

NEWSLETTER

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JU:MP!

Swain House Primary School is proudly a JU:MP (Join Us: Move Play) school. We know how important it is for children to be physical active and we enjoy completing our JU:MP in 10 physical activities lessons every week.

If you would like to see some of our activities and complete these at home as a family, please follow the link to the JU:MP website- a free website with lots of different physical activities to complete at home with no or minimal equipment.

The activities are to do inside at home, outside in the garden or at the park. Visit the website for more information and have fun!

<https://joinusmoveplay.org/things-to-do/>

Join Us: Move. Play

Inspiring children and families across Bradford to move and play more!

PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL

We would like to remind parents that parking on the yellow zig zag lines outside school is dangerous for all children walking into and around school. We have also had a number of complaints from our local residents who are finding people parking inconsiderately at the start and end of the day. Please park away from school and enjoy the short walk with your child.



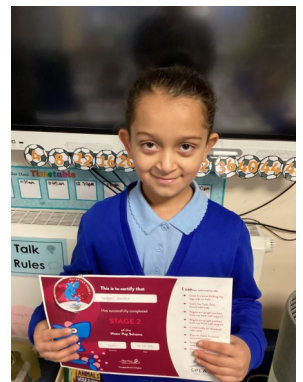
YEAR 6 BADMINTON!

On Thursday 12th January, five Year 6 pupils competed at a Badminton competition at Hanson Academy. They performed amazingly, showing great sportsmanship and determination, with the team managing to win 5 out of 7 matches!



SHARING YOUR NEWS!

We are really proud of how well Imarni in Anne Fine Class is doing with her swimming. She has received her Stage 2 badge! She can swim 5 meters by herself. She has learnt to do a tuck, star and pencil movement and can swim under the water too.



We are also really proud of Tahlia in Beethoven Class. She is part of Shipley Swifts Under 12's netball squad. After their first game in 2023 playing against Wakefield phoenix, Shipley swifts won 23-6. Tahlia's position as Goal Keeper helped her team win and skillfully defend her opponents attempts at scoring points.

If you have any news about your child's achievements that you would like to share in our newsletter, please speak to your child's class teacher!

TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS!

This week our Times Tables Rock Stars, Class Stars of the Week are:

CLASS	TT Rock Stars Star of the Week:
Anne Fine	Connor Silson
Roald Dahl	Frazer Robinson
Jacqueline Wilson	Haaris Shabir
JK Rowling	Safyaan Mohammed
Elgar	Yahya Khan
Mozart	Jaya Patel
Beethoven	Tahlia Beanland
Vivaldi	Maahira Tahir

READING PLANET REVIEWS!

Following the successful introduction of our new 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. Hopefully these reviews will inspire our children to read one of the books when they choose their next one.

Computer Pioneers (Venus)

I have enjoyed reading this non-fiction book because I like to learn about the internet and computers. There are lots of interesting facts like 'WWW' stands for World Wide Web and in 1998 Bill Gates appeared in an episode of the cartoon, The Simpsons! If you read this book, I hope you like it as much as I did.

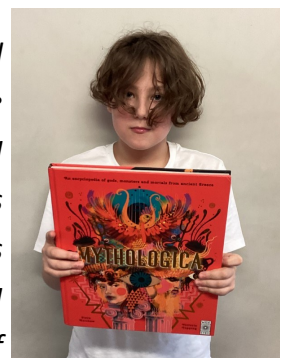
Oakley-Joseph, Year 3



Mythologica (Free Reader)

This awesome book is all about Greek mythology and is packed full of tales and myths from all the way back in 800BC. I enjoyed this book because it taught me more the Greek gods and goddesses, as well all of their monsters and mortals. I loved learning about Achilles and how he got dipped in the River Sticks by his mother - but his heel wasn't submerged in the water. Later on in life, he was fighting in the Trojan War and got shot in the heel by an arrow and it killed him. I would recommend this book to anyone who enjoys reading historical tales and if you are learning about Ancient Greece.

Isaac, Year 6



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 **13/01/23**.

Early Years and Key Stage 1:

CLASS	PERCENTAGE %	LATES
Elm	98.2%	4
Willow	95.3%	3
Kandinsky	95.9%	3
Matisse	96%	3
Lowry	92.9%	2
Van Gogh	98%	4

Key Stage 2:

CLASS	PERCENTAGE %	LATES
Anne Fine	98.3%	6
Roald Dahl	97.7%	6
JK Rowling	97.1%	3
J Wilson	94.6%	6
Elgar	97%	1
Mozart	96.4%	5
Beethoven	95.8%	2
Vivaldi	97.1%	6

Congratulations to **Elm Class** and **Anne Fine Class** for having the **best attendance** this week.

Unfortunately, every class had some lates this week. Hopefully we can do better next week.

Our whole school attendance this week:

96.5%

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**.

