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TECHNOLOGY COLLEGE FOR GIRLS

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World Book Day Celebrations...



Senior Leadership team at Selly Park dressed up for World Book Day. (L-R: Mr Gibson, Miss Wheeler, Mr Arif, Mrs Darwood, Miss Craig, Mrs Bowker, Mrs Bunn, Mr Quinton and Top (L-R: Mr Turner and Mr Clinton)).

House Catwalk to raise money for Book Aid. There was an Author Anagram Trail and a short story competition, an Arts and Crafts workshop in the library and teachers read their favourite book extracts in Form Time Jackanory. Our restaurant was magically transformed into Hogwarts Great Hall where a Harry Potter inspired menu was on offer. It was clear how much effort everyone had gone to to make it a very special day.

Well done to everyone involved!!!

World Book Day is a celebration! It's a celebration of authors, illustrators, books and (most importantly) it's a celebration of reading.

Selly Park celebrated World Book Day on 1st March in style. Staff and students organised lots of activities, events and competitions for all to enjoy. Teachers, support staff and students dressed as their favourite book characters and took part in a lunchtime



Teachers dressed for the World Book Day. (L-R: Mrs Bacchu, Mrs Thomas and Miss Grewal)

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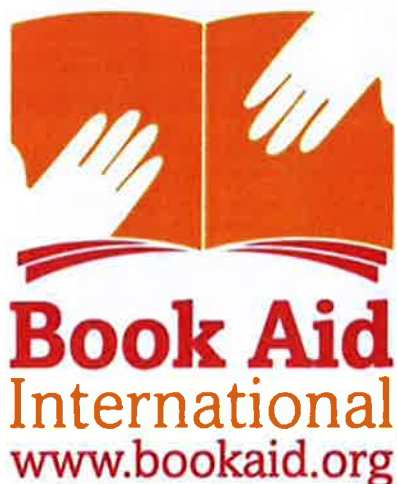
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World Book Day Celebrations contd...

Lots of photographs were taken on the day. A glimpse of the day as below:



Selly Park Costume Catwalk Raised £104 for Book Aid



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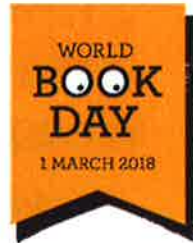
Library News



World Book Day 2018



We had some wonderful Book Reviews, Bookmark Designs and Book Related Colouring entries for our Library WBD Competitions. The winners have been awarded prizes and certificates for the best efforts. The winning entries and a selection of the students work is on display in the library.



Overdue Library Books Reminder

Our students enjoy reading so much that sometimes they forget to return their books to the library. Please support us by asking your daughters to check at home for any overdue school library books and return them to the library as soon as possible. Thank you! Mrs Clarke.

**Hannah
(YEAR 7)
Vania
(YEAR 8)
Hajra
(YEAR 9)
Hafsa
(YEAR 11)
Ivaana
(YEAR 10)**



WORLD BOOK DAY

**CONGRATULATIONS
SHORT STORY COMPETITION**

Winners

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Book Club

YR 9, 10 & 11

BOOK TALK

**EVERY
TUESDAY
IN THE
LIBRARY**



12.45 – 1.00 PM

**COME ALONG READ, SWAP
AND CRITIQUE NEW BOOKS IN
OUR SCHOOL LIBRARY FROM
TUESDAY 6/3/18**



SEE MRS CLARKE FOR FURTHER DETAILS

Year 7 & 8

Book Club

Every Monday



In the library

1.00 – 1.30

**Come along share
exciting books and make new
friends in our new library**

From Monday 5/3/18



Join our Craft Club.

**Craft Club every Wednesday
after school 3.10-3.50pm in the
library.**

Tune into your creative side!
All years are welcome.

Please speak to Mrs. Clarke if
you are interested.



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History Department News

On February 14th, Mrs Newton and Mr Mobey took all the Year 11 History students to the Palace Theatre in Redditch to watch "The Doctor's Show".

This is a humorous play which looks at the Thematic Study: Britain, Health and the People and combines it with an examination question workshop. The pupils were also given free revision guides to assist them with their GCSE revision for their upcoming examination.

The students all agreed that this was invaluable for helping them with their revision.



History Competition

The History department launched a fantastic competition on the 19th March, to commemorate two very important events; the 100th anniversary of women gaining the right to vote and the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War.

The prize was a trip for two students to visit the battlefields of Northern France and Belgium on a 4 day trip with full board and dinner at Grosvenor House in London.

