



## Dates for your diary

*Please see the 'Calendar' page on our website for a full list of upcoming events.*

Wednesday 31st January - 4W Class Assembly

Wednesday 31st January - Eye testing for Reception

Monday 5th February - Maths Day

Tuesday 6th February - Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 7th February - 3F Class Assembly

Wednesday 7th February - Professor McGinty - Y3+4

Tuesday 13th February - Parents Evening

Wednesday 14th February - Parents Evening

Friday 16th February - Pupils break up for half term

Monday 26th February - Pupils return for start of Spring 2

## Attendance



## Staffing Notices

Congratulations to Mrs Teague who gave birth to a baby girl, Ayla, before Christmas. Mrs Hurst has now returned from her maternity leave and will be teaching IGH alongside Mrs Gent.

## Would you like to come in and talk to Y5 about your profession?

At Swan Lane we believe that community links are vital in the development, growth and wellbeing of all of our pupils. Having excellent links with parents, carers and other members of the local community helps us to provide positive role models for our children. With this in mind, we would like to invite members of the local community in to school to briefly speak to our Year 5 children to discuss their current or previous jobs to enlighten the children about future opportunities. If you would be interested in sharing your experiences with Year 5, or know anyone who might be, please contact the office for a form.

Thank you

Mr Kent

## Maths Day

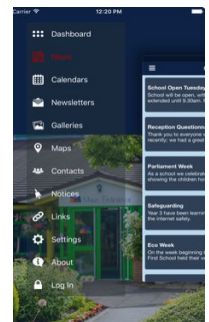
As part of our Maths Day on Monday 5th February, we will be asking children to share the ways in which they use maths at home and email pictures into school to form part of an online maths blog. This could be something as simple as setting an alarm clock, measuring ingredients and baking a cake or counting money. Please send any pictures of your child using maths (and often not realising they are!) to

[mathsday@swanlanefirstschool.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:mathsday@swanlanefirstschool.worcs.sch.uk)

Thank you. Mr Kent

## Swan Lane Mobile App

We are delighted with the number of people who have downloaded our brand new app. Thank you to everyone who has downloaded it so far, we hope you have found it useful. It is an easy way to stay up to date: you can receive calendar synchronisation; push notification of news stories; emergency notices (such as school closures) and newsletters directly to your smartphone. It is available on both the iTunes App and Google Play stores, just search for Swan Lane!



## Basketball at TDMS

Basketball is one of the most requested sports at Swan Lane. We were lucky enough to take some of our Year 5 pupils to a festival at TDMS before Christmas. Basketball players were on hand to run the children through some skill practices which were designed to help the children dribble, pass and shoot their way to success. Everyone enjoyed the morning immensely, and further opportunities to play basketball are in the pipeline for the future! This was one of the many opportunities provided to us via the School Games award. For more information, you can keep up to date with Mr Thompson's PE blog on our website.



## Pupils Profit

Pupils: Are you driven, motivated, inspiring, good with figures or design? Then the Eco Council would love to hear from you. Swan Lane will soon be setting up and running an eco friendly stationery shop. There will be a number of positions available for pupils to apply for such as Marketing Manager, Finance Manager and Stock Controllers. The children will be able to learn a great range of skills all about running a business. This project will be running in partnership with Pupils Profit. Pupils Profit Enterprise is an educational company promoting the setup and operation of a sustainable business. All profits made will be allocated to future Eco Council projects. Applications for the roles will be available shortly, children should check out the Pupil Profits website or the Eco Council board (outside 3V) to find out more information.

Mr Johnson

[www.pupilsprofit.com](http://www.pupilsprofit.com)



## Safeguarding

Tuesday 6th February is Safer Internet Day. We will be using this as a further opportunity to educate the pupils about appropriate and responsible use of technology. There will be a special assembly, and teachers are organising lessons and activities to provide children with the message: Stay **SMART**.

- **S**tay Safe
- **M**eeet - don't meet up with anyone you don't know!
- **A**cccept - don't accept files from anyone you don't know and trust
- **R**eliable - check information before you believe it
- **T**ell - tell a trusted adult if anything you see upsets you

[www.saferinternet.org.uk](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk) has a wealth of resources aimed at different age groups as well as parents and carers. If you ever have any concerns about your child's use of the internet, please don't hesitate to tell your child's class teacher or Mr Bowkett, the E-Safety Leader.

## Year 4 Maths Event

On Tuesday, some of the children from Year 4 took part in a day of maths activities at Bengeworth School. The children were tasked to solve numeric and



shape challenges, working individually and in small groups. They enjoyed meeting and working with children from local schools, and they particularly relished the chance to 'show off' their mathematical prowess.

Mr Batts

## A Note on PE Kit

Mr Thompson has kindly requested that children's PE kit stays in school throughout the week so they have everything they need for both of their PE lessons.