30pm – 3pm learning event for **parents of year 5** children in the main hall

Road Safety Awareness

Road safety advisers visited school and reminded the children about the Green Cross Code and the importance of looking, listening and thinking. They also focused on being seatbelt safe.

Year 6 Drugs Talk

Year 6 were really sensible when hearing about the many dangers of drugs. They asked some very good questions and engaged well with the speaker.



Young Voices Concert at Sheffield Arena

We had an amazing day recently at Sheffield Arena performing in a choir of over 4500 children from a wide range of schools. Our singers did themselves proud, were fantastic ambassadors for our school and really rose to the occasion with their heavenly singing and awesome dance moves! Highlights included performances by Tony Hadley of Spandau Ballet and 15-year old Beau Dermott, a former winner of the golden buzzer on Britain's got Talent as well as dances from the very talented Urban Striders. We are in the process of booking the Urban Striders to come into school as they were such a hit. A huge thank you to our parents and carers for supporting the children, to Miss Wood and Mrs Maskill who coached our choir brilliantly and to Miss Hau who accompanied us on the day of the performance. The choir have since delighted other children when they showcased some of their skills back in school. Roll on next year!

Inspirational athlete Ayaz Bhuta

We are thrilled to be inviting inspirational athlete Ayaz Bhuta into school next week, a small but resilient wheelchair rugby athlete. Ayaz will be talking about being born with a disability and being the only disabled person in the whole school and how he wanted to do sport activities with his friends but was excluded from joining in due to fears about safety. He will share how he responded to these difficulties.



Curriculum enrichment opportunities

Year 1 will be taking part in an exciting and interactive workshop all about toys as part of their history learning.

A squad of children will be representing Selby Abbey School today in the Road to Wembley tournament at Doncaster Rovers Stadium.

Next week a group of children will be experiencing rock climbing and bowling at The Summit as part of the regional change4life programme.

Unavoidable closure of school

We always do our best to keep school open. However there may be times when the risks to children and staff are too great. If school is closed we will send a text message to you and post the message on Face book confirming this. Please ensure we have an up-to-date mobile number if you have one. BBC Radio York will put our school closure on their website www.bbc.co.uk/york as will North Yorkshire County Council <http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/schoolclosures>



Attendance Update

Our school attendance target this year is 97%. At present it stands at **96.7%**. Please remember that the Department for Education has changed the threshold for persistent absentees to 10%. This means any child whose attendance falls below 90% is now considered a persistent absentee. Please come and talk to us if you have any worries or questions. Well done to **Mrs Craigen's class** for achieving the highest attendance so far this year and to those other classes above 97%. Please help every class hit this target as excellent attendance really helps children's learning, wellbeing and future life chances.

Mrs Hewitt	96.0%	Miss Conning	97.1%	Mrs Craigen	98.1%	Mrs Ward	97.1%
Mrs Chapman	96.6%	Mrs Malcolm	96.9%	Mrs Sullivan	96.1%	Miss Broxup	97.6%
Miss Wood	96.6%	Miss Cook	97.1%	Mrs Cannon	97.3%	Mrs Thomson	96.1%
Miss Ferguson	95.8%	Mrs Saunders	95.4%				

Dates for your diary

- 28 January 2019 Reception stay and play and parent consultations
- 29 & 30 January 2019 year 1 – 6 parent consultations in main hall
- 30 January 2019 Inspirational athlete Ayaz Bhuta visiting school
- 31 January 2019 year 1 toys workshop as part of their history unit
- 4 February 2019 Mrs Sullivan's class rearranged parent consultations in her classroom
- 6 February 2019 2.30pm – 3pm learning event for **parents of year 2** children in the annexe hall
- 6 February 2019 6pm Year 6 SATs meeting for **parents of year 6** children in the main hall
- 11 February 2019 PM year 3/4 mini-tennis at Brayton Academy (squad of 4)
- 15 February 2019 AM year 6 visit to Selby College
- 18 February 2019 2.30pm – 3pm learning event for **parents of year 4** children in the main hall
- 19 February 2019 9.15-9.45am learning event for **parents of year 1** children in the annexe hall
- 19 February 2019 PM diocesan adviser visit
- 20 February 2019 year 6 Greek day
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- 21 February 2019 2.30pm – 3pm learning event for **parents of year 5** children in the main hall
- 22nd February 2019 Break up for half-term
- 4th March 2019 Pupils back to school 8.45am start



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