

NEWSLETTER

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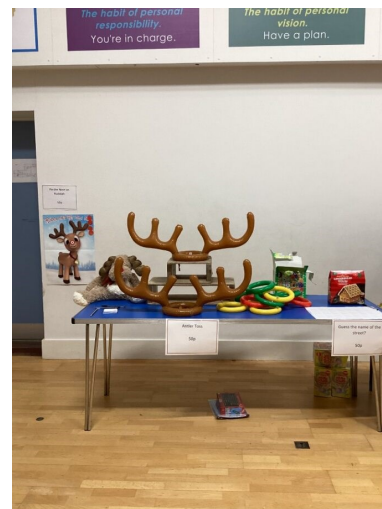
ACHIEVE



Christmas Fair



We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone that came to our Christmas fair last Friday. We raised an incredible £1773.38! Thank you for all your generous donations, without those it wouldn't have been possible. We are planning to spend the money raised on new hi vis jackets with our school logo on for each key stage.





CHRISTMAS CRAFT SESSIONS



This week we enjoyed craft sessions with our family members. Here are some of the festive crafts we created!



YEAR 3 GOLF FESTIVAL!

Children from Y3 enjoyed taking part in a golf festival at Manningham Sports Centre on Tuesday. They really enjoyed the different games and competing with different schools. We are very proud of their efforts, they demonstrated great teamwork and sportsmanship when representing the school.



STREET DANCE PERFORMANCE

This term children in Year 2 and 6 have been learning different dance styles. They enjoyed performing their dance routines in a special assembly .



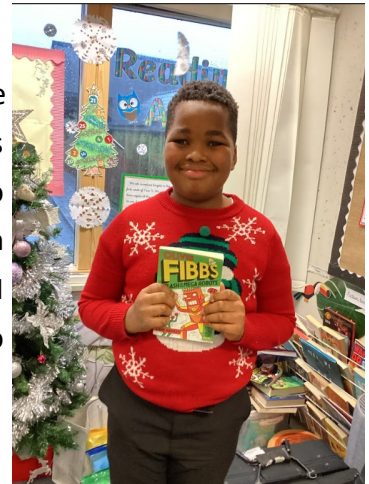
READING PLANET REVIEWS!

As part of our Key Stage 2 reading scheme, we would like to use our weekly newsletter to help promote and share some of your children's favourite stories that they have read. Each week, we will be sharing book reviews that have been written by your children.

Oliver Fibbs and the clash of the mega robots – Earth

It's about a boy called Oliver who lives with his family. His brother is the smartest kid around and his twin sisters are both ballerinas and this is all they talk about. The story is about Oliver (the main character) who always tells fibs but one day he made a robot which went on an uncontrollable rampage and he had to make a smaller one to defeat it. I like this book because it is about robots and I would recommend it to anyone who likes funny stories.

Simi—Year 5



CHRISTMAS DINNER!

We really enjoyed our Christmas dinner. The atmosphere was very festive!

We would like to say a huge thank you to our kitchen team and all the staff that helped to make it a great success.



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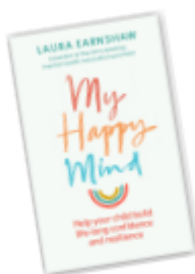
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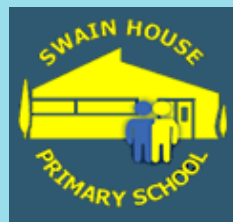
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LITTLE ACORNS NURSERY

at Swain House Primary School

DO YOU HAVE A 2 YEAR OLD CHILD?

If so, you may be eligible for 15 hours of **FREE** childcare.



Little Acorns Nursery is situated next door to our Great Oak Nursery at Swain House Primary School. The nursery is equipped with a wide range of toys and resources to help stimulate your child's curiosity and develop them in all areas of learning.

TO FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION CONTACT SWAIN HOUSE PRIMARY SCHOOL ON:

01274 639049

OFFICE@SWAINHOUSE.BRADFORD.SCH.UK

Great Oak Nursery

at

SWAIN HOUSE PRIMARY SCHOOL

**NOW ENROLLING FOR SEPTEMBER
2023 AND ONWARDS!**



IS YOUR CHILD 3 OR 4 YEARS OLD?

We have full & part time places available in our well-equipped Nursery class run by an experienced, fully qualified teacher and Early Years Practitioners.

