



Message from Mr Wray

Friday 2nd February 2024

This week's Swanwick Story contains lots of new information about exciting events. There is also new information about Spring 2 PE days and some planned changes in the new half term! Please read through so you are fully up to date!



Events Spring 1 and after Half Term

5 th February	EYFS Wildlife Workshop
6 th February	Safer Internet Day Activities delivered across the school day for pupils
7 th February	YEAR 4-MTC Multiplication Check Meeting for parents in Year 4- Option 1 2:45-3:15pm School Hall (Details can be found in this Swanwick Story) Option 2- 7:00-7:30pm Via Teams (a link will be shared closer to the date via Parent Hub)
12 th February	Friends of Swanwick Meeting 7:30pm
13 th February	Year 1 Explorer Day
14 th February	NEW Year 3 Roman Day (see details within this newsletter)
15 th February	EYFS Animals Who Came to Tea
16 th February	Random Acts of Kindness Day- In school events Break up day
26 th February	School reopens to pupils for Spring 2 Term
4 th March	Friends of Swanwick Meeting 7:30pm
7 th March	World Book Day
8 th March	Mothers' Day Stalls after school (Friends of Swanwick Event) 3pm onwards
12 th March	Reading Breakfast for EYFS, Y2 and Y5 9am-10am
13 th March	Reading Breakfast for Y1, Y3, Y4 and Y6 9am-10am
	Swanwick Stars Concert 6-7pm
14 th March	Swanwick...

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all well. Thank you for all of the responses to parent/carer pulse survey which was sent out last week. We had 80 responses in total and some really valuable feedback. I will be in touch shortly with a summary of your feedback and what we intend to do about it. I really appreciate your honesty.

We're already starting to make some changes ready for the second spring term which you'll read about in this edition of the Swanwick Story. As ever, my door is always open and if you wish to contact me about anything, please don't hesitate to contact the main school office.

Kindest regards,
Mr. Wray.



We now have a Facebook page! We will be posting updates about the school and more generally lots of achievements from our wonderful children. Please follow us and feel free to comment, share and praise!





UPCOMING EVENTS

Safer Internet Day- 6th February

Tuesday the 6th February is Safer Internet Day across the UK! Here in Swanwick we will be carrying out a host of different activities and exciting lessons.

The theme for Safer Internet Day is: 'Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online'. We all know that being online can be scary at times and we want our pupils to not only be safe, but to be a force for positivity and change in the online world.

We're holding a whole school competition – we would like pupils to come up with their 5 ways they can make the online world better and safer and then present their ideas – this could be in any way they want – a poster, a poem, a PowerPoint Presentation, a story ETC. Please be as creative as possible!

The competition will begin on Tuesday 5th February and we're asking all entries to be sent into school by Wednesday 14th February. We will announce a Key Stage 1 and a Key Stage 2 winner on Friday 16th February and they will receive prizes!

Mr. Cartwright

Year 1 Explorer Day- 13th February



Tuesday 13th February- Y1 Non Uniform


Year 1 are invited to come dressed in outdoor, weather appropriate clothing- this could be 'Explorer' themed.

Children will take part in outdoor orienteering activities, enjoy a hot chocolate at basecamp (upper field) and engage in mapping and symbol tasks. We will be making our own binoculars/ telescopes to support our adventure!

Swanwick Stars Concert

13TH & 14TH MARCH
2024

SWANWICK

Stars 

6-7PM


TICKETS
£1

HELP US TO RAISE MONEY TO BUY BOOKS FOR OUR CLASSROOMS AND TO ENRICH OUR ENGLISH CURRICULUM!

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

COME AND JOIN US FOR AN EXCITING EVENING FILLED WITH MUSIC, SINGING AND SPECIAL PERFORMANCES FROM OUR SWANWICK STARS! ENTER OUR RAFFLE FOR A CHANCE TO WIN SOME AMAZING PRIZES!

RAFFLE TICKETS
£1



In March, we will be holding our annual Swanwick Stars Concert!

Last year, the raffle raised a fantastic amount of money, which we were able to use to buy over 30 glockenspiels, recorders, boom whackers AND a steel drum experience for all children in school!

We have been contacting local companies to see if they are willing to donate prizes for our raffle.

If anyone is able to donate or know of any companies who would be willing to donate, please get in touch as we would be so grateful for any help! If you have anything you can offer, please send an email titled- 'Swanwick Stars Raffle' to

info@swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk, with details, and we will get back to you!

We will be in contact soon about how you can buy your tickets!

Thank you,

Miss Harris
Music and Writing Lead





Year 3 Roman Day- 14th February

On Wednesday 14th February 2024 we will be having a Roman Day in Year 3. We wanted to have an event to mark the end of our Enquiry - Roaming Around. Due to the short notice we will not be asking the children to dress as Romans but it will be optional non-uniform.

The children will still be taking part in the Roman VR activity but this has been postponed until 23rd April.

The Year 3 Team
Mr. Morris, Miss Calderbank and Mrs. Frogson

EYFS Animal Tea Party-15th February



Children in Acorns and Conkers, you are invited...

to an EYFS Tea Party!

On Thursday 15th February, please come to school dressed in your best animal attire for our 'The Animals Who Came to Tea' tea party. You are welcome to bring along a furry (toy) animal friend to join you in our festivities.

Our Forest School is so much fun!

We have been digging up our potatoes and carrots, making kites in the very windy weather. The children have been learning about fire safety and cooking S'mores (digestives and marshmallows) on an open fire! Key skills are being taught in such an exciting and memorable way. Take a look at some of the exciting activities below!



