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GIRLS' SCHOOL

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An Old Name but a New Email and Website Address

You may have noticed some subtle changes happening across the school recently. We proudly reverted to our historic name and are now officially Selly Park Girls' School. After reaching agreement with the governing body, the staff were surveyed and 90% agreed the name of the school should be changed. In addition to the new/old name, the new inspirational women form names and the new school uniform, we have also tweaked our website and email address to reflect the new era:

Website address: www.sellyparkgirls.org

Email addresses: a.teacher@sellyparkgirls.org

A Celebratory Visit to The House of Lords



Mrs Darwood and Mr Clinton were delighted to be invited down to the House of Lords to celebrate the success of Selly Park.

An article about our school was published in the Parliamentary Review, which can be accessed on the front page of our website.

Mrs Darwood and Mr Clinton heard a range of distinguished politicians and journalists speak and then had the opportunity to meet other successful Head Teachers and Senior Leaders from across the country.

Chair of Governors'

The School are delighted to confirm that Mr Andy Lee was appointed the new Chair of Governors on 10th September 2018.

The School would like to thank Jeremy Thomas for all his work and dedication over the last seven years.

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Coffee Morning



In October, we held another successful Macmillan Coffee Morning that was organised in conjunction with the LPPA group. It was great to be able to invite younger brothers and sisters to provide a crèche area was provided for younger children. We raised a total of **£275** on the day. Thank you to all parents, pupils and staff for helping to make the day such a great success!



WOW

Our World's Biggest Coffee Morning
raised a wonderful

£275.34

to help make sure everyone affected by cancer
has a Macmillan team in their corner

**THANK YOU AGAIN
FOR COMING**

Macmillan Cancer Support is a registered charity (1127786) and a company limited by guarantee (02034902). We are a charity for the benefit of the public. Registered office: 100 Brook Hill Drive, Broomfield, Essex, SSM1 2AB, UK. Tel: 020 7611 4000. Email: info@macmillan.org.uk

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Attendance Fair

Congratulations !!! to all students who were invited to October's Attendance Fair. All students enjoyed their popcorn and spending their tokens on 14 different fair-ground games. Many prizes were won, from chocolate to £25 Amazon vouchers. Congratulations to Bahga in 8Curie for winning one of the £25 Amazon vouchers. Don't miss out on an invite to the next fair on **Friday, 18th January 2019**. All you have to do is attend school every day during attendance focus weeks: the last week in December and the first week in January.

It is going to be bigger and better than ever!



Elevate November 19th 2018

Elevate returned to school to support year 11 with their GCSE preparations. The focus this time was "Time Management" and useful techniques and tips for the students to help them manage their time effectively and avoid procrastination.

They covered topics such as note taking in term time and how to plan this out effectively and avoid doing it all at the last minute. They also demonstrated the value of planning an effective revision timetable and to ensure that students incorporated their leisure activities into this timetable so they could realistically see what study time they had. Finally, they concentrated on supporting the students that procrastinate when it comes to revision or any study tasks as the tasks ahead seem too daunting. They shared tips for breaking the tasks into smaller chunks and thus making them more achievable.

100% of the students in this session felt that this session was time well spent and that they would recommend this to their peers.

Elevate will return one more time in the New Year to support your daughters with study skills for their GCSE's.

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Parking Outside the School



This is a polite reminder to request that parents and carers do not enter the staff car park or park on the yellow zigzag lines to drop off their daughters before and after school.

Please avoid stopping your car/ van abruptly on Pershore Road and look for a safe place to drop off your daughters. Please park safely on the surrounding roads such as Dog Pool Lane, St Stephens Road or Selly Park Road.



Digital Communication at Selly Park Girls' School






Follow us on twitter for daily updates on exciting learning experiences.

Our School App

Our new school app is available now!

Keep up to date with all our information, send us absence notifications and receive messages from our school directly to your phone.



Seneca Learning

All students and teachers now have free access to Seneca - a revision and homework platform making studying more fun. Seneca is an interactive way to learn official course content. Their web app covers 150+ exam board specific courses condensing what students need to know for their exams. The software is able to identify gaps in learning. For instance, when you get a question wrong, the platform will repeat the topic in different formats and their smart algorithm has proven to make students remember topics 2x faster. Seneca is totally free for students, teacher and parents. You can sign up via senecalearning.com

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Christmas Coffee Morning at Christ Church



We would like to thank Jeanne Glenn for inviting us in for a wonderful Christmas coffee morning. It was lovely to meet so many people that came to Selly Park Girls' School many years ago. We look forward to inviting you all to the Selly Park Girls' School reunion in Summer 2019.



Community


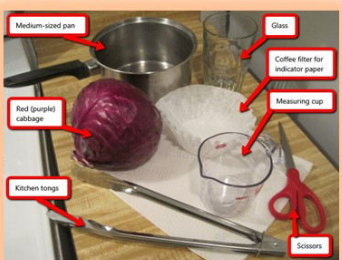



Science Club


Every Wednesday!
Starting Wednesday 16th January 2019


Come along and enjoy the fun activities
—prizes to be won!!! 😊



EGG DROP



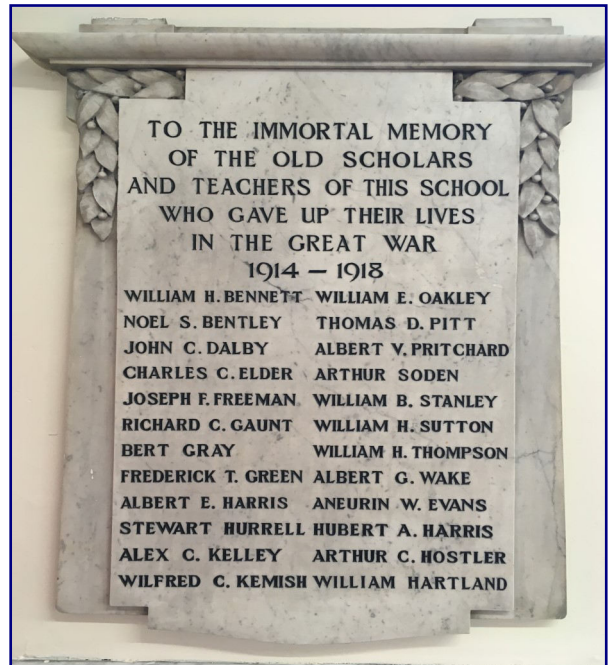


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Remembrance Day

The School observed a minute's silence on Friday 9th November to remember all those soldiers who had lost their lives in war. It was made all the more poignant by the fact that it was one hundred years since the end of World War One (11th November 1918). In assembly, students learnt that 'The Great War' involved soldiers from across the world: the bloodshed was not limited to just Europe, as many men from Somalia, India, Pakistan and the Caribbean also enlisted to fight. Students showed their respects by also buying and proudly wearing their poppies, which raised around one hundred pounds for charity. The minute silence was impeccably observed as the Last Post played through the new tannoy system just before break.