WEBSITE UPDATES:	National Online Safety - World of Warcraft
LETTERS:	Year 2 - Workshops
MESSAGES VIA PARENTAPPS:	N/A

MENU W/C 16/01/23

Swain House Primary School

Week Commencing
14th Nov, 5th Dec, 16th Jan
6th Feb, 27th Feb, 20th Mar

MENU Week 3

MON	Choose from... Pasta Bolognese Halal Pasta Bolognese Italian Tomato Pasta	Desserts... Orange & Lemon Sponge Freshly Prepared Fruit
TUE	Choose from... BBQ Chicken & Rice Halal Chicken Tikka Masala Soya Mince Keema Curry	Desserts... Chocolate Ice Cream Roll Freshly Prepared Fruit
WED	Choose from... Halal Sheesh Kebab Quorn Meatballs in Gravy Braised Sausage	Desserts... Ginger Sponge Freshly Prepared Fruit
THUR	Choose from... Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Desserts... Oat Cookie Freshly Prepared Fruit
FRI	Choose from... Fish Fingers Southern Fried Quorn Burger	Desserts... Chocolate Sponge Freshly Prepared Fruit

Suitable for



A selection of additional options e.g. sandwiches, jackets etc. will be available each day



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SCHOOL CATERING

For full allergen & nutritional information
go to the FM School Meals App:
<https://schoolmeals.bradford.gov.uk>

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.

If you have any problems booking any of our before or after school clubs, please contact Miss Armitage, one of our learning mentors.

DIARY DATES

ANY NEWLY ADDED ITEMS WILL BE IN BLUE

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Tuesday	03/01/23	N/A	School Reopens
Thursday	12/01/23	2.30pm	Anne Fine Epiphany Assembly
Monday	16/01/23	All Day	Year 6 Greek Workshop
Tuesday	17/01/23	3.15pm - 6.00pm	Parents Evening
Thursday	19/01/23	3.00pm—3.30pm	Parent Drop-In
Thursday	19/01/23	2.30pm	Matisse Chinese New Year Assembly
Thursday	26/01/23	2.30pm	Jacqueline Wilson Class Assembly
Thursday	02/02/23	2.30pm	Van Gogh Class Assembly

COMING UP THIS HALF TERM

SPRING TERM ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Thursday	19/01/23	2.30pm	Matisse Chinese New Year Assembly
Thursday	26/01/23	2.30pm	Jacqueline Wilson Class Assembly
Thursday	02/02/23	2.30pm	Van Gogh Class Assembly
Thursday	23/02/23	2.30pm	Elgar Class Assembly
Thursday	09/03/23	2.30pm	Kandinsky Holi Assembly
Thursday	16/03/23	2.30pm	Anne Fine Class Assembly
Thursday	23/03/23	2.30pm	Lowry Wesak Assembly
Thursday	30/03/23	2.30pm	Mozart Easter Assembly

PARENTS EVENING!

Parents evening will be held on **Tuesday 17th January 2023 from 3.15pm - 6.00pm**. The booking system will soon be available for you to book your appointment. On **Thursday 19th January 2023**, parents and carers are invited to our drop-in sessions at 3pm where you can look at your child's books to see what they have been learning about in school. As always, if you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher.

YEAR 6 GREEK WORKSHOP

On Monday 16th January, children in Year 6 will be having a Greek Workshop as part of their new theme from Portals to the Past. The children will be learning all about the Ancient Greeks and will come to school dressed up in Greek inspired clothing.



PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

Keep an eye out this half term for some exciting invitations to visit your children in school. Each year group will be inviting their parents and family members into school so you can all see what your children have been learning about!

COMMUNITY NEWS



New term starts
9.1.23/13.1.23

1 class	2 classes
Mini/Junior £25	Mini/Junior £42.50
Inter/Senior £30	Inter/Senior £47.50
Siblings £17.50	Siblings £35

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HUMPTY DUMPTY

BY STEPHEN DOUGHERTY

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4TH FEBRUARY 2023

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Music at the museum



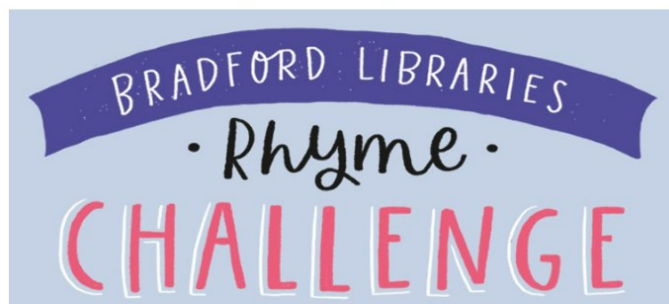
Monthly concerts Cliffe Castle Keighley - FREE

Join us inside the Bracewell Smith Hall at Cliffe Castle in Keighley to enjoy music from local bands 2pm to 4pm.

