



Swan Lane First School Newsletter

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Dates for your Diary – Don't forget you can sync our school calendar with your phones on our mobile app.

Monday 1st April – Modern Foreign Language Festival Year 3

Tuesday 2nd – Visit of French School Children

Monday 8th – Bikeability Year 4

Wednesday 10th – IGH Class Assembly

Friday 12th – Music Festival and End of Spring Term

Monday 29th – Start of Summer Term

Wednesday 1st May – 3F to Sandfield Farm

Monday 6th May – May Day Bank Holiday

Wednesday 8th – IJ Class Assembly

Monday 13th – Y5 visit to Worcester University

Wednesday 15th – RG Class Assembly

Friday 17th – Year 4 trip to Worcester Cathedral



World Book Week

Everyone had a great time in World Book Week this year. The children enjoyed stories read by different adults in the school and also shared books with children from different year groups. The Scholastic Book Fair was a great success – many thanks to all the parents and children who supported the event. All the children took part in a book mark competition, and the winners were presented with prizes in a special assembly. Many of the children were also enjoying poetry throughout the week, and others took part in a writing competition. Everyone had a great deal of fun!

Mr Batts



Swan Lane pupil heading to National School Games Championships!

One of our pupils is about to take on a huge challenge. Rowan has qualified for the School Games National Cross Country Championships. After finishing 2nd in the South Worcestershire event in January, he then came 5th in the Worcestershire competition to secure his place at the next level. Rowan will be travelling to Leicestershire at the end of March to take on the best Year 5s in the country! We are incredibly proud of Rowan and his amazing sporting achievements!

A BIG thank you must go to Lisa Houghton our School Games Organiser and Mr Taylor of St Egwin's Middle School who so very kindly transported Rowan to the Worcestershire Competition allowing him to compete.

We wish you the best of luck Rowan, we are all cheering you on!

Glass Sculpting

As part of Art Club, the children recently had the opportunity to work with two experienced local glass makers, Kerswell Creations and Starr Fused Glass. The children in Years 4 and 5 made this beautiful fish mobile that now hangs in the library and Years 2/3 made the fish tiles. Come and have a look at them next time you are in school.



Learning About Nature in Year Five

We had lots of fun this week, learning all about the natural world around us. We started each day with a meditation or mindfulness activity, so we were thoroughly relaxed for the day ahead. We began by setting up part of our new nature trail. The new labels on the trees and



plants will ensure that the children have a greater awareness of the plants in the grounds. We made bird feeders, played games to help us learn the names of British birds and did artwork based on birds. Our school grounds have been developed to meet the needs of local wildlife, as well as the needs of the children. We were surprised to see how many species make their homes in the school grounds. By the end of the week, the children knew the names of at least a dozen birds, and could recognise the calls of some too. It was a lovely week, filled with learning!

Mr Batts



Year Five Getting Ready for the World of Work

Many fascinating people came to Swan Lane today to talk to the children about their jobs and experiences in the world of work. The school hosted a 'Professions Afternoon' for the children. Ten companies and self-employed people kindly gave up their time to widen the children's horizons by informing them about careers and professional pathways. The children listened and watched carefully, then asked questions about training and day-to-day experiences. All the children got a great deal from the afternoon and showed considerable focus as they made notes. Thank you again to all those who gave up their time to make the event possible,

Mr Batts



Malvern Residential



Last week, forty-five Year 5 children went on a trip to Malvern Outdoor Elements. This is always one of the highlights of the year and again it did not disappoint.

We stayed there for three days and two nights and the children had to be very independent, courageous and show great ingenuity throughout their time there!

There was a range of exciting activities that the children took part in: archery, climbing, high and low ropes courses, bushcraft, orienteering and much more. Not to mention having to make their own beds and lunches, organise themselves for dorm inspections and be prepared for the day ahead. All the children accomplished the National Outdoor Learning Award while they were there - a great achievement. For full photo galleries, check our website and class blogs, but you can see a group photo taken at the end of our trip and a picture I took of the view on our night walk along the Malvern Hills.

The children were a credit to the school and themselves and we were very proud of how they behaved. Well done everyone!

Mr Bowkett