CALL NOW TO SCHEDULE A TOUR!

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SPOTLIGHT ON SEND

Each half-term, I write a section on our school newsletter to keep parents and carers of pupils on the SEND register 'in the loop' about all things SEND related. I highlight support available in school and also resources and workshops available in the local area.

Mrs. White

Keep updated with all things SEND at Swain House. Click [here](#) or scan the QR code.



Bradford Local Offer

The new Bradford Local Offer website brings together information for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities and their families.

Click the logo to access the



Christmas and Autism...

Christmas is a time for joy and fun but it can be a difficult time for pupils with autism. The changes to routine, the lights, the smells and the decorations can all be overwhelming for some children.



The National Autistic Society have some useful information that could

Speech and Language

We are aware of the long waiting lists for speech and language sessions via the NHS.

Please [click here](#) to access NHS resources to support your child at home.



Bradford District Care
NHS Foundation Trust

Is your child/young person on the waiting list for a neurodiversity (autism or related) assessment with Airedale, St Luke's or CAMHS?



BEAT
Bradford Early Advice Team

Contact Margaret Nash at AWARE for more information:
margaretaware@gmail.com
01535 661 275/07826 926 150

<https://aware-uk.org/>
Airedale and Wharfedale Autism Resource

You can now self-refer to AWARE's BEAT team for pre-diagnosis help and support, which includes a free four-week course.



AWARE DADS' GROUP

Are you a dad or male carer of a child/young person with autism (no diagnosis necessary)?

Would you like to meet other dads in similar situations to you? Do you feel like you'd like support from other dads? Or just to meet up for a chat over a drink or food? Join our AWARE Dads' Group!

Just send your mobile number to beciaware@outlook.com and we'll get you added to the group so you can hear about/help plan future meet-ups

Please feel free to share this flyer - always welcome!



Community Support:

Group support sessions with sleep practitioner

You are invited to join the Together Trust for an online group session to learn about issues that can cause difficulties with sleep.

Sessions are for parents/carers of children aged 2-11 years who live in the Bradford district, and will take place between 10am - 12.30pm on:

Tuesday 28 November 2023
Wednesday 13 December 2023

The session will include a presentation from a qualified Sleep Practitioner with tips and strategies followed by a Q&A session. After Christmas the team are planning to host some of these within the Family Hubs and there are more online dates for the New Year.

If you would like to attend, email your name and preferred date to: admintss@togethertrust.org.uk (a zoom link will be sent to attendees)



WEEKLY UPDATES

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Here are this week's attendance and punctuality figures. There is a proven link between attendance and achievement and it is therefore very important that your child attends school and is on time unless they are too unwell to do so. Our doors open at **8.30am** and close at **8.40am**.

Please see the information below for our whole school and class attendance for the week ending **08/12/23**

Early Years and Key Stage 1:

| CLASS | PERCENTAGE % | LATES |
|-----------|--------------|-------|
| Elm | 91.4% | 3 |
| Willow | 97.6% | 1 |
| Kandinsky | 90.0% | 4 |
| Matisse | 91.0% | 4 |
| Lowry | 96.6% | 3 |
| Van Gogh | 95.5% | 2 |

Key Stage 2:

| CLASS | PERCENTAGE % | LATES |
|------------|--------------|-------|
| Anne Fine | 91.1% | 3 |
| Roald Dahl | 95.6% | 2 |
| JK Rowling | 92.3% | 7 |
| J Wilson | 97.2% | 7 |
| Elgar | 94.0% | 0 |
| Mozart | 91.6% | 7 |
| Beethoven | 96.5% | 3 |
| Vivaldi | 94.5% | 6 |

Congratulations to **Willow Class, Lowry Class, Jacqueline Wilson Class and Beethoven Class** for having the **best attendance** this week.

Congratulations to **Elgar Class** for having no lates this week.

Our whole school attendance this week:

93.7%

COMMUNICATION SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER

These are the letters, messages and website updates that have been sent out this week. If you have not received any of these letters, please speak to your child's class teacher or contact the office on **01274 639049**.