The students had to find posters of inspirational women displayed around the school buildings. They had to name the women and explain what they were famous for. In addition, they had to nominate a woman that was an inspiration to themselves and explain why.

The winners will be announced in the first week back after the Easter break.

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RE Department News



On Wednesday 7th March, the RE groups, along with Mrs Nasir and Mr Leak, visited St. Edward's Church.

During our visit to the Church, we observed and paid attention to what the Priest told us, guiding us around the Church with his words; describing each feature of the Church in great detail. He even told us some amazing history about it.

Once we entered the Church, we were already intrigued and fascinated at the beautiful architecture and structure. As we walked inside and entered the main prayer area, we saw pews along both sides of the Nave. This is where the congregation would sit and pray together.

We saw many features of the Church and learned about the significance of these for Christians. Along the walls of the Church, there were 14 Stations of the Cross which describe the moments before the crucifixion of Jesus.

We learned of the significance of the Altar table and how it was a reminder of the Last Supper of Jesus with his disciples. We had the opportunity to enter the confession box and see where the priest stores the vestments. The Church features which we had only seen in pictures, came to life when we set foot in the Church.

This made it more exciting and interesting for us as a group.



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Rights Respecting News

Our Rights Respecting Schools Ambassadors have been working hard to prepare for Rights Week coming up in April. Rights Week will be full of opportunities for our community to put their rights into practice. We will have our first video newsletter, Teach the Teacher workshops, fundraising for UNICEF and a competition to win a donation to your chosen charity. If, as a DUTY BEARER of Children's' rights, you would like to get involved in this project, please contact the school.



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unicef UNITED KINGDOM
SILVER - RIGHTS AWARE

Right of the Month

Putting your rights into practice



Right to know your rights

Article 42 – Understand the UNCRC and your rights

United Nations Convention on the Rights of a Child

Have a look at our Rights Charter so you know and understand your rights in school. They are displayed across school.


Don't forget your rights are:

Inherent – You get them when you are born.
Indivisible – They cannot be divided or split up.
Inalienable – They cannot be given or taken away.
Unconditional – They are not subject to any conditions
Universal – They apply to everyone

Familiarise yourself with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of a Child. A copy is on our website.

Make an effort to use Rights Respecting language in everyday conversation with your friends and DUTY BEARERS. (Adults in your life).

Act in a Rights Respecting way both in school and in the wider community.



THE GLOBAL GOALS
For Sustainable Development





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Rights Respecting Schools Week

Putting your rights into practice



Enter our competition and Win a donation to your chosen charity.

Join our Campaign and take action to help children across the world access their rights.

Coming Soon in April

Launch of our video Newsletter and our Rights Respecting bookmarks designed by our Ambassador Hannah in year 7.

Badge making to raise much needed funds for UNICEF who work to help children across the world access their rights.

Our Ambassadors will be on hand to Teach the Teachers and offer UNCRC Workshops.



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Sports Relief Week



**17-23
March**



Children's Liver
Disease Foundation

fighting childhood
liver disease

We will be raising money for both of the above charities during March. We will be having a fundraising week from Monday 19th- Friday 23rd March.

There will be activities in your swimming and PE lessons and every lunch time! There is a timetable of events coming.



Together with Sport Relief and the rest of the country we are trying to complete 1 BILLION steps each day from Saturday 17th March – Friday 23rd March.

You can download the Sport Relief app for free and it will log all of the steps you complete and count it toward the nations total or you can use any other technology. Please keep your phones in your bag at school.

You will also have the chance to add to this in your PE lessons and ending with a big ZUMBA JUST DANCE event during lunchtime on Friday. Get sponsored for taking part in completing as many steps as possible- there are sponsorship forms in your registers.

Staff and Students....Let Mrs Phelan know your total amount of steps for the week and you will be entered into a competition. The winner will be the person who completes the most steps. All entrants will be awarded house points.

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Sports Relief Week

Year 7 Swimming Competition

In swimming lessons on Monday 19th March and Wednesday 21st March pupils were given the challenge of trying to swim as far as they could.

How many metres can you swim in 45 minutes? You are not allowed to stop! Pupils were able to get sponsored for their swimming efforts as well as it counting towards their step challenge.



	LUNCH
Monday 19th	Staff v Students Benchball
Tuesday 20th	Noodle Eating Contest- Main hall
Wednesday 21st	Step up and skipping challenge house competition!
Thursday 22nd	Staff v Students Wheelchair basketball
Friday 23rd	Billion Steps- Mass Zumba Staff and Students <i>plus</i> CAKE SALE!

