



SWANWICK STORY

Friday 1 April 2022

Staffing Shortages

We are experiencing staffing shortages again at the moment. Wherever we can, we use agency staff, but they are also experiencing staffing shortages too.

Thank you for being patient and a massive thank you to all of our staff who are doing extra and going above and beyond every single day.

Bug Club

Just a reminder about Bug Club. It is a fabulous resource and really improves reading attainment and confidence. Your child has been given a login and their teacher will have allocated them books to match their current reading level.

Simply go to:

<https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login?c=0>
to log in. The school login is- swan.

Bug club can inspire reluctant children to read and promotes accelerated progress. As the children read their allocated books, they can click on the 'bugs' in the corner of each page to win awards. As children complete the books the teachers in school are able to chart their progress and identify any areas that the child might need extra support with.

We strongly recommend that children aim to read five times per week and this can be a combination of online Bug Club and their actual reading book.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.
Mrs Holdsworth – English Co-ordinator



Covid 19 Update

We have received updated guidance from the DfE and would like to share some of this with you.

From Friday 1 April 2022:

- adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature
- ***children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend***
- adults with ***a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people*** for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. ***For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days***

Please continue to e-mail any Covid related information to covid@swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk so that we can log cases and report/act accordingly. It is important that we know about all positive cases so that we can take extra precautions if we notice an outbreak in a particular class or year group.



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Parents' Meetings

Thank you to everyone who attended Parents' Meetings this week. Some of you may still have an appointment on **Wednesday 6 April**. Here is a reminder of the memo we sent out a couple of weeks ago which tells you more about what to do on the day:

[Parents' Meetings Memo](#)

Please can we ask that you are patient at the end of the school day. Our priority is ensuring that children are safe and on their way home, so you may have to wait until we open the hall door for you to come in.

New Menu

From Monday 25 April, Derbyshire Catering Service will be introducing a new menu for Summer. Please click [here](#)

Used Uniform Sale

Apologies for postponing the uniform sale yesterday – the weather really wasn't on our side!

Mrs Denny and Mrs Parr will be holding a second-hand school uniform sale after school on **Thursday 29 April**. This will take place near the Y5 and Y6 classrooms.

[Map of school](#)

Breakfast Club

We are now taking bookings for Breakfast Club for after Easter for children who are registered.

[Book for Breakfast Club](#)

All questions regarding Breakfast Club should go to breakfastclub@swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk

Cross Country Successes

A huge congratulations to the children who represented the school last night in the Cross Country event at Alfreton Park. Luckily, the sun shone after a snowy day and all of the children involved put in 100% effort, performing exceptionally well on a tough course. We had some children who received a medal for coming 1st, 2nd and 3rd in their race, but am delighted to announce that when our team scores were added up, we won the whole competition!

A huge well done to all who took part, you were a credit to the school and a big thank you to all parents for your support.

Mrs Turner – PE Co-ordinator

A special thank you to all the staff who accompanied the children for this event.

On Saturday, Finley ran in the National Primary Cross Country Finals at Market Harborough. Finley was representing Matlock AC and there were running club and Primary school teams from all over the country competing. Finley came 21st in the Year 3 boys' race.



Well done Finley – we are really proud of how brave you were taking part in such a big event!

John Palin's & Derbyshire Catering Service Colouring Competition

Well done to everyone who submitted an entry for this competition. Unfortunately, none of the winning entries are from our school, but you can see a list of schools with winners by clicking the link below:

[Competition Winners](#)



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Science Week

We have been doing some amazing activities for our Science Week.

Classes across the school have been carrying out superb experiments from exploding coke bottles to creating water cycles in plastic bags. We have been lucky enough to invite visitors back into our school and this has really excited our children's science brains.

Severn Trent water delivered assemblies to every class and involved Years 4 and 5 in some exciting water workshops. The children were fabulous and were shining examples of all our THRIVE attributes. They also showed children extra science activities that could be done at home and most said that they would like to try these ideas out, so here is the link. We would love to see what you get up to! [Severn Trent Activities](#)
Mrs Hilditch – Science Co-ordinator

We have taken the opportunity of having visitors back in school to revert back to 'live' assemblies when KS1 and KS2 meet separately.

'As part of 'Science Week' the school had a visit from Severn Trent Water and children enjoyed an assembly all about Water.

Children in KS1 really enjoyed this assembly and we have heard from many parents that their child has shared some interesting facts at home!

Staff were particularly impressed with how well the children coped with assemblies back in the hall. For some of our children, this was the first time they have experienced this and behaviour was exceptional.

Well done to all the children for making us so proud and thank you to Severn Trent Water for your insightful assembly!

Miss Wright – EYFS & KS1 Lead

'Again, the children were fantastic at coming in quietly and really enjoyed the assembly. They learnt lots of facts about what is found at Severn Trent sorting depo - toothbrushes, mobile phones and false teeth that people have dropped down the toilet! They warned that nappies, cotton buds and baby wipes must not be flushed down the toilet because they can cause blockages and they are not decomposable.

The children also discovered showers should be 4 minutes rather than 10, they should wash from a sink full of water and put the toothpaste on their brush then a little water rather than leave the tap running, as well as not using a hose to wash the car but a bucketful of water.

We also had a history of fresh water through the ages where some children got to dress up and read facts to the rest of KS2.

We had good feedback from the parents too!
Mr Morris – KS2 Lead





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Tae Kwon Do

Congratulations to Daniel in Chestnut Class for received a distinction following his Tae Kwon Do grading on Saturday. It has been almost 5 years since Daniel did his first grading at Junior Tae Kwon Do which allowed him to then progress to the adult class at the young age of 8!

Daniel and his Dad have worked extremely hard to reach this level of Tae Kwon Do and their dedication and hard work have certainly paid off. What an achievement, Daniel! Well done!



Hockey Opportunity

Chesterfield Hockey club are running an event called Hockey Heroes for 5-8 year olds. For further information click [here](#) and search for Chesterfield.

