



Swan Lane First School



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Dates for your Diary - Don't forget you can sync our school calendar with your phone's on our mobile app.

Friday 26th October - TED Day - no pupils in school

Monday 5th November - Pupils return to school, Bonfire Night Meal and Year 5 Welly Week

Monday 12th November - School photographer (portraits) and Year 4 Welly Week

Wednesday 14th November - 2K Class Assembly

Thursday 15th November - Come Dine With 4M

Friday 16th November - Children in Need

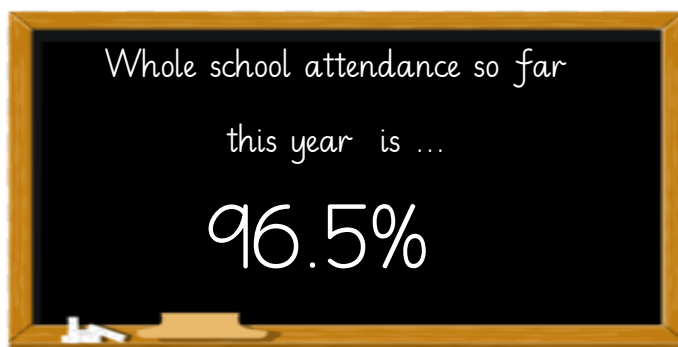
Monday 19th November - Year 3 Welly Week

Wednesday 21st November - 5RAB Class Assembly

Monday 26th November - Year 2 Welly Week

Wednesday 28th November - Walk in Wednesday

Attendance



A Blooming Success For Swan Lane First School

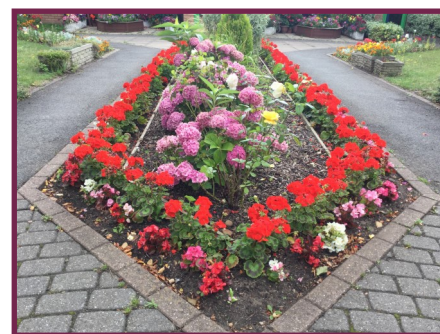


On Wednesday 3rd October, the Evesham 'Schools in Bloom' competition awards were presented at the Community Centre in Wallace House. Two children, who have been involved in the Swan Lane EcoWarrior group and the Gardening

Club, attended the awards with Mr Batts. We were thrilled to be awarded a 'Gold' certification from Evesham Town Council and also the award for the best school overall. This recognises the great efforts that children and staff have made to produce grounds that are both beautiful and also attractive for wildlife. These efforts include the work done by all the children and staff, for example: the gardening club; EcoWarrior group run by Mr Johnson; Mr Importante and Mr Patta for their work on the grounds. All the children took part this year in a planting day and as a result, the flowers have been beautiful throughout the summer.

The school's efforts were rewarded further by special recognition from 'Britain in Bloom' for the Heart of England 'Britain in Bloom' competition. We have received a beautiful trophy, which

celebrated the children's involvement in horticulture and their school environment. We are so pleased to have everyone's efforts recognised in this way, both locally and nationally.



Harvest



The School Council led a Harvest Assembly on Thursday morning, celebrating the hard work that farmers, farmworkers and shopkeepers do to provide us with enough food to eat. As part of the celebration, we asked for your donations of food and have been inundated with hundreds of items. Thank you to all of you who have donated food to provide a spectacular display in the hall. Your donations will be delivered to the Caring Hands Foodbank very shortly and will be used to support those people in our local community who are in most need.

Again, a huge thank you!

Mr Forrester

Evacuee Experience

WWII trip.

Year 4 recently visited Winchcombe train station for an evacuee experience. Dressed as children from the 1940s, we arrived filled with excitement, with some children about to embark on their first ever train journey. We boarded a steam train, and sang war time songs to keep spirits high. A German spy was spotted by the children, so Mr Warren & Mr Morgan swiftly dealt with him. After that, we had the chance to speak to some fascinating people who were evacuated during the war. It was brilliant to hear the children asking great questions and showing such an interest.



We got to try on clothes and play with war time toys, all the time learning more about life for children during the war. Then we practised how to put out fires using fire-fighting equipment from the 1940s before dashing to the shelter as the siren sounded. Finally, we had a talk from another evacuee who shared her story in great detail. The children really enjoyed the trip, and it has significantly helped them in understanding life during the war, and it has been fantastic to see the children beginning to empathise with those children who were involved with evacuation during WWII. Thank you to the parents and carers for helping with the outfits – they were great! For more pictures, look at our class blogs.

Mr Warren



Keeping Safe – Halloween and Bonfire Night

In assembly today, we had an interesting talk by the local police on how to keep safe during Halloween and Bonfire Night. We are about to embark on this period of frothy, fun frivolities, but we must always remember the ways we have been shown to keep safe. Also, we were reminded to stay within the law during Halloween. Not everyone will welcome a group of ghouls on their doorstep, so look out for posters from the local police in people's windows, to inform us of this. I wish everyone a fun and safe Halloween and Bonfire Night.



Pottery Time!

The children thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon as they were treated to a demonstration by a visiting potter, Jon.

Jon the Potter miraculously showed how to fashion an owl out of clay in a surprisingly short length of time. This is a useful skill, if you ever find yourself short of owls. I know that the children were not expecting to witness that on a Thursday afternoon. What a hoot that was! The wonder continued as they were guided through the intricacies of the potter's wheel. Not surprisingly, Jon used this to demonstrate how to make a beautiful pot.

Mr Batts



2J Class Assembly

Last week it was our 2J class assembly. We acted out the story of 'The Cow that Laid an Egg' based on the book by Andy Cutbill and Russell Ayto. In the story, Marjorie the cow thinks that she has laid an egg, but she hatches a very odd looking cow (who she instantly loves.)

The children spoke with lovely, loud, clear voices and sang beautifully. We are all still humming 'Baby Cow' as we walk around school!

Mr Jones