

## Visit by Nigel Huddleston MP

We were pleased to welcome Nigel Huddleston MP to school on Friday 10th February. Mr Huddleston gave an assembly to the whole school, talking about his role as an MP and explaining what it is like to work in Parliament. The children were thoroughly interested and many said that they would consider a career in politics.



Later in the morning Mr Huddleston met with the School Council, which is made up of fourteen year 5 children. There he fielded questions from the School Council members and discussed the ideas that the children have for the school and their recent trip to the Houses of Parliament Education Centre.

Of his visit to Swan Lane, Mr Huddleston said, "I really enjoyed my visit to Swan Lane First School on Friday. It was great to meet the children and hear their questions, and to learn how many of them want to be MPs or work in Parliament at some time in the future. I was sorry not to have been able to

see students when they came to Parliament recently, so I much appreciated having the opportunity to meet them at the school, to join an Assembly and to attend a meeting of the School Council."

## Switch Off Fortnight

Our Eco Council decided to run a 'Switch Off Fortnight' in order to reduce energy usage around school. Children were asked to remind teachers to switch off projectors, lights and screens during break times. The Eco Team went around the school to check this was being carried out, and a prize was awarded to 4M for being the most energy efficient class! To keep up the good work, the Eco Council set the school a challenge: design a light switch cover for their classroom to encourage everybody to turn off electrical devices. The Eco Council would like to thank everyone for all their hard work!



# Swan Lane First School



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## Dates for your diary

Wednesday 29th March - IV Class Assembly

29th - 31st March - Y5 Malvern Residential

Monday 3rd April - Modern Languages Festival at PHHS

Friday 7th April - Last day of Spring Term

Monday 24th April - First day of Summer Term

Monday 1st May - May Day Bank Holiday

Tuesday 2nd May - Y2 Synagogue Trip

## Our new bathroom is open!

The building work at the back of school has now finished; we have a completely new accessible bathroom and cloakroom, as well as a ramp from the door to the forest school area! We had a grand opening in which Mrs Teague's class saw it unveiled for the first time, and Lewis cut the ribbon.



## Worcestershire Cricket Coaching

This term Year 5 have had the opportunity to be coached by Worcestershire County Cricket Club! Every week they have been put through their paces learning a range of cricketing skills with many wanting to become the next Joe Root or Charlotte Edwards! The sessions have been great fun and we would like to thank WCCC for taking their time to come to Swan Lane.



## Drop Box

There is a new locked dropbox in the foyer to school. Please put money and slips for trips, DVD Nights, Discos menus etc. in this box instead of queuing to see Office Staff. This box will be emptied at the beginning and the end of the day. **Remember to put your child's name and their class on the front of the envelope.** Thank you.

## Inappropriate use of Social Network Sites

The Governors of Swan Lane First School consider the use of social media websites to fuel campaigns and complaints against the school as unacceptable and not in the best interests of the children or the whole school community. Any concerns you may have about the school or your child/children must be made through the appropriate channels by speaking to the class teacher, the Headteacher or the Chair of Governors, where they will be dealt with fairly, appropriately and effectively for all concerned.

## Year 1 Multi-skills

St Egwin's hosted a fantastic afternoon of sporting fun for Year 1 pupils. They had an opportunity to test their agility, balance and co-ordination skills through a range of activities led excellently by many former Swan Lane pupils. Everyone had a great afternoon leaving St Egwin's with big smiles! Thank you to Mr Taylor and his Young Leaders for such an enjoyable afternoon!



## Contact Details

Please inform the office if you have recently changed your contact details, such as your mobile phone number or address. Thank you.

## The Littletons 1 - 3 Swan Lane

We played The Littletons in a football match and both teams should be congratulated on their sporting attitude and the level of skill they showed. It was an excellent game with to watch with some impressive talent on show.



Swan Lane started very strongly, quickly laying siege to the Littletons goal, with every member of the team involved in passing the ball and organising each other into position. Swan Lane could not find the breakthrough until Tyler Sears struck an excellent free kick into the top corner. Sophie added a second with a

header, and an own goal provided the third. Our defence was also tested by a number of attacks in the second half, but we held on to win 3-1.

At the final whistle, after the customary handshakes, it was great to see friends catching up from different schools and talking about the game. All of the children involved should be proud of their efforts.

## Kitchen

Our new kitchen is being installed next weekend, and will be up and running after the Easter holidays. Please remember that orders for Spring 2 must be returned by Monday 3rd April.

## Staff Notices

Congratulations to both Mrs Cumberland and Mrs Hurst on their recent arrivals! Mrs Cumberland has had a little girl called Florrie, and Mrs Hurst a son called George.

## Attendance

Congratulations to... **3F**

...this week's attendance winners with  
99.3%

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