Sports for Champions

Laura Samuel (silver Commonwealth games) visited Selly Park Girls School with Sports for Champions. Laura hopes to make [Tokyo2020](#). She led a circuit session and assembly inspiring our athletes to get involved in Sport. Y7-8 raised £434 to help British athletes train.



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Charity week Sport Relief and Children's Liver Disease



Children's Liver
Disease Foundation
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Over the course of the week staff and pupils participated in many different activities to raise money for charity and improve their health and fitness. Staff and students bench ball, spicy noodle eating contest, skip and step house challenge- won by FIRE,

wheelchair basketball and mass Just Dance fun. Just over £460 was raised. Thanks to all who helped out, participated, made cakes and to Barclays bank who offered matched funding for our efforts.

Wheelchair basketball Won by Fire



A Billion Steps

We participated in a Billion Steps Sport Relief Challenge where staff and pupils tracked their steps over the week. 28 staff and pupils took part and walked over 8,97,962 steps throughout the week. Well done to Miss Hesson who walked a staggering 82,000 and 11Derwent who had a combined step total of 523. Great stepping, well done to all!

Spicy Noodle Challenge



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New House Representatives



CONGRATULATIONS!
On being elected!

**INTRODUCING
OUR NEW HOUSE REPS.....**

Water



Esraa



Fatima



Wafeh

Air



Ahfifa



Adibah

Article 12

**Right to have
an opinion.**

Earth



Tanya



Shaakirah

Fire



Hajar



Faith



Fatimah

Congratulations to our top House Point earners. We hope you had a great time at the reward trip to Cadbury World!

Cadbury

AIR

Hafsah

Nabihah

Khadijah

Halima

Farah

EARTH

Safiyyah

Zonish

Insha

Haniah

Hafsa

FIRE

Tantheem

Aruna

Hannah

Musammat

Hajar

WATER

Dayana

Fatima

Aisha

Vania

Alima

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News and Awards

Congratulations to our catering team. They have received a 5-star rating for food hygiene from the Food Standards Agency. Well done team!!!!!!!



Mr. Hannon and our lovely catering supervisors put on a Harry Potter themed menu for World Book Day. The food was loved by one and all. Here are a few photographs.



SSAT Letter

We are delighted to receive a letter from the SSAT stating that we are in the top 20% schools nationally for progress. This supplements news we received earlier in the term with the release of the 2017 performance tables which list Selly Park as 3rd within the Oaks Collegiate of schools, in the top 10 of Birmingham Local Authority schools and in the top 20 of Birmingham schools in general. Well done to all our committed and supportive staff and, of course, the talented and hard working cohort of 2017.

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Connecting Classrooms Project



Selly Park staff are currently teaching at Millennial Academy in Zimbabwe, one of our partner schools.

The learning objectives to the lesson were to consider the importance of equal rights, have a sense of global belonging and develop skills to bring about real positive change to the world.

Critical thinking skills were used to consider different perspectives and develop understanding of the causes and solutions to the challenge of gender inequality in different contexts.

Selly Park has had links with Global Partners across the world for a number of years and Global Learning is embedded throughout our Curriculum offering opportunities for all students to learn about and engage with global issues.

This week members of our Equality and Diversity Council along with Head Girls and Prefects, were able to Skype call students from Millennial Academy. Students were fascinated to hear about each others' daily experiences and ask questions about learning, lifestyle and future aspirations.



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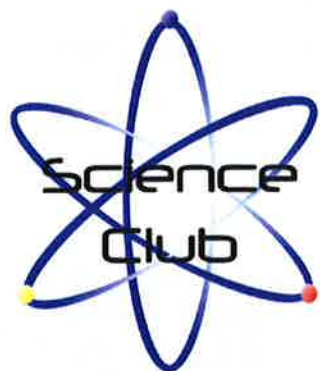
This term the Science department have continued running the Science club in partnership with the Women in Science and Engineering society (WISE) from the University of Birmingham. Each week they have brought cool science and messy practical workshops to Selly Park.

We have had a lot of fun this term making things like honeycomb, elephants' toothpaste and crash containers for eggs. Sadhia (9 Arrow), a regular attendee, particularly enjoyed our latest rocket building session and said it was "the best session yet!"

Science club runs every Wednesday from 3:15 – 4:00pm after school in room 30. We are always looking for new ideas, so if there's something you would like to do please let your Science Teacher know!



**X30 places
available
each week!**



**Every
Wednesday
after school in
room 30**



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Science Club (contd...)



Science Club held on Wednesday 14th March was called Egg Drop

Students had to create a container that will stop an egg from breaking when dropped from a height.