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| WEBSITE UPDATES: | National Online Safety - Five night's at Freddy's |
| LETTERS: | 05.12.23 - Early Years and KS1 Performances 08.12.23 - Christmas Party Food |
| MESSAGES VIA PARENTAPPS: | 05.12.23 - Book Fair in School 08.12.23 - School Closing Early on Monday 11th December 2023 08.12.23 - Mr North's Funeral Procession |

COMING UP THIS HALF TERM

EARLY YEARS CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE AND KS1 NATIVITY!

Next week, Early Years and Key Stage 1 will be taking to the stage for their performances.

Early Years will perform on Tuesday 12th December at 10am and 2pm.

Key Stage 1 will perform on Thursday 14th December at 10am and 2pm.

Tickets are available at the office!



GLITZ AND GLAM DISCO!

Don't forget, tickets are on sale from Monday for our Glitz and Glam disco. Please send £1.50 in a sealed envelope with your child's name and class written on it. Your child will receive their ticket before the disco.



TOY DAY!



Pupils will be allowed to come to school in non-school uniform on Friday 15th December, they may bring in table top games to play. We ask that pupils do not bring their electronic devices or expensive toys.

Please label the games with your child's name. Thank you

MENU 11/12/23



Swain House Primary School

WEEK 1

30th Oct, 20th Nov,
11th Dec, 1st Jan,
22nd Jan, 4th Mar

MENU

MON

TUES

WED

THUR

FRI

MAINS

- Mascarpone Pasta
- Spaghetti Marinara
- Vegetable Pasty

- Mild Chicken Curry
- Halal Chicken Dopiaza
- Aloo Chana

- Roast of the Day
- Halal Chicken Roll
- Cheese & Broccoli Quiche

- Cheese & Tomato Pizza
- Fish Fingers
- Southern Fried Quorn Burger

SIDES

- Crusty Bread
- Spaghetti Hoops
- Seasonal Vegetables
- Assorted Individual Salads

- Rice
- Naan Bread
- Assorted Individual Salads

- Dry Roast Potatoes
- Yorkshire Pudding
- Seasonal Vegetables
- Assorted Individual Salads

- Chips
- Baked Beans
- Assorted Individual Salads

- Dry Roast Jacket Potatoes
- Wedges
- Sweetcorn
- Assorted Individual Salads

OTHER OPTIONS

- Assorted Jacket Potatoes
- Assorted Panini
- Assorted Sandwiches

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DESSERTS

- Decorated Sponge Cake
- Freshly Prepared Fruit

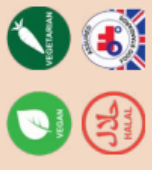
- Butterfly Buns
- Freshly Prepared Fruit

- Marble Sponge
- Freshly Prepared Fruit

- Flapjack
- Freshly Prepared Fruit

- Chocolate Sponge
- Freshly Prepared Fruit

Suitable for...



For full allergen & nutritional information head to <https://schoolmeals.bradford.gov.uk> or scan the QR code:



FM SERVICES



REMINDERS

BREAKFAST CLUB

Our Breakfast Club opens at 7.30am at a cost of £2.50 each per day or at 7.45am at the cost of £2.00 each per day. Children from Nursery to Year 6 can attend.

If you would like to book your child into Breakfast Club, please use ParentPay.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Our After School Club is available until 4pm at a cost of £2.00 each per day.

If you would like to book your child into After School Club, please use ParentPay.

EXTRA CLUB

We also offer an Extra Club service that runs until 5.30pm at a cost of £4.00 per day.

If you would like to book your child into Extra Club, please use ParentPay.

Please can you ensure that Extra Club places are booked and paid for in advance - by Monday morning. This ensures registers are accurate and places are booked and guaranteed.

CHRISTMAS DATES!

As we know this time of year can be busy, we want to give parents and carers plenty of notice for our upcoming Christmas events!

| DAY | DATE | TIME | EVENT |
|-----------|------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| Monday | 11.12.2023 | 9.00am | Xmas Raffle |
| Tuesday | 12.12.2023 | 10.00am & 2.00pm | EYS Christmas production |
| Wednesday | 13.12.2023 | | Christmas parties |
| Thursday | 14.12.2023 | 10.00am & 2.00pm | KS1 Nativity for Parents |
| Friday | 15.12.2023 | | Swain House has Got Talent |
| Thursday | 14.12.2023 | 5.30pm - 7.00pm | Glitz n Glam Disco |
| Friday | 15.12.2023 | All Day | Non Uniform Day and Toy Day |
| Friday | 15.12.2023 | | School Closes for Half Term |
| Wednesday | 03.01.2024 | | School Reopens |
| Wednesday | 17.01.2024 | | Year 6 Greek Day |