Unspoken – Theatre Trip

Mrs Mackuin and Mr Clinton took a small group of Year 11's and Year 10's to the Hippodrome Theatre to watch a play called 'Unspoken'. The drama was about the real life experiences of wounded, injured and sick ex-service (army, navy and air force) personnel. Beforehand, the lucky students had the opportunity to meet the writer and director of the play as they enjoyed a two hour workshop in the morning at school. Mrs Mackuin and Mr Clinton would like to thank the students for their impeccable behaviour during an emotive journey of love, loss and loneliness.



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Training Opportunities for Parents

From January 2019, we will be providing a wide range of training opportunities for parents and carers.

Would you like to develop your English speaking skills, or develop new skills to help find a job? If so, give the school a call or email Mr Turner at

r.turner@sellyparkgirls.org

<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;">    </div> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">Selly Park Girls' School would like to offer parents the opportunity to develop their English language skills.</p> <p>There will be 4 sessions that will take place after the Easter holidays. Each session will focus on key areas of your daughter's education.</p> <p><u>Session 1 Uniform - Tuesday 30th April 2019 14.00-15.00</u> <u>Session 2 Assessment - Tuesday 7th May 2019 14.00-15.00</u> <u>Session 3 Attendance - Tuesday 14th May 2019 14.00-15.00</u> <u>Session 4 Home Learning - Tuesday 21st May 2019 14.00-15.00</u></p> <p>This training programme has been designed to support parents who have English as an additional language and would like to develop their English language skills. Numbers are extremely limited. If you would like to register your interest for this exciting new opportunity, please fill in the form below.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Dear Mr Turner I would like to enrol in the Learning English Training Sessions at Selly Park Girls' School Name..... Phone Number..... E Mail..... First language, this will be used to help prepare resources for the sessions</p>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;">    </div> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">Selly Park Girls' School are proud to be working in partnership with Services 4 Schools to provide a series of workshops to parents and members of the local community.</p> <p>There will be 2 sessions available and numbers are limited. These courses cover everything you will need to know about finding a job in today's competitive market. The course will also help to develop your self esteem and confidence.</p> <p>The workshops will take place on Thursday 7th February & Thursday 14th February 2019 from 13.00-15.00.</p> <p>If you would like to register your interest for this exciting opportunity, please fill in the form below and return to the school by Friday 18th January 2018.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Dear Mr Turner I would like to be enrol in the Services 4 School Community Training workshops at Selly Park Girls' School Name..... Phone Number..... E Mail.....</p>
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Pet-Xi Free Training

**PET-XI DIGITAL SKILLS
FREE MICROSOFT OFFICE TRAINING**

Are you seeking employment and looking for an opportunity to upskill?
THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO...

- **GET UPSKILLED**
- **GET QUALIFIED**
- **GET WORKING**

DEVELOPING YOUR SKILLS IN

- Microsoft Word (Developing your CV and Cover Letter)
- Microsoft PowerPoint (Business Presentation)
- Microsoft Excel (Budgeting)

**PLACES ARE FILLING UP FAST AND AVAILABILITY IS LIMITED!
TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE CALL LEIA: 07880 192080**

**ARE YOU SEEKING EMPLOYMENT?
WANT TO STAND OUT FROM THE CROWD?**

**IMPROVE YOUR DIGITAL SKILLS
WITH FREE MICROSOFT OFFICE
TRAINING (WORTH £1,000)**

Our FREE course gives you the opportunity to achieve a nationally recognised Level 2 qualification in IT User Skills.

This programme will run Monday - Friday from 9am - 3pm

"With the support of the staff on the programme I managed to achieve a qualification and gain employment." Dan P - April 2017.

PET-XI is 5% above the national retention rate of 85% for the Level 2 Certificate in IT User Skills.
National Statistics for Level 2 (IT): Retention Rate 85% / Pass Rate 92% / Overall Achievement Rate 79%

THIS WILL NOT AFFECT YOUR BENEFITS

For more details and to book your place on the course please call the school on 0121 472 1238 or email Mr Turner r.turner@sellyparkgirls.org

Plus, courtesy of PET-Xi

- Free lunch every day
- Travel reimbursed up to £4 per day
- Refer a friend and get a £25 Gift Voucher!



www.pet-xi.co.uk   

West Oak House, Westwood Way
Westwood Business Park, Coventry, CV4 8LB
T: 024 7642 0310



We are very pleased to announce that we will be running the Pet-xi Digital Skills 5 day training course from Monday 24th- Friday 28th June 2019.

It is 6 months away but places are very limited. We ran the same course this year and the feedback from parents was fantastic.



"From Selly Park Girls School, thank you for giving me the opportunity to learn this beneficial course."

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Progress Day

We would like to thank all parents, carers and pupils for taking the time to come to our very first Progress Day. We understand that building positive relationships with families is key to ensuring that we provide the best learning opportunities and support for your daughters. We do hope you enjoyed meeting all of the staff and thank you to all of the parents that completed the Parent Voice Survey. We would like to say very well done to Imaan and friends in year 8 who organised (with some support from the LPPA) a fantastic UNICEF charity cake sale. They raised over **£200** for a fantastic cause. Very Well Done !!!



