

NEWSLETTER



Swansfield Park Primary School, The Avenue, Alnwick, Northumberland NE66 1UL

APRIL 2021

Welcome back to the summer term and what I hope will see a return to some of our usual activities.

We are determined to make this term memorable and enjoyable for all of our children, taking whatever opportunities we can provide safely to give the children fabulous learning opportunities both in the classroom, outdoors and if possible through educational visits.

We have several activities at the planning stage for all our children, including Bikeability and an adventurous activity day for those in upper key stage 2, and orienteering opportunities for lower key stage 2. We hope to use our fabulous local environment to provide key stage one and Reception children with the chance to have an outing and a picnic with their class friends!

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Transition

We are mindful that this is the last term in primary school for our year 6 and we are working with our colleagues at the **Duchess's School** to provide a range of transition events to ensure that our year 6 children become familiar with the DCHS staff and school and hopefully get to know some other children from local primary schools.

As yet we don't know whether this will happen virtually or preferably in person.

Roll up day has been pencilled in for Tuesday 6th July.



Sun Safety



Please remember to put **sun cream on your child** before school and send in a **water bottle** and a **named sun hat** – thank you.

New Faces

On Monday we welcomed **two young people** into the world of work as part of the Department of Work and Pensions **“Kick Start” Scheme**. Both apprentices have been recruited to new roles and will be supporting existing staff while they gain experience in the work place.

Kyle Foggon has joined us as a janitorial assistant and is working closely with Mrs Barass to assist in keeping our school clean, ordered and safe.

Olivia Taylor is working as a play buddy within Cherry and Apple Classes. We know they will both be a great addition to our Swansfield team!

Spring Term Awards

The Sylvia Elliott Progress Cup: Lola Anderson

Gold Certificates: Karina Krzeminska, Emily Lamb, Rebecca Tutleman, Evie Coxford, Una Morris-Watson, Ella Armstrong, Chris Bridgens, Angus Hamilton, Tia Wright, Fred Murray John, Ellie Lang and George Messenger.

Well done to all our award winners.

Sporting Times



We were delighted at the response from the year 5 and 6 parents regarding the resumption of swimming and we are looking forward to the first swimming lessons next week.

This term we can only take upper key stage 2 children swimming. However we have a wide range of sports coaching for all children this term.

Reception children will have the opportunity for some sporting fun with our NUF Coach on a Tuesday afternoon. Key Stage One children will be enjoying multi skills sessions led by Bear on a Monday afternoon. Key Stage Two will have a variety of sporting sessions with NUF coaching and our cricket coach, Tom Vickers.

We are hopeful that we'll be able to arrange a sports day for each class, obviously this is dependent on the spread of the virus and relaxing of restrictions but we have our fingers crossed!

Musical Notes

Thank you so much to everyone who took part in our 'Music To Make You Happy' Family Learning last half term. We listened to three pieces over the course of the project and you voted for your favourite.

The results were as follows...

1st Place	Africa <i>by the</i> Pearl of Africa Choir
2nd Place	Conga Del Fuego <i>by</i> Arturo Marquez
3rd Place	Scherzo from Piano Sonata III <i>by</i> C Schumann

The vote was very close and I'm delighted that each piece was enjoyed by so many of you. I also enjoyed finding out about your 'go to' pieces to make you happy. The list is full of such great music that I want to share these with everyone. So, over the course of the summer term, we'll share one of these fabulous pieces each week in Mrs Smith's blog and we'll let you know whose family favourite it is!

And finally... the results of the all-important prize draw for taking part. The lucky winner is **Will Ross**. Your prize will be winging its way to you!

Mrs Grimes

Pom Poms

This June the Duchess's High School will be marking 'LGBT+ Pride Month' with a giant rainbow made of pom poms and they would appreciate our help.



Making pom poms is great exercise for little fingers and really helps to improve our fine motor control which is so important for our handwriting.

The pom poms can be any size (although the bigger the better) and can be made using special pom pom devices, cardboard rings or even toilet rolls. There are lots of **YouTube tutorials** aimed at young people which show how to make a pom pom without any special equipment. We will provide you with brightly coloured wool and the high school staff will collect the finished pom poms on 24th May.

<https://www.redtedart.com/how-to-make-a-yarn-pom-pom-with-cardboard-discs/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UcaLLqkigus>

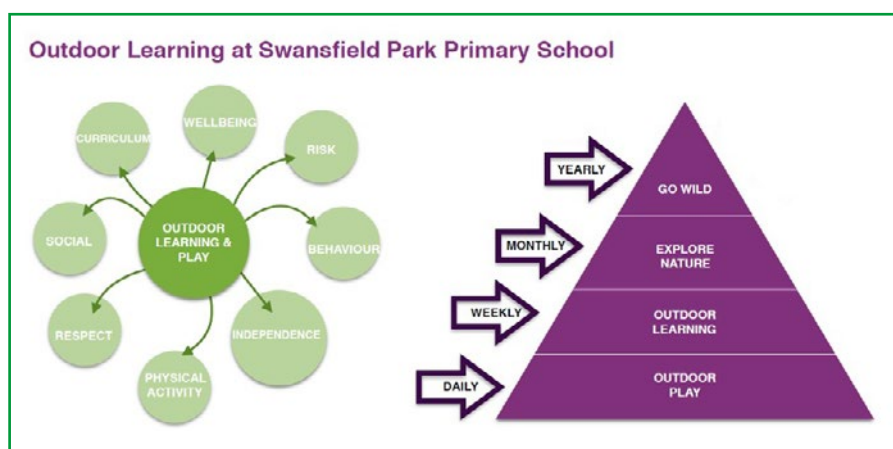
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l7vwZcETDg8>



Outdoor learning has always been one of our top priorities at Swansfield as we're so lucky to have such a wonderful school environment.

There are many advantages to outdoor learning but this term more than ever before it is its impact on well-being that is so important.

Here is a reminder of the benefits of outdoor learning and also our commitment to good quality provision.



With this in mind, we'd love our families to join us in getting our outdoor environment summer ready! We hope you'll get involved in our family learning this term by sharing your creativity and green fingers with us.

Your mission, should you wish to accept it, is to create a garden ornament that you can bring in to school to add to class garden areas.

You could use plant pots, garden canes, recycled plastic containers... the possibilities are endless.

We've shared some pictures to get your creative juices flowing!



Please bring your finished ornaments in to school by Friday 14th May when we will dress the gardens.

Communications

We use many different ways to communicate with parents.



Keep up to date through the school website at:
www.swansfield.northumberland.sch.uk



Email the office at:
admin@swansfield.northumberland.sch.uk



Check the text messages received from **Teachers2Parents**
- please ensure that the office have an up to date mobile number for you.



Read the **Head Teacher's weekly blog** posted on the website and on Facebook every Monday for the very latest news.

DIARY DATES

Friday 28th May
School closes
HALF TERM HOLIDAY

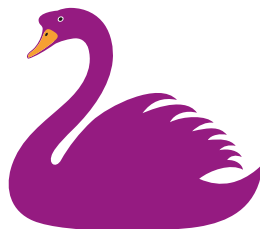
Monday 7th June
Teacher Training Day

Tuesday 8th June
School reopens

Tuesday 6th July
Roll Up Day

Friday 16th July
School Closes
SUMMER HOLIDAY

Wednesday 8th September
School reopens for the
AUTUMN TERM



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