



SWANWICK STORY



Friday 17th March 2023

We hope everyone has recovered from the snow last week!

We officially enter the Spring Season on Monday!

This Swanwick Story is jam packed with information about our Summer Menu, events that have taken place over the last two weeks and gives you some new information about the last two weeks of term. Please do take a read so you are up to date with it all!

The final Swanwick Story will be sent out on the last day of the Spring Term -Friday 31st March. It will contain the diary dates, curriculum plans and PE days for the following term.

Red Nose Day 2023 Success

Today has been full of excitement as we raised money for Red Nose Day. Mrs Staley took charge of the event and did not disappoint! The Children all look amazing in their choice of clothing and there was a positive energy about the school.

The day began with children bringing their bakes into school for the cake sale. We then enjoyed a School Talent Show and let me tell you- Swanwick DOES have talent! Children entered from each year group and we had a wide range of skills on offer!

After a very difficult discussion (as all contestants deserved to win!) the judges settled on Dali from Year 2 as our Talent Show winner. The judges were impressed with her fabulous dance efforts and could not fault her routine.

I am sure that Dali will have inspired many of the children to explore dance further, so a big well done to Dali!



Dali Y2- Talent Contest Winner 2023



All our fantastic Contestants!



Red Nose Day continued...

After the talent show we were all feeling very hungry, so were pleased to discover the cake stands!

Children purchased the cakes to raise further money for Comic Relief.

Thank you to all the adults who have supported this cause and either donated money or cakes today. We really appreciate your efforts!



Throughout the day children continued to focus their learning around Comic Relief!

The money is still being counted but we will share the total with you as soon as we know!

Year 4 Viking Day- Monday!

A reminder that **Monday 20th March**, Miss Fisher and Mr Sharratt would like to invite the children to come dressed as Vikings, or wear something brown/black and to take part in an exciting day full of Viking activities. *Miss Fisher and Mr Sharratt*

Item Request- Forest Schools

Mrs Denny has requested a few items that would really help her to run exciting sessions.

If you have any of the following items, please drop these into the school office. We are looking for String, Wool, Compost, Lolly Pop sticks, Cards, Balloons, Games like Cluedo, Snakes and Ladders. Connect 4 or Dominoes.

Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who attended the reading breakfast events last week. It was lovely to see so many of you there enjoying books with your children. Also, a big thank you to everyone who purchased books from the Book Fair. The school receives 60% match funding for all purchases and I'm delighted to say that we now have a grand total of £832 to spend on books. This will be used to purchase new books for our 'classroom libraries' across the school.

Mrs Holdsworth (Reading Leader)

KS1 Reading Changes

Thank you to the parents who attended the Reading Event on Thursday. The meeting was aimed at KS1 and EYFS parents, to share the new reading scheme and changes to the way we send books home.

These changes will be from Monday 27th so if you were unable to attend the meeting, I attach [the slides](#) from the meeting.

Mrs Holdsworth (Reading Leader)

Year 2 India Day

On **Thursday 30th March**, Year 2 will be concluding their current Enquiry - Passport to India with a day to celebrate different aspects of the Indian culture. This will include cooking and art activities. The children will be able to come dressed in either Indian clothing or the colours of the Indian flag - Green, Orange and White. Please let Mr Morris or Mrs Holdsworth know if you have any questions.



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Year 5 Titanic Day

The Year 5 children had a great day aboard the Titanic on Thursday. Boarding passes were checked as children walked on board. The morning started off with a meet and greet with light snacks and games. Then, children enjoyed an art activity and a DT project. We also had some on-board entertainment in the afternoon. This was a very special day to further enhance our Enquiry.

You can take a look at the photographs using [this link](#)!

Mrs Staley and Mr Cartwright

School Uniform/Bags

We want to remind you that we expect all our pupils to wear the assigned school uniform in school. There is an increasing number of children arriving with variations which are not in line with our policy.

You can clarify the uniform using [this link](#). We also request that children only bring water to school.

Can children also bring their books in book packs where possible, to avoid drinks spilling and damaging the books. We have limited space on the school pegs so where rucksacks are used- please limit these to the smaller sizes.

Swimming Champion

Lucy has qualified for County Championship and did really well. She also did really well in her recent gala – Winning gold in 3 (only a fraction of a sec off gold in 3 other races), 3 silver medals and 5th medal for backstroke. Her last race was 100 m butterfly – she chose this race and was really anxious about it but wanted to challenge herself. We are so proud of how far she has come!

Parking Reminder

A parent has again contacted us to report concerns around the parking and manoeuvring of cars around the school gates.

As they rightly state, the yellow zigzags have been added to stop people from parking and driving into these areas.

It is only a matter of time before an accident occurs so we once again want to ask you to please avoid driving up to the school gates and please be mindful of our children's safety.

Pick up Reminder

Whilst onsite, we ask that all children remain with the adult that collects them. We understand the younger children are collected first, but some classes are still taking place and there have been reports of disruptions at windows. We are also concerned that children are running around unattended and do not want any accidents to happen.

The expectation is that whilst on the school site, the children of Swanwick Primary adhere to the school rules.

Gates open from 8:45am to 8:55am.
Collection for EYFS is 3:10pm, Year 1 /2 is 3:15pm and Year 3/4/5/6 is 3:20pm.

We appreciate you help in ensuring a calm end to the day around school.





Makaton

A couple of weeks ago, most of the teaching and non-teaching staff completed initial Makaton training which was delivered by a highly knowledgeable trainer from the Makaton Charity. You can find out more details about Makaton here: <https://makaton.org/TMC/AboutMakaton.aspx>

Our aim is to use Makaton signing and symbols to provide another way of communicating between us all so that everyone is included all of the time. Your children may have already come home talking about a 'sign of the week', a new way to say well done in assemblies and hopefully will teach you a sign or two along the way!!

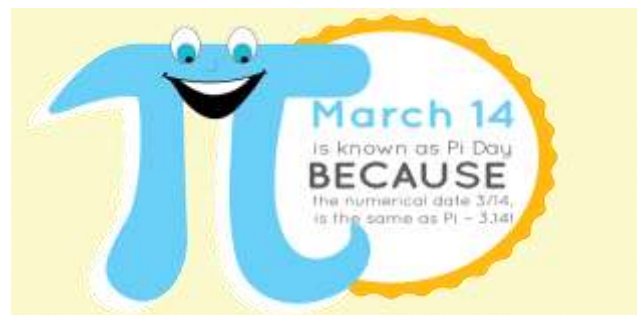
We are really excited about our journey to use Makaton as a common language at our school so we have been excited to tell you all about it! Staff are already planning how to incorporate Makaton into their everyday teaching and learning with the children: Miss Harris already teaches Makaton signing to go with the songs the children are learning in choir and Miss Randall is going to help us learn a sign of the week!! There will be much more to come so watch this space...

Mrs Walton and Miss Randall

The signs we have been actively using in school are-



Our sign of the week this week is- **Pi/Pie**
(this is because it was Pi day this week!)



https://makaton.org/TMC/News_Stories/SOTW/SOTW_Pie.aspx