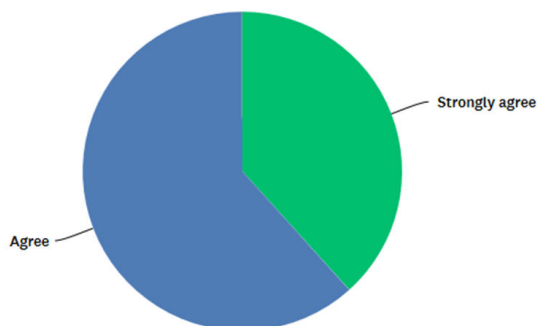
Parent Voice. Progress Day 2018

SurveyMonkey

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My child is taught well at this school

answered: 135 Skipped: 1

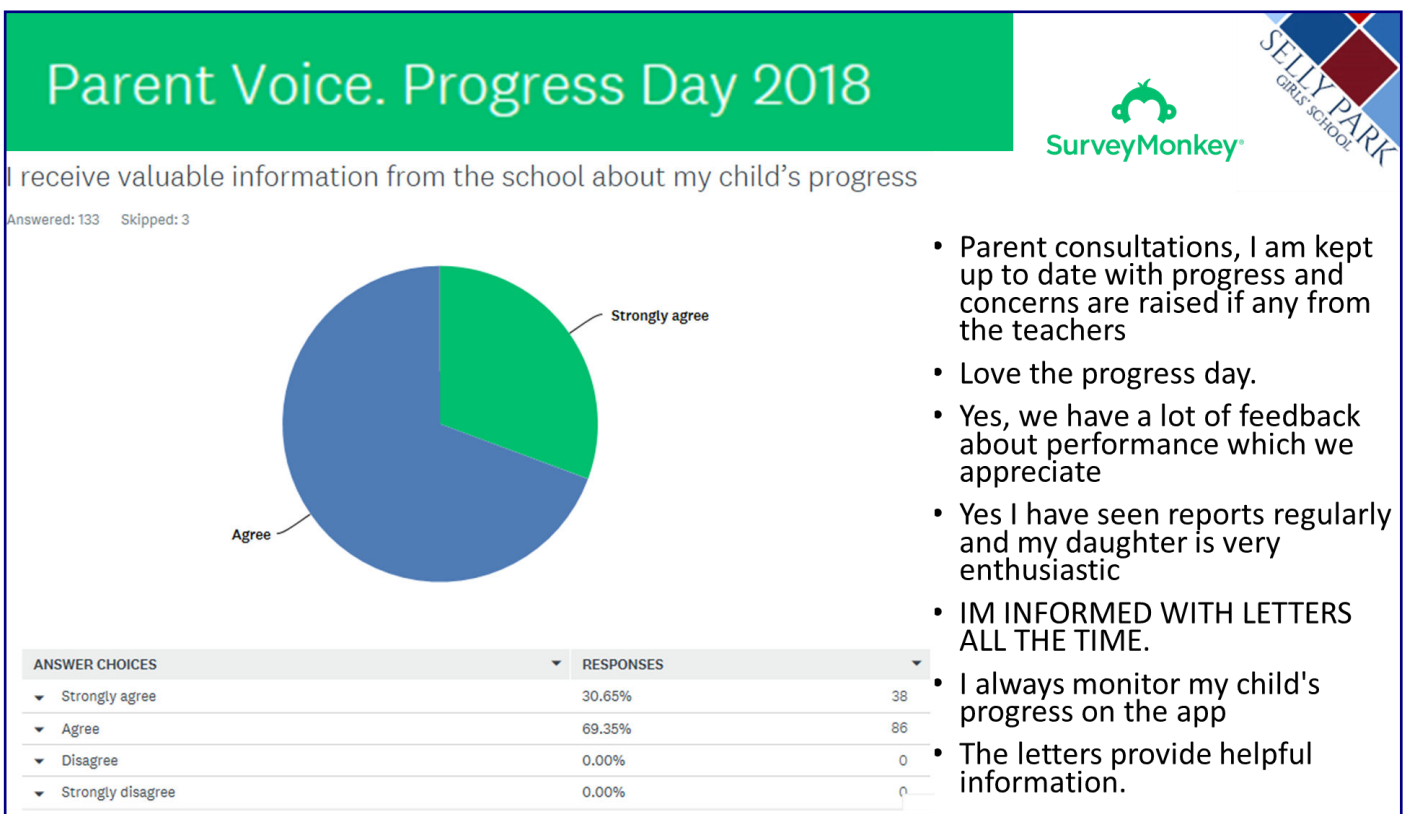
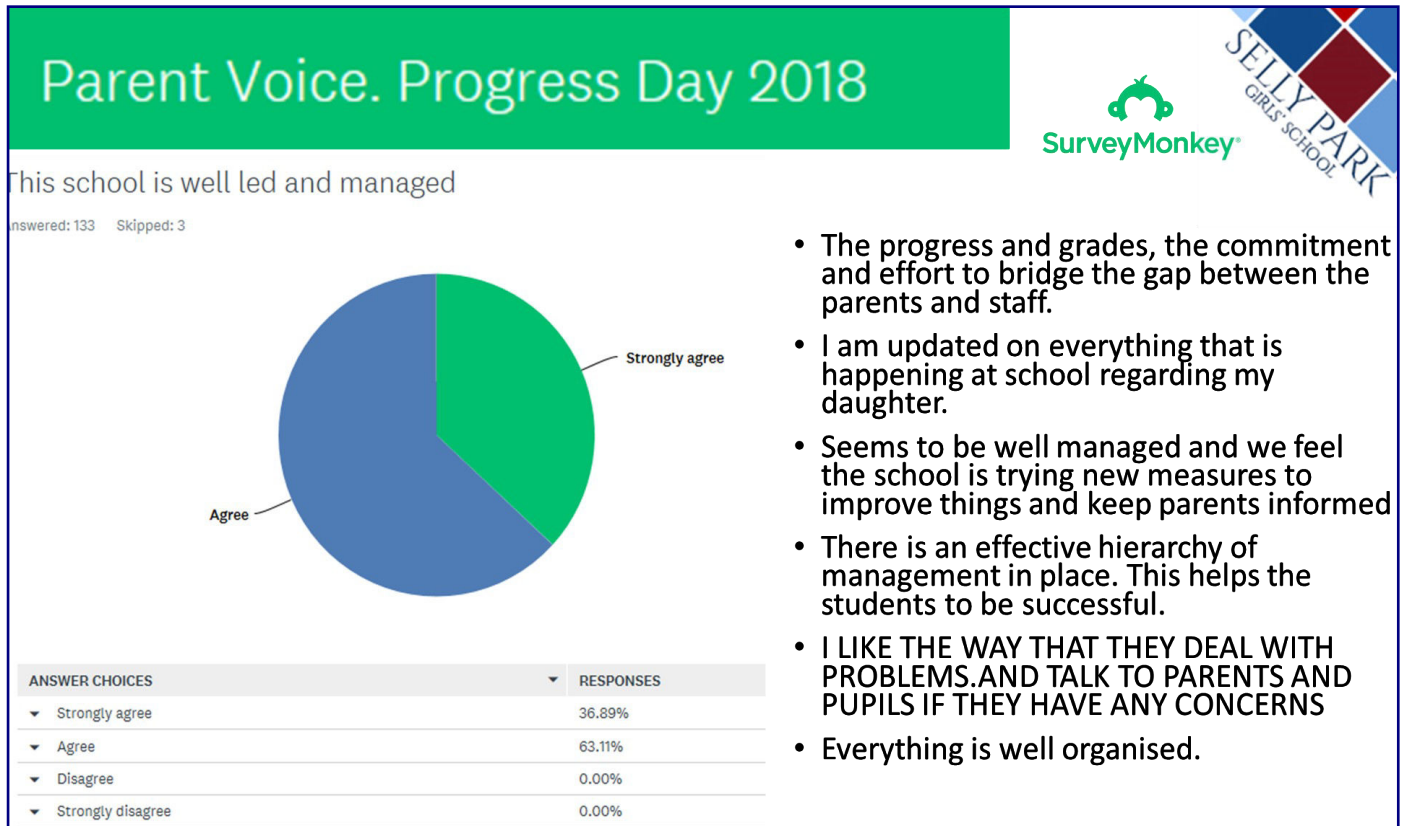