The programme for the coming months is:

- 15 January – Hatrix Big Band
- 12 February – May Contain Notes/ Klezmeerkats
- 12 March – Bradford Concert Band
- 9 April – Bradford Festival Choral Society
- 7 May – Two Rivers Swing Band

Bradford libraries Rhyme Challenge



Families with children under 5 years old are invited to take part in this year's Rhyme Challenge.

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OASTLER MARKET SPEAKS

SATURDAYS 12-5PM

28.1.23
11.2.23
25.2.23
11.3.23



NATIONAL ONLINE SAFETY

This week, our 'Wake Up Wednesday' guide from National Online Safety is 'World of Warcraft'.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

WORLD OF WARCRAFT

AGE RESTRICTION
12+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

World of Warcraft originally launched way back in 2004, and since then the game has blossomed into a major entertainment property. It's spawned spin-off novels, merchandise and even a Hollywood movie adaptation – but why are we still talking about it in 2023? World of Warcraft's most recent iteration, Dragonflight, launched last November and marks the game's ninth major expansion. This latest addition has attracted a whole host of lapsed players back to the game – as well as newcomers jumping into the realm of Azeroth for the first time.

ALWAYS ONLINE

World of Warcraft is an MMORPG, which stands for Massively Multiplayer Online Role-Playing Game. Players create a character and head off on mythical quests to earn rewards and become more powerful. The game's environment is absolutely vast, and it can only be played online on PC or Mac – so there's a high probability of young Warcraft fans wanting to monopolise the family computer.

REGULAR EXPANSIONS

As is common with many MMORPGs, World of Warcraft's developers, Blizzard, release regular expansions for the game (usually every 18 months to two years). So although there's still plenty of content for young players to experience right now, there will almost inevitably be a requirement to continue buying future expansion packs, which tend to cost around £50.

IN-GAME PURCHASES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

Just like its genre contemporary Final Fantasy XIV, World of Warcraft requires a monthly subscription fee to play. It's currently £9.99 per month (although you can get it cheaper by signing up to a longer subscription). There are also many items which can be purchased from the in-game store that don't affect gameplay, but instead offer cosmetic alterations to a player's character.

VOICE AND TEXT CHAT

Because World of Warcraft is played exclusively on PCs and Macs, it's easy for users to type out text messages if they aren't comfortable using voice chat. If you'll forgive the pun, that's a double-edged sword because – although there's less chance of them being harassed verbally – it puts young players at increased risk of being trolled or receiving spam through the in-game messaging function.

SIMULATED VIOLENCE

The fact that World of Warcraft is almost 20 years old means that even its most violent battles look slightly cartoonish compared with the level of authenticity in many more modern games. The exception tends to be Warcraft's in-game cutscenes: animated sections which move the plot onto the next stage. These offer more realistic visuals, but they still aren't overly gory or scary.

POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

World of Warcraft can trigger a powerful "just one more quest" mentality in players (especially young ones) as they rush to secure the next dopamine hit from levelling their character up or earning a new item or weapon. It's also a game that doesn't have a definite "end" – because as soon as a player finishes levelling up one character, they can start afresh with another one.

Advice for Parents & Carers

MANAGE PLAYTIME

World of Warcraft can be an extremely enjoyable game to play with friends, but it's important that your child doesn't let their adventures crowd out school work, socialising or anything else they also enjoy. You could, for example, consider imposing playtime limits – such as a set number of hours to play Warcraft per week, or restricting it to particular days or just weekends.

MAKE IT A REWARD

If your child is excited about getting the next World of Warcraft expansion, you could consider using it as a reward for completing their weekly tasks (you could even call them 'quests'!) like tidying their room or doing their homework. This will demonstrate that you're happy for them to play the game but will also help them to build good, productive habits, reinforcing that hard work earns rewards.

SIGN UP FOR THE FREE TRIAL

Warcraft's monthly subscription effectively 'pays' for the regular new content, but there's also a sizeable free trial that lets new players explore the world of Azeroth without paying a penny. Players can play up until Level 20 for free, which is easily several hours' worth of gameplay. If your child does take this option, we'd suggest minimising in-game spending by not linking a bank card to their account.

REMEMBER THE AGE RATING

Due to mild violence and the occasional use of offensive language, World of Warcraft has been rated as appropriate for players aged 12 and over by PEGI (the Pan-European Game Information system, which gives games their age certificate). It isn't really suitable for anyone below that age, so you may potentially have to explain this reasoning to your younger children if they want to play it.

ADVENTURE TOGETHER

Warcraft can certainly be addictive, but playing it together is also a great way to spend time with your child. The game's focus on cooperative questing and battling enemies can make it feel like you've accomplished something as a team, and you'll also be in a prime position to spot any early signs of addiction. Just remember to apply gaming time limits to yourself as well as your young ones!

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Games Editor of technology and entertainment website *Deserto* and has been working in the gaming media for three years. A long-time gaming enthusiast, he is also a parent and therefore a keen advocate of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have also been published on influential sites including iAN and TechRadar, among others.

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