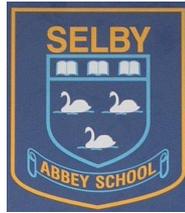


Selby Abbey Head teacher Newsletter



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Skip2BeFit

Children in Year 2 up to Year 6 took part in a skipping workshop with Skip2BeFit. It was a huge success where all pupils were engaged and thoroughly enjoyed it. In the workshop, children were taught how practice makes you better. Each skipping rope had its own counter, so pupils didn't need to worry about counting their own skips and the aim was to beat their own previous score. Skipping ropes have been available to purchase at the school office and lots of children are doing the Skip2BeFit challenge at lunchtime!



Key Stage 2 playground renovation

Thank you to everyone who voted for our project in the Tesco's bags of hope campaign. We are thrilled to have been awarded £4000 towards the cost of the renovation. This is due to take place during the Easter holidays, and weather permitting, we expect it to be finished for when the children return after the two-week holiday. If there are any changes to the normal drop-off arrangements, we will text parents and post details on Facebook.

Change4Life Festival

20 pupils from Y3 and Y4 took part in a range of sporting activities including target, adventure and combat. They also learnt about how to lead a healthy lifestyle by making a super healthy dessert which they all tasted and loved! The Festival ended with an inspirational message from retired swimming star James Kirton.



Going back in time to the Stone Age

Year 3 had a fantastic time on their trip to the Skylark Nature Reserve. They took part in many interesting 'Stone Age' themed activities such as shelter building, archery, building a campfire and foraging. The children were very well behaved and a credit to the school.

Green power race cars

Year 5 pupils, staff and Mr Coulthard, one of our amazing volunteers, have been working incredibly hard over recent weeks building their race cars from scratch with the support of Drax and putting together a portfolio in preparation for race day in Hull on Sunday 28 April. We are very excited about the race!



Experience Abbey

Year 4 had a great time at the Abbey celebrating its 950th birthday. They looked at the history of Selby Abbey. Activities varied from observing and re-creating the architecture of the arches inside the Abbey, to dressing up as monks and learning what their daily routine would have been like. Thank you to all the super volunteers.

Winning cricketers

Our Y6 team took part in the local cluster cricket tournament. They competed well as a team and showed determination and passion to win. They won the tournament and were unbeaten in all their matches. They have now progressed to the final where they will compete against the other local cluster winners.



Attendance Update

Our school attendance target this year is 97%. At present it stands at **96.3%**. 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 Sullivan's class** for achieving the highest attendance so far this year. Please help every class hit this target as excellent attendance really helps children's learning, wellbeing and future life chances.

Mrs Hewitt	95.2%	Miss Conning	96.0%	Mrs Craigen	96.8%	Mrs Ward	96.6%
Mrs Chapman	96.0%	Mrs Malcolm	96.7%	Mrs Sullivan	97.3%	Miss Broxup	96.7%
Miss Wood	96.7%	Miss Cook	95.8%	Mrs Cannon	96.0%	Mrs Thomson	96.4%
Miss Ferguson	96.0%	Mrs Saunders	96.1%				

Dates for your diary

30th April 2019 pupils restart 8.45am on Tuesday following a staff training day on Monday 29 April 2019
30th April 2019 Selby Sings Project Year 4 (Miss Wood's class)
6th May 2019 Bank Holiday - school closed
9th May 2019 Class Photos
13th – 16th May 2019 Year 6 national tests
16th May 2019 PM Year 6 Tetrahedrons workshop
17th May 2019 Inspiring healthy lifestyles and Premier sport day at the Summit (awaiting details on group)
24th May 2019 Break up for half-term
3rd June 2019 Pupils back to school 8.45am start



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