- She is almost reaching all her targets I see that she has homework every day also there are parent consultations held throughout the year so we are kept in the loop as to what is happening overall
- She talks about the brilliant teachers
- Great Teachers.
- In comparison to other schools there seems to be more interventions to cover subject areas
- I have been told many times that she enjoys learning and learns new things everyday
- She's always tells me something about what she learned that day
- She says she has been taught well.

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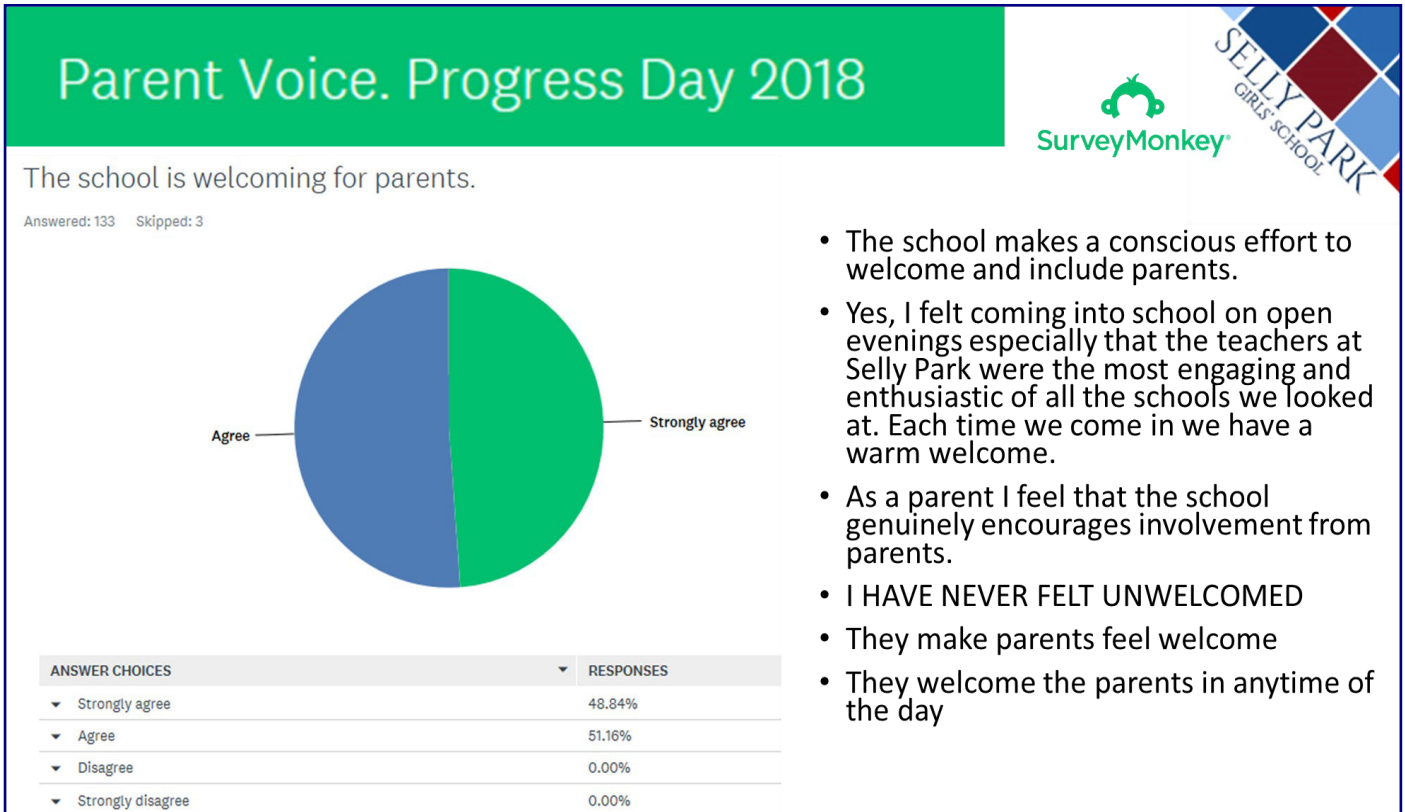
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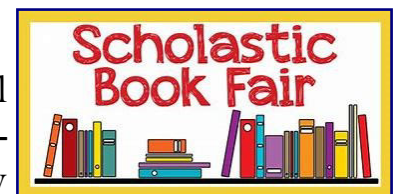
Progress Day (continued....)



Library News December 2018

Scholastic book Fair

We had a very successful Book fair during December with all the students having the opportunity to buy books at a whopping 50% discount. The girls enjoyed this event with many purchasing exciting new books to support their love of reading.



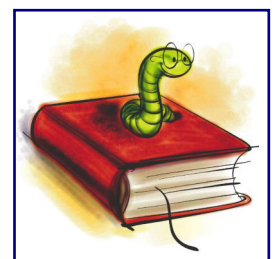
Tuesday Lunch Reading Circle – Starting January 2019

We will be looking at new books, reviewing old favourites and coming up with new ideas to encourage our students to enjoy using our library. Any students wishing to join our Reading Circle, should speak to Mrs Clarke. New members are always welcome!