Hot House Music Assemblies

Last week, we had an exciting visit from some of the very talented musicians from Hot House Music! We got to hear so many different instruments, learn new things to help us with learning an instrument and sang beautifully too!

All children have been sent home with a form which can be filled out to register their interest in learning one of the many instruments Hot House Music are going to be offering at our school. If you require any more information, please get in touch with school and we will be more than happy to help.





Futsal- Year 5 and 6

Cricket Skills with the Coach

Each Friday, EYFS have been building on their cricket skills with the coach.

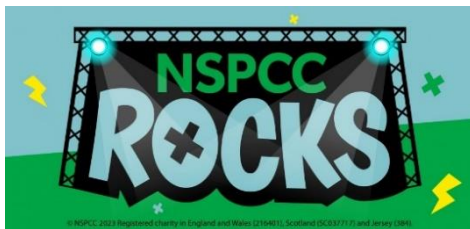
They are becoming aware of the shapes of the bat and how to accurately hit the ball. They have displayed excellent teamwork and positive attitudes.

Who knows, we may have some famous Cricketers in the future!



On Tuesday after school, a group of our wonderful Year six girls, went to Alfreton leisure centre to compete in a futsal tournament. It was a very competitive tournament, with a lot of challenging games and all the girls worked hard as a team and showed resilience. It was a pleasure to take such a mature, hard-working group of girls. In addition, a group of boys from years 5 and 6 took part in a futsal competition at Alfreton Leisure Centre. It was a great evening with a high standard of football being played. The children had a great evening showing some super teamwork and determination. It was a pleasure to take this hard-working group of children. Well done.

Mrs Turner, Miss Calderbank and Mr Sharratt



Today the whole school took part in NSPCC Rocks. All children had a great day celebrating number whilst raising money for the NSPCC. The day consisted of a maths hunt, TTRS and a range of maths games and activities. Thank you for your support and donations. Check the next Swanwick Story to find out the total raised!





PE Days- Spring 2

Year Group	PE Day(s)
EYFS	Friday
1	Monday and Wednesday
2	Tuesday and Wednesday
3	Monday and Tuesday
4	Thursday and Friday
5	Thursday and Friday (swimming)
6	Tuesday and Friday

BREAKING NEWS

We have lots of exciting things happening in Spring 2 Term!

Celebration Assembly on Fridays- Spring 2

We currently have a whole school celebration assembly on a Friday. A child from each class is nominated for a star award and this is presented to them during the assembly. Due to the limited space, we have been previously unable to invite parents/family members to these events. However, from next term, we will be splitting these assemblies to allow parents/family members to attend if they can. KS2 (years 3-6) will have their celebration assembly on a Friday morning at 9am and KS1 (years 1-2) and Reception will have theirs at 3pm. By splitting these events allows us to be able to invite parents/family members which we feel is really important. You will get a Parent Hub notification on a Wednesday afternoon if your child has been nominated for an award. We'd like you to keep it a secret and if you can make the assembly, really surprise them when they see you sat at the back. We understand that for some parents this won't be possible so we're more than happy for other family members to attend in your place. A reminder about this will be sent out next term but keep an eye out for those secret messages!



Starting from next term, we will be offering children across school a number of different extra-curricular clubs after school. These will be run by staff and will run until 4pm. We're in the process of getting our 'after school club menu' together and once we have, we'll send it to you. Bookings for clubs will be taken through ParentPay and there will be a minimal cost of £1 per week. We feel it is really important to offer the children a wide range of clubs to attend so watch this space!

Golden Table at lunchtime

From next term, the midday supervisor team will be nominating three children a week to have a special lunch on the 'golden' table. The nominations will be for children with excellent manners and for showing excellent behaviours and kindness at lunchtime. The golden table cloth and cups are on order as we speak! We'll also send you a message when your child has been nominated for this.





Compass- Mental Health Support

At Swanwick Primary School we are working with Compass Changing Lives to support us in our Mental Health and Wellbeing offer. They offer a range of different services as explained on the leaflet below. If you feel this is something that your child would benefit please contact Mr Morris (Mental Health and Wellbeing Lead), Mrs Walton (SENDCo) or Mrs Stone (Pastoral Lead) to discuss this further. You can also make a referral to them yourselves by using the QR code on the leaflets

Literacy Tree



This week, our staff meeting was led by Mrs Holdsworth and Miss Harris (our Reading and Writing Leads). We are very excited to be launching a new Literacy Scheme called Literacy Tree. The scheme is designed to promote a love of reading and writing. It is jam packed with exciting, contemporary and engaging literature. We are really looking forward to beginning this in Spring 2 and we will share more information and updates in the new term.

Changing Lives
Compass

Mental Health Support Service for children and young people in Derby and Derbyshire

As you grow, life can be challenging at times and sometimes you just need that extra support.

Compass Changing Lives offer the right mental health support at the right time for children and young people within schools and colleges.

We provide low intensity support to children and young people aged 5-18* to help manage their emotions. We also work with parents/carers to provide support for their young people.

We can help with managing:

- Low mood
- Anxiety
- Relationships
- Challenging behaviours
- Exam stress
- Strong emotions
- Difficulties with managing change

*up to 25 years old for care leavers and Special Education Needs or Disability

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WHO WE ARE
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HOW WE DO IT

- Networking and navigation
- Whole school approach
- Evidence based interventions

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Have a Wonderful Weekend