



Swallowfield Lower School

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Reflection

Message from the Head Teacher

As we reach the end of another fairly extraordinary academic year I would like to thank all of our staff, pupils, parents and the wider community for such exceptional support and positivity. As you have seen from recent events and videos, Swallowfield is now 40 years old and I am very proud of all that has been achieved over the years. Thank you to all who attended our 40th birthday bonanza on Saturday. It was a wonderful event and was lovely to see so many families from the community in attendance.

I am very excited to see what the future has in store and would like to wish you all a happy summer holiday. We all look forward to welcoming you back in September and keeping our first Year 5 classes whilst we become Swallowfield Primary.

Values Education

As we come to the end of Another successful academic year and become Swallowfield Primary we have been reflecting upon all that this time has bought us. This month our value is 'Reflection' and we all have taken the time to discuss in our classes the benefit of looking back and to celebrate our successes.

We have discussed:

- Our favourite memory
- Our favourite lessons
- What we are proud of
- What we found hard and how we can improve on this next year.

Busy Bees News

Thank you to all that attended our Sports Day. It was a lovely afternoon and the children had such a lovely time. We would like to wish you all a happy summer holiday and for those who start school in September, enjoy your next adventure, we will miss you.

This year has seen some changes in Busy Bees. Ceri left us to pursue a different career path and is enjoying her new job. We also have a new staff member, Danielle, joining us in September. However, Michele leaves us next week to enjoy her retirement from Busy Bees - we are sure you will join us in wishing her all the best. As a team, Busy Bees have worked together for over 20 years and so this will be a big loss for us as Michele has been a great Keyworker and Deputy Manager - we are all going to miss her. Thank you, Michele, for all your hard work and support.

This year has seen us finally getting back to normal and well done to the children for all their hard work. Have a great summer and we look forward to seeing you in September.

Reception News

Reception were lucky enough to visit 'Little City' at the Summerlin Centre on Wednesday 5th July. We had so much fun playing alongside our class friends in all different parts of town - a hairdressers, doctors' surgery and supermarket to name but a few.

We would like to remind you that you should have received your child's end of report. Please do let us know if there are any queries with their report. We will continue to make your child as familiar as we can with their new class teacher to support their transition into main school. Please do get in contact with your child's class teacher if you have any questions or queries surrounding this. The last few weeks of term are always exciting and we celebrated with events such as Sports Day which was enjoyed by all, and of course Fun Day on Thursday 21st July. Some children will find being off timetable quite difficult, however they do have lots of fun.

Key Stage 1 News

As we come to the end of the school year, it has been lovely to reflect on the progress the children have made, whether it be academically, socially or emotionally, the teachers in KS1 are very proud of what the children have achieved this year.

Year 1 had a fantastic time visiting Whipsnade Zoo to enrich their curriculum learning about African animals. The children enjoyed seeing the different animals up close and found out lots of information about them too. Year 2 have also had an exciting time with a brilliant Titanic workshop. The children got the chance to use their acting skills and become 1st, 2nd and 3rd class passengers. Our workshop leader took us on a journey through the voyage of The Titanic and brought this historic event to life.

Key Stage 2 News

We are almost there! What an amazingly busy and exciting term - all of the children have worked incredibly hard this term and consistently demonstrated their enthusiasm and sense of fun. We have all enjoyed meeting our new classes and the children are very excited about working with their new teachers.

It was a pleasure to see all of the children competing in their sports day activities this year and we were delighted that we were able to share the day with our families.

Year 4 have been working hard finishing off their learning about Coastal Towns and learning all about bread in DT. They have also been busy writing news report all about the future of Swallowfield, and of course they had their amazing trip to Alton Towers.

Year 3 have also been very busy learning all about Money in Maths and completing our Aztecs history topic - they have made some fantastic Aztec masks which they have now brought home.

We are not quite finished yet as we have PGL and Fun Day to look forward to along with lots of end of term fun.

Thank you all for your amazing support and cooperation this year, have a fabulous summer and we will see you in September at Swallowfield Primary School!

Birthday Bonanza!!

Thank you to all those that came and celebrated Swallowfield's 40th Birthday celebrations. Your support on the day helped us raise approximately £1,000. Amazing!



Year 4 Alton Towers Trip, with Y4MP Competition Win



Antoni from Y4MP wrote a wonderful entry in a David Walliams competition and his entry was selected as the winner! The prize granted Y4MP access to the park, a chance to meet David Walliams, who read some chapters from his book, offered a Q&A session and had a photograph taken with him. They entered the recently opened Walliams World section of the park and rode the new Gangsta Granny ride.

Y4P also went along and enjoyed the park and the attractions. It was a long day; however, all staff and children had a brilliant experience! A big thank you to Antoni and our wonderful PTFA for contributing to this trip.

News and information

- Fun Day is Thursday 21st July
- The last day of term is Friday 22nd July- Children return back to school on Monday 5th September.
- **Please see the Ping sent on Friday with vital information about the heatwave this week. Don't forget water bottles and sun hats.**



The children in Year 4 were very excited yesterday morning to attend their residential trip to PGL in Liddington where they will be participating in lots of fun and adventurous activities. We look forward to hearing all about their time when they arrive back to school.

Parents of Year 4- School Ping will be used to update you.

Governors Corner

Swallowfield Now

We would like to welcome Jon Drea to our Governing Board. Jon has joined as a co-opted governor.

Future Swallowfield

The Governing Board held a Strategy Day to form our plans for the next year as we transition to a Primary School.



We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games Mark Platinum Award for the 2021/22 academic year. The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme to reward and recognise school's engagement in the School Games against a national benchmark and to celebrate keeping young people active, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success. As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas linked to the five School Games outcomes and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year. We are extremely proud of our children for their dedication to all aspects of physical activity and school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our events possible.

Environmental News

It may be the end of an era for the polytunnel and current growing activities, but the orchard is living on! The new location had been planned as a jubilee/birthday orchard ten years ago, with trees given by the PTFA, but relocated when discussions started about the extension!

The trees are showing shock, but with plenty of water they'll hopefully see us to the next birthday! It's been interesting looking back at what's been achieved environmentally in the grounds this last decade - from a few bland trees and no growing areas to our thriving wildlife area, flower beds, veg growing etc. All with the help of generations of Eco Committee members.

Young Environmentalist Awards 2022

Environmental awareness amongst our pupils was shown recently in the Woburn Sands Town Council YE Awards. There were some great entries from all ages, with lovely prizes for them. We look forward to future developments!"



House News

The Woodpeckers have taken first place. Who do you think will be this Years' winners after sports day points are added?

Robins



Total 956

Woodpeckers



Total 1137

Goldfinches



Total 1108

Kingfishers



Total 1100