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April 2024 Newsletter

Message from the Executive Head

Dear Families

I had the absolute pleasure of showing Richard Cranmer, our Trust CEO, around our schools last Wednesday. He was absolutely blown away. He wrote me a lovely email and stated the following as things that really stood out to him:

The warm and professional welcomes from the school offices.

- The behaviour of the children- they looked smart and proud.
- In every classroom and space they were engaging well with their learning.
- Teachers and support staff were enthusiastic about their work and very happy to explain what they were doing.
- The Forest School is an absolute jewel in your crown. Something the Trust will be keen to promote and celebrate.
- All buildings looked well maintained, nicely decorated, super displays and very well organised.
- Well-resourced and welcoming libraries in every school.
- The leaders that you have- very impressive professionals who gave a very good first impression.
- The flexibility of staff to work across the schools in the Federation. A very unique and special model that ensures that the highest quality education can be given at all times.

I could not have been prouder, looking outside in gave me a good reminder of how special we are. A big thank you to everyone in the community for making them this way.

Kind Regards

Natalie Butcher
Executive Head

The Swallowtail Federation

Message from the senior teacher

Dear families,

Today we say goodbye to Mrs Steers as she leaves the school for new adventures. We thank her for all that she has contributed to our school and wish her luck in her new job.

Mrs Pell is very much looking forward to spending more time with our wonderful Puffling and Puffin children and so is Mrs Turton.

On Friday 3rd May we will be holding a non-school uniform day. The children are invited to wear their clothes from home in exchange for a bingo/raffle prize. This can be chocolate, alcohol, smellies etc. All donations are extremely welcomed. Thank you in advance.

Miss Blake (Senior Teacher)

This month's curriculum focus: Design and Technology

The aim of our CUSP DT curriculum is to ensure that pupils are equipped to successfully think, work and communicate like a designer. Our curriculum is ambitious and focuses on excellence in this subject through a range of disciplines and by referencing outstanding practitioners in this field. The intention is that the pupils are inspired and acquire knowledge as designers and technologists and enables them to skilfully apply their understanding.

Our CUSP Design and Technology curriculum at Swallowtail is organised into blocks with each block covering a particular set of disciplines, including: food and nutrition mechanisms, structures, systems, electrical systems, understanding materials and textiles. Vertical progression in each discipline has been deliberately woven into the curriculum so that pupils revisit key disciplines throughout their Primary journey at increasing degrees of chal-

Central to the learning modules are activities designed to develop pupils' oracy and vocabulary skills to enable them to use the language associated with design and technology meaningfully when talking about their work and the work of others.

In addition to the core knowledge required to be successful within each discipline, the curriculum outlines key aspects of development in the Working as a Designer section. Each module will focus on promoting different aspects of these competencies.

The CUSP Design and Technology curriculum delivers an expertly written and ambitious curriculum that the pupils within our Swallowtail Federation thoroughly enjoy.

Mrs Smithson (DT lead)

Working as a Designer			
Design	Make	Evaluate	Apply
The art or process of deciding how something will look or work.	Create something by combining materials or putting parts together.	Form an opinion of the value or quality of something after careful thought.	Use something or make something work in a particular situation.

News



**Bingo night at
Hickling Barn**

Friday 10th May

Doors open at 6.30pm- Eyes down at 7pm

Free tea and coffee
Bring your own refreshments

£7.00 for six games

Raffle available on the evening

Raising funds for:
Hickling Infant School

Tickets available by contacting
Paula: 07956377543

**Artwork by Bryn
(Year 1)**



Diary dates

Friday 10th May - Paula Hannant BINGO - Paula has kindly offered to donate the money raised at her Bingo evening, to the school. If you are able to come along, please do, your support is hugely appreciated. Doors open at 6.30pm. Bingo starts at 7pm. At Hickling Barn.

Tuesday 11th June - Reception and KS1 trip to Tallowin's Farm, Hickling - More information to follow.

Tuesday 11th June - Bingo at school to include fish and chips, sausage and chips, vegetarian sausage and chips - £12 per person. Please contact the school for a booking form.

Friday 14th June - Father's Day celebration - 8.50am

Monday 17th June - Summer Disco

Friday 21st June - Reception, KS1 and KS2 Federation Day at Sutton, Pre-School Federation Day at Catfield - More information to follow

Monday 24th June - Car Wash (external only) Fundraising event - Slots are available throughout the day. Please telephone the school to book your slot.

Thursday 20th June - 3pm - Work sharing (3pm or 4pm if your child attends club)

Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th June - Key Stage 1 parent consultations

Monday 1st July - EYFS reports out to families

Tuesday 2nd, Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th July - Transition Days - More information to follow

Tuesday 2nd July - Family Summer Games - Please come along to our Family Summer Games evening. £3 per person entry fee. The Bucket List (chips with varied toppings) will be onsite too!

Thursday 4th July - Premier Sports Dance Showdown. Opportunities for weekly Performing Arts lessons leading up to the showdown at The Pavillion Theatre, Gorleston.

Friday 5th July - KS1 School Trip - More information to follow.

Tuesday 9th July - Year 2 Leavers Trip to Bewilderwood

Tuesday 9th July - KS1 campout. Please drop your child off at school at 5pm - Letter and consent forms to follow.

Wednesday 10th July - Sports Day and picnic (11am)

Wednesday 17th July - Reserve Sports Day

Thursday 18th July - Year 2 leavers assembly in school (9am) - Year 2 families only.

Friday 19th July - End of term church service (2pm) - All welcome

Safeguarding

Some links for e-safety:

<http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/digital/5-a-day/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

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Website: <http://www.swallowtailfederation.co.uk/>

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