In the Library - Every Tuesday 1.00 pm until 1.25 pm

Free Books for All Year 7's

All our Year 7 students have received an exciting free book to read and keep. The books have been chosen to appeal to the girls and encourage a love of reading. We hope everyone enjoys reading their book over the winter break. Wishing you all a Happy New Year.



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A Partnership with the Hippodrome Theatre

The School is delighted to announce an exciting partnership with the Hippodrome Theatre in Birmingham City Centre. Thanks to the work and generosity of Zaylie from the theatre, students have been given a range of opportunities to experience live drama. Over half term, ten committed girls from across the year groups, came to school every day and had the opportunity to be taught by three learning officers. As well as having the opportunity to visit the theatre on the Wednesday and take part in a variety of drama workshops, the students then watched the sell out performance of 'War Horse' in the afternoon. The week culminated in the students performing in New Street Station to mark Remembrance Day. The girls gave an emotive ten minute performance in front of a large audience of family, friends and commuters. Well done to Sahaba, Sofia, Safa, Alisha, Asma, Hadeel, Anisa, Ekkra, Fatima and Nabeeha who were superb and thank you to Ryan, Ben and Izzy for all their expertise. Zaylie sent this message at the end of the week, "The learning officers were so impressed by the young people and their enthusiasm and commitment." The next opportunity will be for Year 9's and 10's in February. If any students are interested in taking part in a two day workshop called 'A Positive Life' that explores relationships, they should see Mr Clinton.



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Peer Reading

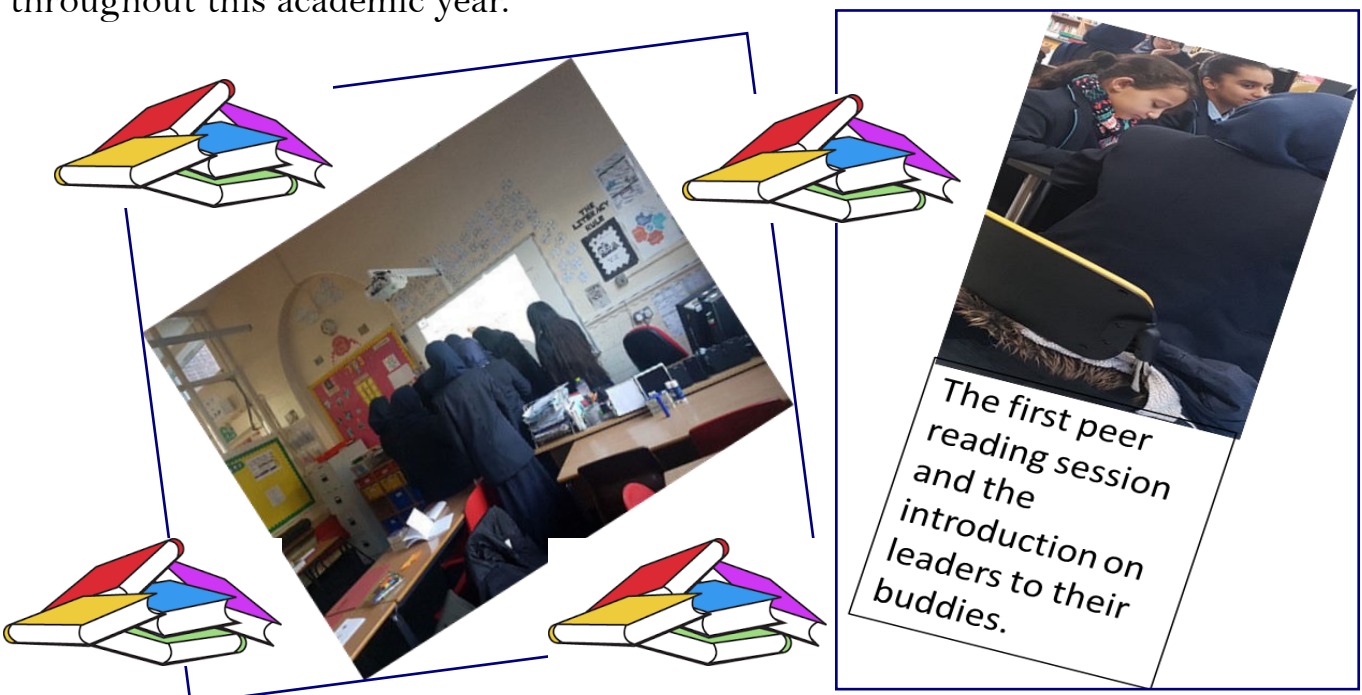
We have recently set up a reading scheme, in English, for key stage 3 students in which a Year 7 reading buddy has been paired up with a Year 9 reading leader who they meet once a week to read with. This started out as an idea based on some quite concerning information regarding literacy in the UK:



- Statistics show that one in five children in England cannot read well by the age of 11.
- 17% of 15 year-olds in England do not have a minimum level of proficiency in literacy.
- England is the only country where 16-24 year olds have lower literacy and numeracy skills than 55-65 year-olds, out of 24 OECD countries.
- 16% of adults (around 5.8 million people) in England and Northern Ireland score at the lowest level of proficiency in literacy (at or below Level 1).

As a result, we have identified pupils who would benefit from peer reading and they now have been allocated a leader.

The Year 9 students (Hana, Hafsa, Ayesha, Heba, Sarah, Safa, Saira, Zaynab, Braah, Nura, Suhayla and Siham) have all undertaken training on what it is to be a reading leader, what is expected of them and how they can best support their Year 7 buddy. During their training, the reading leaders looked at recent literacy statistics, their buddies reading age and how they can support their reading buddy. The training was a great success! The peer reading sessions have now begun and will continue throughout this academic year.