NATIONAL ONLINE SAFETY

This week, our 'Wake Up Wednesday' guide from National Online Safety is about Microtransactions

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to have an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit nationalonline.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about MICROTRANSACTIONS

Microtransactions (often abbreviated as "MTX") are digital purchases made within an app or game to unlock extra features or additional content such as new levels. A popular sub-set of these are loot boxes, which contain a selection (usually random) of virtual items: from character skins to game-changing equipment like better weapons. Microtransactions (and loot boxes in particular) are now widespread in apps and games, but concerns persist that they normalise gambling and can foster addictive behaviours – especially among younger players.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

GATEWAY TO GAMBLING?

Microtransactions have been criticised for promoting gambling-adjacent behaviour in children. Research has also suggested that exposure to the loot box system could affect the likelihood of a young person suffering gambling harms later in life: children who purchased or used loot boxes in the last 12 months were found to be more likely to have gambled during the same period, as well.

ADDICTIVE NATURE

Microtransactions (and loot boxes especially) could lead to young people displaying compulsive behaviours. Loot boxes are designed to be addictive, and the sought-after prizes they contain are dispensed at random. This means that young gamers might not get what they want straight away, causing them to spend more money as well as additional time gaming.

PAYING TO WIN

In many popular games (the FIFA series being a notable example), microtransactions make it far easier to succeed – which is a concern because children can often find it difficult to keep track of their spending. Once a child starts making in-game purchases, they may continue buying to keep up with their friends and other players – sometimes without recognising the mounting real-world cost.

EXCLUSIVE CONTENT

DATA COLLECTION

To allow a young person to complete microtransactions, many app and game developers collect personal data such as their name, address, email, geolocation information, photos, payment details and so on. Even if this data remains secure (which is by no means guaranteed), there's always the chance that it will be used – and possibly sold on to third parties – for marketing purposes.

AFFECTING DAILY ROUTINE

Online games tend to revolve around repeated loops of activity that can collect purchasing decisions and potentially influence children's spending patterns. This could lead to your child not only handing over more money but also adjusting their daily routine to match the game's schedule – potentially impacting more important elements of their day, such as homework and family time.

SATELLITE SPENDING

If you've linked a payment method like a debit card or a PayPal account to your child's game or app, it's wise to keep a close eye on their microtransactions to ensure they aren't racking up a large bill. Letting a child have access to your card (if they're still too young to have their own) or other means of payment could also lead to them spending beyond the apps and games they normally use.

Advice for Parents & Carers

DO YOUR RESEARCH

It's important to have a serviceable idea of whether the games your child plays use the loot box system (even if it goes by a different name) or include the option of buying items, equipment and so forth. If so, it's crucial to help your child understand that this costs actual money, and that they shouldn't feel pressured into making any purchases.

CHAT ABOUT 'CHANCE'

It may help to explain to your child that many microtransactions involve an element of chance: they could pay money and still not get what they want in return. Emphasise that – while not usually costing much individually – these in-app and in-game purchases can soon add up. Talk to your child about how spending their money in a game or app means they have less to use in the real world.

(GIFT) CARDS ON THE TABLE

Investing in an in-game currency gift card can be a useful way of helping your child get to grips with budgeting. If you buy, say, a £10 V-bucks Fortnite gift card, monitor how long it takes them to spend it. When they come to you asking for more, you could make it the starting point for a conversation about how quickly that money went and how they could earn their next gift card.

STOP SPENDING AT SOURCE

You might decide that the wisest strategy is to remove the potential for spending money on microtransactions. If so, most games, apps and devices have options in their settings to help you manage what your child can spend – or to disable that function altogether, preventing them from buying additional items for their games or boosted functionality for certain apps.

WATCH FOR THE SIGNS

If you're worried that your child's passion for a particular game or app may tempt them into habitual spending on microtransactions, it's important to remember the indicators of addictive behaviour. Irritability, a lack of concentration and prioritising recreational screen time ahead of homework or mealtimes could all be signs that you need to have a conversation about a more balanced routine.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 15 years in the industry. Previously the editor of *Look Inside The Square*, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



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