Big Bang Fair



The Big Bang
UK Young Scientists & Engineers Fair

Year 8 enjoyed a day out at The Big Bang UK Young Scientists & Engineers Fair which is the largest celebration of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) for young people in the UK. The Big Bang Fair is an award-winning combination of exciting theatre shows, interactive workshops and exhibits and careers information from STEM professionals.



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Safer Internet Day

Pupils took part in a range of activities, competitions and assemblies to raise awareness about keeping themselves safe when using the internet in recognition of Safer Internet Day 2018.



Girls at Selly Park have developed internet school rules to coincide with Safer Internet Day including "We never give out personal information online" and we never arrange to meet someone we do not know. The below poster is displayed in every classroom.

School Rules When Using The Internet

1. We send e-mails that are polite and friendly
2. We never give out personal information online
3. We do not accept emails or IM messages from people we do not know, or download files without asking permission, any of these could contain viruses or nasty messages.
4. We never arrange to meet someone we don't know
5. We do not use chat rooms
6. We do not look at inappropriate websites, if one is accidentally opened we close it immediately.
7. If something happens online that makes us feel uncomfortable we report it immediately to our teacher or trusted adult.
8. We never reveal our password to anyone and change it regularly

Where do I report Cyber bullying?

- Report it to your Form Tutor, Head of Year or another trusted adult ✓
- Report it to the E-Safety Council ✓
- Report it online using the school website ✓



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A trip down memory lane – Selly Park School Reunion



Mrs Darwood, Mr Clinton and Mrs Bowker were delighted to be invited to a Selly Park School reunion on Friday, 23rd March. Organised by Jeanne Glen, ex pupils from across South Birmingham gathered at Christ Church, on Pershore Road, to share stories and memorabilia from their time at the School. Irene Bennett and Gillian Hill told the guests that the school opened in 1911. However, within a decade it was used for a very different purpose as it was utilised as a military hospital during World War One. At this time, it was a mixed school and housed infants and juniors as well as senior pupils. Fascinatingly, the School was actually bombed during World War Two, and the pupils had to attend school at a different location. By 1955, the school reflected the present intake and taught exclusively girls between the ages of eleven and sixteen.

Mrs Darwood had the opportunity to meet Margaret Clarke (nee Gibbon), a former home economics teacher. Mrs Clarke worked at the school during 1960-1964 and then enjoyed a second stint between 1989 and 1997. The next reunion will take place in the School, where alumnae will have the opportunity to have a tour around the school and enjoy an afternoon tea in the new Ann Rae building. If you are reading this as a former student of the school, would like to attend, please contact Jeanne at jeanneglen1@me.com

If you would like to establish links with the school, then please contact either Mr Turner at r.turner@sellyprk.bham.sch.uk, the Assistant Head Teacher responsible for community links or follow the school on twitter [@sellyparkgirls](https://twitter.com/sellyparkgirls).

Selly Park is a school rich in history and tradition and it was privilege for the current teachers to learn about its varied and illustrious past.

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Dates for your Diary....

Pupils return to school after Easter: Monday, 16th April 2018

Year 11 Maths Revision: Three/ Five days Monday, 9th April– Wednesday, 11th April 2018/ Friday, 13th April 2018.

Your daughter has been informed of the session she is due to attend.

Early May Day Bank Holiday: One day – Monday, 7th May 2018

GCSE' Exams start: Monday, 14th May 2018

May Half Term

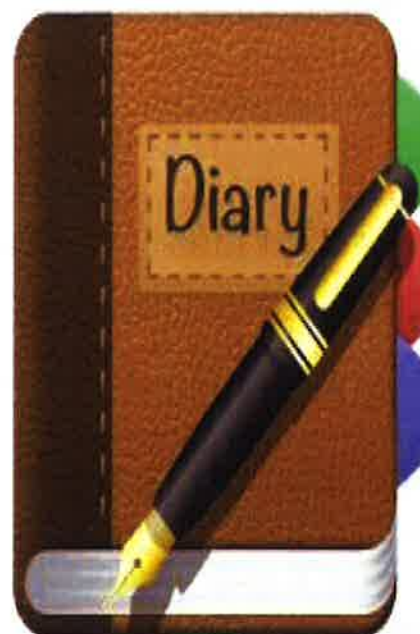
One week – Break up Friday, 25th May 2018

Return to school : Monday, 1st June 2018

Summer Holidays

Pupils break up on Tuesday, 24th July 2018

Return to school Monday, 3rd September 2018



HAPPY HOLIDAYS.....

FROM ALL THE STAFF AT SELLY