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Poetry Skills Trip

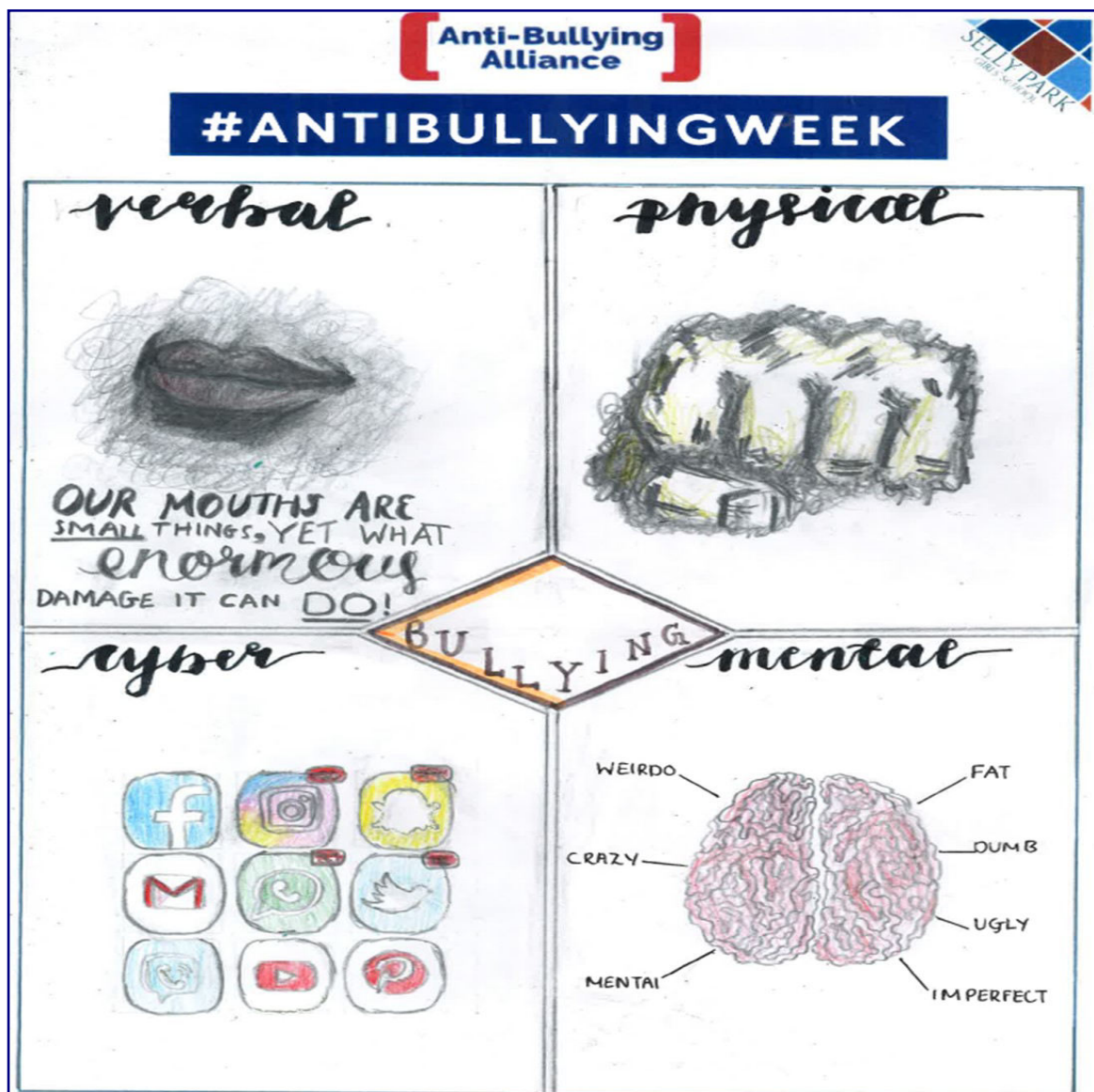


The English Department took twelve girls from Year 11 to Birmingham's Botanical Gardens for a poetry skills workshop in December. The girls worked with an English specialist trialling different ways to approach unseen poetry as part of their GCSE preparation.

The poems they looked at all centred around the theme of nature and the girls collectively came up with some great interpretations of the poems and were commended for their hard work and contributions to the session at the end!

Well done! to all those who attended.

Anti-Bullying Poster Winning Design



This winning poster has been designed by Zara, Thikr, Areeba and Zonish

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European Day of Languages



Back in September the MFL Department held a quiz to celebrate European Day of Languages.

The overall pupil winner was Mayah in Year 9 and from the teachers it was Mrs Nasir.

We invited the top 5 in each year group to a French breakfast where they got to try a “pain au chocolat” washed down with some “chocolat chaud” or a “jus d’orange”. You can see some of the Year 7 and 8 pupils enjoying their “petit-déjeuner” in the photo.

Well done to all those winners !!!

GCSE Art Trip

Year 10 GCSE Art and Design students have been on a visit to the **Barber Institute of Fine Art** and the **Lapworth Geology Museum**. The trip was a success in that they were able to gather inspiration for their personal projects from the amazing art and artefacts on display.

Our students had the opportunity to analyse priceless artworks and create imaginary stories linked to the people portrayed in them. They also sketched and photographed billion year old fossils and beautiful precious stones.

We look forward to seeing their final artworks inspired by these amazing objects!



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Rights Respecting Schools' Award



Selly Park is a Silver Rights Respecting School.

We are going for GOLD!

When everyone in a community knows and respects children's rights, children are:
 Happier and healthier, feel safe and become more involved in school life to achieve their full potential.

Right of the Month

December 2018

Right of the Month **Putting your rights into practice**

Right to health, and a safe, clean environment
Article 24 - children have the right to best possible health
UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF A CHILD

Take part in our Eco Garden and Ecobrick House Competition. This will contribute to a healthier environment for all.



Join Rights Club or apply to be a Selly Park Rights Ambassador.

Recycle, Reuse and Reduce at school and home.

Tell your family and friends about how they can become more Rights Respecting. Become familiar with our charter and UNCRC in your school planner.



Selly Park Rights Ambassadors and our Selly Park Choir teach children at Moor Green Primary Academy about their right to a healthy environment.

Selly Park ambassadors and singers share their vision of a cleaner and healthier planet for children to live. Thank you Moor Green for being so welcoming. We had a fantastic time.



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Rights Respecting Schools' Award (continued...)

Ambassadors teach Selly Park Staff

Duty Bearers (teachers and parents) learn how ALL children have the right to a healthy environment.

Plans are being put into action with our Ambassadors and staff creating recycled plastic planters for our Eco Garden.

