



Year 5 visit Kew Gardens

Last week, Beech and Willow visited Kew Gardens to find out more about the rainforest to link to their topic of The Amazon.

The children went into the glasshouse to experience the humidity that you would find in the rainforest as well as identifying and naming plants for example they saw a banana plant. Also the children got to experience the beautiful gardens, albeit in the cold January weather.

"It was a really good trip, I got to see a Chinese Water dragon." Girl from Willow.

"We saw peacocks, it was so big!" Boy from Beech

"It was so hot, I didn't think it would be like that." Girl from Willow.

The children learned much about the rainforest, this will impact on their writing and they were extremely well behaved.



Millwall Players Visits

On Thursday 18th January, Sycamore and Sparrow class were lucky enough to be visited by 2 Millwall footballers, Aiden O'Brien and Mahlon Romeo. The footballers held a question and answer session within the classes and signed autographs for the children. The children were very excited. There will be further visits throughout the year through our partnership with Millwall.

A reminder that the school does have a twitter account, please follow us at:

<https://twitter.com/SouthwarkParkPS>

Reading

Reading records and reading books should be brought into school daily.

All children should be being read to or reading a book every day. Please comment in the reading record about your child's reading, if your child is old enough to write the comment themselves please check that they are.



Dates for the diary

Week beginning Monday 5th February – Internet Safety Week

Friday 9th February – Children finish at normal time for half term.

Monday 19th February – Children return to school at 8.55am.

Wednesday 21st February - Parents' Evening



Attendance Information

Southwark Park's attendance for the Autumn term 2017-18 was 95.3%
Well done to Snowdrop class, who had the highest attendance for the school with 96.8%
Congratulations to the 91 children from Nursery to Y6 who achieved 100% attendance and punctuality.
232 children (66%) within our school had attendance of over 95%, which gives them the best chance of academic success, this is fantastic. Let's keep this up!

From this term the attendance of children will be closely monitored by Mrs Foreman and Sharon Bennett as unfortunately we have a few children who have very worrying attendance and we need to work together to improve it so they have the best life chances.

100% attendance	0 weeks of missed learning	Best chance of success. Well done!
95% attendance	1 week 4 days (9 days) of missed learning	
90% attendance	3 weeks 4 days (19 days) of missed learning	Poor attendance Worrying!
85% attendance	5 weeks 3 days (28 days) of missed learning	
80% attendance	7 weeks 3 days (38 days) of missed learning	Very poor attendance Very concerning!
75% attendance	9 weeks 1 day (46 days) of missed learning	

Timings of the day

8.00am – Breakfast Club opens
8.50am – Front doors and back gate open
8.55am – Children should be in their classrooms
9.00am - Front doors and back gate closed, anyone arriving after this time is late and they need to be signed in at the office.

Days off school add up to lost learning!

Days Off

Please try to book doctors and dentist appointments during school holidays or after school.

Holidays should not be taken during term time, if they are they will be an unauthorised absence and will result in a £60 penalty notice.



Procedures when a child is ill

We understand that children will get ill during term time and if your child does need to be off school please phone the school office **before 9.30** to inform us of the reason.

Medical evidence such as an appointment card, text message and labelled medication maybe asked for to confirm the absence.