



The Swainswick Newsletter

Welcome to The Swainswick Newsletter. We will be sending these out every two weeks to share the amazing things that are happening at our school. This will evolve over time but will include what has been happening in each class and will include any important information that you will need to be aware of.

A message from me

Autumn has definitely arrived! It is certainly beginning to get colder!

I hope that you are all enjoying the music being played in the morning. I gave the classes the chance to choose their own songs for when they come into school in the morning. It has been great to hear children singing on their way into school.

Oak Class

This week, Oak Class had a chance to complete their Long Activity Day with The Wiltshire Outdoor Learning Team. We could not be more proud of how the children conducted themselves on this trip. They showed fantastic team work, determination and self belief. The night walk was very special as it was a chance for the children to take in all the nighttime sounds and look at the huge, bright moon.



Apple Class

This half term Apple Class have been investigating self portraits! We started by looking at famous examples, and then used lots of different mediums to create our own. This week we have started our clay portraits – we think they look great and they haven't even been painted yet! Can you spot your friends in the pictures?





Hazel Class

Hazel Class have really enjoyed music this week. We have listened to Soul Music and created art to show how it made us feel.



Harvest Festival

Thank you all for your very generous donations. All the donated food has now been delivered to The Food Larder at St Saviours, who will be able to distribute it to the families that need it most. I also wanted to thank everyone for making The Harvest Service at Woolley Church such an amazing event. The children loved sharing their poems and prayers, and it was great to hear parents singing along with the songs. What animals we encounter next year?



Here is a message form Cath, the Vicar at St Saviours:

This is a heartfelt thank you to Swainswick School and parents for your generous donation to our food larder. We are so grateful; your donations will make a real difference to those who attend our food larder on Tuesdays. At a time when supplies are running low, we have particularly appreciated your support. The food is not just an economic lifeline to those who come along, it also communicates that someone cares! Thank you for your care.

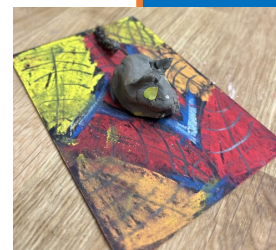
Art Club

This term we have been thinking about journeys and pathways. The children started imagining different journeys - to school, through woods, in autumn, into space - and drew with chalk pastels on brown paper some of the natural objects and animals they might see on the way.



We looked at photographs and real life to inform our work.

We then took the ideas into paint (water colour on recycled paper) and clay. This resulted in expressing habitats and creatures using found and natural materials.



We discuss the elements of our visual world and skills as we work and use of media to realise a closer expression - words such as texture, line and form and words such as protection, warmth and colour: Though art is a language of its own so we let it speak to us and respond intuitively. In that way we have sensitivity over our decision making which ultimately creates something anew which is uniquely ours.



Job Vacancy

We have a really exciting opportunity to join the staff here at Swainswick. We are looking for someone to join our After School Club provision. It is a great opportunity to promote positive play and good attitudes in the children that attend and support the wrap around care of the school.

If you are interested please click the link below.

[Swainswick after School Club Vacancy](#)

Important things to remember

- Year 5 and 6 parents– The deposit for PGL in July can now be paid via school money.
- Half term starts Friday 25th October to Tuesday 5th November. Monday 4th November is an INSET Day.