Our ambassadors have been busy sharing plans of their Eco Garden with staff, parents and students. The benefits of our garden are:

- Improve the learning environment for Selly Park Students.
- Raises awareness of environmental issues.
- Increases school biodiversity
- Stop plastic from entering our oceans.
- Student Leadership



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Sports Award Evening

On the 24th October, the PE department hosted Sports Awards evening to celebrate the success in Physical Education, Sport and extra-curricular activities.

It was a fabulous occasion to see so many students to receive their awards. Congratulations to all the award winners, in particular to Hajar for winning Sports Personality of the Year.



New School Uniform

A new uniform was introduced in September 2018, with all Year 7 pupils wearing the new uniform. This year was a transition year for Years 8-11. Although, a vast number of pupils have chosen to wear the uniform and do so with pride. Pupils have shared some of their thoughts below.

“It makes us feel smarter and confident in public as we feel like secondary school pupils now.”

“We feel equal because we are all wearing the same”

As a reminder, students are only permitted only one ear stud in each ear, students must wear a blazer or a jumper and trainers are not allowed.



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Year 11 Forward Thinking Graduation

On Wednesday 5th December, we celebrated six Year 11 pupils graduating from Birmingham University's Forward Thinking programme. These students have worked with support from the University since Year 8 and have had a series of opportunities and workshops intended to develop their knowledge of University education and life. From fun activities through to 1:1 mentoring sessions and University style seminars, these students have worked hard to develop their learning ability and make links with the University. We were delighted to celebrate their graduation from this program at an event in Birmingham University's Great Hall with parents, mentors and academics in attendance, as well as enjoying a fantastic keynote speech from the inimitable Action Jackson. Many congratulations to our 2018 Forward Thinking Grads' Aliya, Wajeeha, Mnar, Safia, and Boshra.

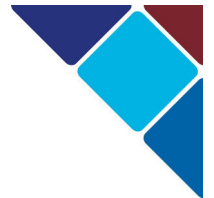


Year 11 Drama Trip

Year 11 Drama students attended the breath taking performance of Michael Morpurgo's stage adaptation of the 1st World War themed novel War Horse on Wednesday, 31st October.

The matinee performance was very popular and pupils very much enjoyed the incredible three man puppetry work with the Horse Joey and Topthorn. This powerful visual and physical theatre - with a large ensemble cast production - was exactly the kind of large scale theatre pupils needed to see for a complete appreciation of dramaturgy, imaginative devising and incredible physical and vocal skills - the kind they have to write about for their GCSE examination in May, 2019.

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PE News

Indoor Athletics

The Fabulous Four Athletics Team went to Shenley Academy to compete in the Level 2 Birmingham Games Indoor Athletics Competition. Nilah, Safa, Ella and Muminah in Year 8 competed against a very tough field and gave it their all. All the girls went above and beyond when representing the school in this event, showed amazing team spirit and had some fun too. Finishing overall 4th, the girls can be very proud of themselves.

Birmingham Schools Senior netball league

The netball squad has seen increased numbers this term for their practices and league fixtures, which is fantastic to see. This has meant competition for places as everyone is improving at a great pace. The girls have enjoyed fixtures against a host of schools, competing especially well against Bishop Challoner and Bourneville. Currently sitting 7th in the league with the next round of fixtures being played in the new year, there is a lot to play for.

Girls Active Program

An exciting new initiative is starting at Selly Park Girls' School called 'Girls Active'. Its aim is to increase the participation rates of girls in sport. The great thing is it can be any sports or activities and is very much pupil focussed and lead. There are a group of main ambassadors who will be starting the programme off by investigating barriers to exercise and also advertising the many benefits. They will also be finding out what all the girls of Selly Park want to try!

Inter house Sports Competitions

The football house competition saw skills, tricks, techniques and goals Messi would be proud of. The new Year 7 football contingent are looking extremely strong. Overall the winners were FIRE! Well done to all 45 girls that came down to compete in the games!

The Wheelchair Basketball Competition: was nail biting and exciting. All pupils were trying to score as many baskets in the game to win points for their house. 53 pupils participated which is fantastic! Well done everyone. After a tense finish the winners ended up in a draw between FIRE and AIR! Thank you to all the girls that participated.

Swimathon: The Year 7's competed in the annual Swimathon raising money for Cancer Research UK and Marie Curie, by being sponsored to swim as far as they can in 30 minutes. They all put in so much effort to reach their own personal targets. Well done girls!

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PE News (continued....)

Children In Need: The Year 11 Prefects and Events Team organised a brilliant Children In Need Fete. There were lots of fun and exciting stalls for the pupils including staff raffle, guess how many sweets in the jar, cakes and food, games, music, karaoke and the Ultimate Floss Off competition. The pupil competition was won by Asiya in Year 7 and the Staff competition was closely fought between Miss Hesson and Mr Fletcher, with Mr Fletcher being named Floss Off Champion 2018. Overall we raised **£252**. Fantastic!

Wear it Pink! The day the whole school wore pink to raise money for Breast Cancer Awareness. There was also a cake sale the Prefects planned and organised too which was extremely successful. It was a great day, with a wonderful atmosphere knowing we were raising money for such a good charity. Over all we raised **£511.31**. Absolutely amazing!

Christmas Boxes:

This year, staff and pupils from the following forms: Miss Grewal, Mr Pritchard, Mrs Welch-Moore all made up a Christmas Shoe box.

This meant we could send 9 shoeboxes filled with presents to other children who may be alone this Christmas.

We thank you all for your generosity!!!!



Prefects: The Year 11 Prefects have had a fantastic start to the year. They have been going into Year 7 forms every week focussing on settling in games. This term, they have been in Year 8 forms helping them with any work, literacy and if they have any questions regarding school life. The Prefects have been busy planning and arranging all the Charity events, as well as speaking in assemblies, taking tours on Open Evening and Days and speaking in front of parents during Open nights and events. They are now looking forward to planning prom. They also have a Prefect duty once a week helping keep the school environment a happier, safer and cleaner place.

Charity Day: On the last day of the summer term, the whole school participated in the annual Charity Day. All forms produced and ran their own charity stalls. These included, games, guess the balloon inside the car, ice cream stalls, karaoke, soak the teacher! It was a brilliant day; everyone took part in great spirit and we raised an amazing **£661.66!** A huge thank you to all the pupils, staff and parents!

