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Springvale Museum

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Dear families,

This week we will be opening up- for one night only- our amazing Springvale Museum! I wanted to explain a little more about what the evening entails and answer some questions that parents have asked about how best to get involved. **The event will run between 4.30-6.00pm on Wednesday 29th January.**

Each September, Ofsted launch a new framework for educational standards and it is the job of our Governors and leaders to ensure that we work together with pupils, families and staff to deliver at least 'good' standards against these guidelines. One of the major changes this year- alongside the significant changes to expectations around reading and phonics- is the expectation that all teachers will also be leaders of a subject area within the National Curriculum. Thankfully this has been an expectation for our school now for 2 years and we have a superb team of leaders who are passionate about their subject area. They also ensure that their subject area is covered regularly and to a good quality, ensuring that staff who are less confident in these areas receive the support that they need to teach the subject well and support all pupils to make good progress.

This year we have raised our expectations around subject leadership and all leaders now have files full of evidence of their impact and the quality of education on offer. We now want to showcase the actual work that pupils achieve and we wanted to plan an event that allowed leaders to capture this quality of work. Springvale being the school that it is, we thought that this would be a good opportunity to share the work we do with parents and -going one step further as always- we could make it an experience for parents to enjoy. With this in mind our staff have worked really hard all academic year, and they have put in at least 5-10 hours specifically on this event, to bring this concept to life.

The school traditionally had a 'parent drop in' at this time of year which sat between the traditional parents' evening opportunities in November and March. Two years ago we brought in Target Tracker for EYFS children and we started to include the sharing of pupil work in Y1-6 at these parents' evening appointments, thus making the parent drop in event less necessary and we noted that attendance at the event dropped significantly also. This meant that the opportunity arose to share our work with parents in a more engaging way that also celebrated the whole breadth of our curriculum rather than just reading, writing and maths.

What will it look like?

Each leader will have a dedicated space to showcase their subject. **Selected work will be present from all ages so this event is open from Nursery age to Year 6 families.** It is not about looking at your child's work but instead seeing all that we will offer during your child's educational journey- each leader has chosen work samples from their area covering the whole age range. Much like our art gallery event in December, it will be about seeing the progression across school and the quality of the work at all age ranges. Leaders will be based in their room to talk to parents about the work and any questions you may have. Some children have been selected to be part of the event to help us to bring the curriculum to life. Naturally, some rooms will be more interactive than others depending on the curriculum content! We will, for example, have live music and sports demonstrations!

What will be on show?

| Curriculum Area | Leaders | Where to find it |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| EYFS Curriculum | Mrs Parr and Mrs Honey | F1 and F2 classrooms |
| Computing/Online Safety | Mr Venus | ICT Suite |
| Design Technology | Mrs Tomlinson | Y1 Classroom |
| Literacy- Read, Write and Phonics | Mrs Fearn and Mrs Royston | Y2 Classroom and Library |
| Faith | Mrs Andrew | Y3 Classroom |
| Science | Miss Alderson | Y4 Classroom |
| History/Geography | Mrs Henstock | Y5 Classroom |
| Mathematics | Mrs Evans/Mrs Mayston | Y6 Classroom |
| Music | Mrs Andrew | Circle |
| Physical Education | Mrs Exley | Hall |

Please note that we have recently added lots of extra information about our curriculum areas, and the plans that leaders have to develop these areas over the coming years, to our school website. All information available here: <https://springvaleprimary.org/curriculum/>

How does it work?

The event will be set up in the afternoon (the children will be in the hall with Mr McClure) and then children will see the work before home time. Our after school clubs (KS1 Football and KS2 Cartoon Club) are not scheduled this week, as per the original club letter. Parents need to sign up to a time slot ASAP to avoid missing out. There are 10 areas to see so it should take 30-45 minutes in total. **It is a self-led tour so you will be able to see as much or as little of the work as you like and in your own time.** We will have some pupils and staff around to help to guide you to the correct rooms if needed however! We also have staff/Heads from other schools who are coming along to see this new concept in action. The event is also suitable for prospective parents who may be interested in joining us in the future if you know of anyone in the local community who this may apply to then please feel free to spread the word! **Times are available at 4.30, 5.00 (both lots of availability) or 5.30pm (limited spaces).** We do have some staff support to supervise children in the Community Room at these times (please inform me of any supervision needs when booking).

We sadly cannot allow non-school age children to access this supervision due to insurance and safeguarding complications. Nor can we allow non-school aged siblings to visit the museum with parents for health and safety reasons.

We're very excited to share our curriculum with you and to take your feedback on improving even further in the future! We hope that you can join us. If not then please take a look at the super work on Twitter in the following days!

Kind Regards

Mr L McClure

Headteacher