



Swan Lane First School Newsletter

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Dates for your Diary

Monday 4th November - Start of Autumn 2 Term
Tuesday 5th November - Bonfire Night Special Meal
Thursday 7th November - Year 3 Visit to Hindu Temple
Friday 8th November - Hearing Tests for Reception
Monday 11th November - Year 4 Visit to the Hive

Wednesday 13th November - 5AB Class Assembly
Thursday 14th November - Come Dine with Me 4W
Friday 15th November - Children in Need
Wednesday 20th November - 5KB Class Assembly
Wednesday 27th November - Walk in Wednesday

Oracy Afternoons

Over the last two weeks, each year group has held a Presentation Afternoon to help build the children's oracy skills. Year 5 spoke about the solar system, Year 4 transformed into an Art Gallery, Year 3 delved deep into Ancient Egypt, Year 2 focused on Italy and Year 1 were creative, making some brilliant pieces of art with the help of the parents and carers.

We would like to thank all those who attended – we were overwhelmed by the number of parents and carers who turned up. It helped to make it an incredibly positive experience for the children. Through our focus on oracy, we are working to improve the children's confidence in public speaking, their capability when presenting their own ideas and their ability to think on their feet when discussing a range of topics.

We sent out a short questionnaire this week so that you can give us feedback about your experience of the Presentation Afternoons.



Core Values Winners

Well done to our first Core Values winners for this academic year. September's focus was demonstrating 'curiosity' and in October the focus was on 'respect.'



The children received a certificate and an enamel badge in a special assembly and had the opportunity to attend an afternoon tea party. With Mrs Roberts, Mr Batts and Mrs Wall, who is a Governor at the school.

Year 2 Wedding

The Year 2 wedding recently took place at All Saints church, followed by a party back at school. It was a fantastic day and it taught children about a Christian celebration in a very interactive, enjoyable way. Thank you to all parents and carers who were able to attend and share our learning with us.



MacMillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to all those who came and supported our Macmillan Coffee Afternoon.

We raised over £250 for this worthwhile charity.

Class Assemblies

A new year of class assemblies has begun with performances from Year 2. Mr Kent's class performed the traditional tale of Hansel & Gretel whilst Mr Jones' class put on a brilliant show all about healthy living. We were so impressed by the clarity of both singing and speaking voices and the enjoyment of the children was obvious. Thank you to all staff who were involved in these and also to all the parents/carers that came along to support the children.



European Day of Languages!

On Monday 21st, lessons were temporarily put on hold as all year groups focused on a different country. The whole day was centred around understanding more about the cultural diversity of Europe & broadening the children's understanding of our continent. The countries studied were:

- Reception - Poland
- Year 1 - Romania
- Year 2 - Italy
- Year 3 - Portugal
- Year 4 - Spain
- Year 5 - Germany



Throughout the day children cooked and experienced different food, learnt part of a new language, tried some traditional dancing, sung songs from their chosen country and created some wonderful pieces of art. It was a brilliant day, one which both teachers and children really enjoyed!

WWII Evacuation Experience - Year 4

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 wartime songs to keep spirits high. A German spy was spotted by the children, so Mr Warren & Mrs Smith 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. The children really enjoyed the trip, 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.