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'The Greatest Show Girl' Year 7 Performance

During the autumn term, Year 7 worked hard in their Music lessons to prepare for a whole year group performance. They learned to sing, play percussion and keyboard for the songs and then sang together as a mass choir, performing to parents. The final performance held on 15th November was fantastic and it was amazing to see and hear so many girls making music at the same time. They performed 'This is Me' from the Greatest Showman and also 'Stand by Me' by Ben E King. There were also fantastic solo performances from Khushboo, Zara, Joyce and Courtney.

Choir Performances at Stirchley Co-operative

On Wednesday 13th December, 48 members of our school choir performed a range of musical theatre and Christmas songs at Stirchley Cooperative.

Two separate groups went during the day and they sang fantastically, filling the whole store with sound. They also raised **£152** for the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Charity.

A fantastic effort from all involved and a lovely opportunity to give back to our local community.



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Performance of 'A Christmas Carol'

On Thursday, 14th December, pupils in year 11 had the fantastic opportunity of watching a live theatre performance of 'A Christmas Carol.'

It was an enjoyable experience for all and the pupils found it an incredibly useful way to support their understanding of this text, a component of the English Literature GCSE course. Having the play brought to life on stage, full of drama, music and laughter, was a wonderful way to enhance their studies and it was lovely to see some of the pupils (and teachers) joining in with the acting too!

Saturday School 2018-19

Here at Selly Park Girls', we run an effective intervention strategy of having the school open all day Saturday to allow the Year 11 girls to excel in their studies. We have outstanding consultants who deliver the highest quality of teaching in the core subjects. This is then complimented by our own staff coming in to deliver essential revision sessions of the highest quality.

With up to 100 girls attending, we are proud to say that our pupils feel the provision is effective for their needs. Our pupils say the Saturday school helps reduce their stress leading up to their exams in the summer.

"It's thriving in its purpose" - Year 11 student

PSHE Week

The infographic features a background of a landscape with hills and a sunset. It contains several blue thought bubbles and boxes with text. The text is organized into four main categories: Health and Wellbeing, Relationships, Finances, and Careers. A large box at the bottom right contains a summary statement about the school's focus on preparing students for an ever-changing world.

Health and Wellbeing

- Change in year groups
- Maintain your health
- How to be safe

Relationships

- Healthy relationships
- Spotting and managing emotions.
- Advice and support

Finances

- Informed choices
- Living in a diverse world

Careers

- Types of jobs
- Team work
- Leadership

An emphasis is placed on preparing our students for the **ever changing world**. As part of this, a focus is placed on equipping students with the knowledge, skills and understanding to embed and explore their **aspirations**.

PSHE "All Encompassing"

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Selly Park Girls' School Bus Trial Day

As a school, we are committed to ensuring that all pupils that travel to school arrive safely. We have been working with the Green Bus Company to organise a school bus specifically for our pupils. The customised bus route has been created based on our wide catchment area. This will ensure that pupils are given the option to catch just one bus with their friends from school. Here is some feedback from the trial:

“at £1.20 each way it’s cheaper than a van”

“The school bus will save my parents having to drive me in”

“It’s great to have a route that stops near my house”

Safety- 70 pupils travel safely together with no other members of the public on the bus. Dropped off outside the school entrance.

Health- Pupils are often dropped off in cars in very dangerous locations along the Pershore Road.

Environment- Less traffic on the roads around the school area. Reduction in the number of parking issues.

Community- A sense of community on a designated Selly Park Girls School bus.

Thank you to all parents and pupils that supported the trial day. More details about a more permanent service will be shared with parents and pupils in the new year.



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Geography Club and Trip

·WoW' Geography Club

WoW club was set up in response to a very enthusiastic bunch of pupils who were keen to know more about a variety of 'Wonders of the World'. In particular, they wanted to know and understand how physical features such as volcanoes, tsunamis and earthquakes form. As a result, after half term Miss Wheeler, with our trainee teacher, started a lunchtime club, open to Year 7 & 8 only. Week 1, we had 28, week 5 we have 20 Year 8's and 52 Year 7's!! Amazing! After an initial session looking at different types of rock and rock formations, we have spent our time looking at volcanoes and understanding plate tectonics. Part of our lunchtime is spent learning about them, then we have spent time making them! (see pictures below!)

WoW Trip – Lapworth Museum

As a result of their fantastic commitment & enthusiasm, we took the Year 8 WoW club members to the Lapworth Geology Museum on Monday 17th December. A fantastic afternoon was had by all as we learnt about the three main rock types and what we can learn from them in terms of a dinosaur's life and death and an active earth session on plate boundaries and how volcanoes are formed. Pupils also had a chance to explore the museum and all it has to offer. Many hope to go back and as this is free and open to the public. I'm sure they will! Our guide and lead for the afternoon, Aeron said of our girls, 'Your students were all brilliant and asked some amazing questions! It was a pleasure having them in the museum!' Our next step will be to take Year 7 in the New Year and we can't wait! Thanks to all for doing themselves and the school proud – Well Done!



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School Council

A pupil from each form has been selected to represent their class as part of Selly Park Girls' School Council. The role of a School Council Representative is to be the pupil voice for their class, contributing to ideas and supporting the drive for whole school improvement. A team of pupils from Year 7 to Year 11 have met to discuss aspects of school life and have contributed some excellent ideas and initiatives to improve the school further. The school council Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and a team of Publicity Officers have been successfully elected. Congratulations to all the girls involved!!!

Need Some Support?

Our main focus is to make sure all of our pupils are **safe**, **feel happy** and are **proud** to be a big part of our school. Mr Gibson (our Safeguarding Lead) and the pastoral team are here to listen and give guidance about how to achieve this. We understand the pressures placed on young people whether that is through **peers** (friends), **school life**, **home life** or **social media**. Our years of experience as a team means we **will** be able to help.

Here at Selly Park, as well as the dedicated pastoral team, every staff member is trained to help so we do encourage you to speak to maybe your form tutor, head of year or one of your subject teachers. This also applies to all our support staff if you would like to speak to them.

You, being a good friend is also important to us here at school, if one of your friends is not feeling safe, happy or proud, please pop along and see us.

Your welfare is our priority!

Dates for your Diary...

Autumn Term Ends on Friday, 21st December 2018.

Spring Term Starts on Monday, 7th January 2019.

Pupils return to school on Monday, 7th January 2019.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS...
FROM ALL THE STAFF AT SELLY PARK