

# NEWSLETTER

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## AN INTRODUCTION FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Hello everyone and welcome to our new Swain House Primary School newsletter! I am very excited to be sharing this with you. We will be sending the newsletter out every Friday with information about what has been happening in school during the week and information about upcoming events. We will also include the weekly National Online Safety poster which gives you information about how to keep your child safe whilst online. If you would like to let us know about any of your child's achievements out of school, we would love to share this in the newsletter, so please get in touch with school and let us know!



## OUR NEW KEY STAGE 2 READING SCHEME!

Children in Key Stage 2 have an exciting new reading scheme that they are eager to start using! To help develop a 'love of reading', we have purchased the 'Reading Planet Stars to Supernova' reading scheme from Rising Stars! The scheme provides carefully levelled books that match up to your child's reading ability. Each child from Year 3 to Year 6 should have been sent home with a brand new reading book for them to enjoy at home! Please find time to have a look at these new books with your children and listen to them read. Also, keep an eye out for some more information about how this scheme will be used in school over the next few weeks.



# YEAR 1 TRIP TO MORRISONS!

This week, children in Matisse and Kandinsky class went on a visit to Morrisons. As part of their Proud to be from Bradford theme, the children in Year 1 have been street detectives and have learnt all about the different types of shops you might find on the street. They have looked at what shops were like in the past and visited Morrisons to compare an old shop to a modern day shop.



# NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT IN GREAT OAK NURSERY!

The children in Great Oak Nursery came back to school in September to some exciting new equipment in their outdoor area. We have worked with a company called 'Outdoor Classrooms' to enhance our outdoor area in Early Years and the children have enjoyed getting to grips with their new trim trail.

They have also enjoyed reading stories on the newly made benches and tree stump stools.



# SHARING YOUR NEWS!

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!

# WEEKLY UPDATES

## ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our families who consistently work to ensure their children's attendance and punctuality is high. Getting these important habits established early on in your child's life will make a difference in their future. 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.

### Early Years and Key Stage 1:

CLASS	PERCENTAGE %	LATES
Elm	94%	2
Willow	96.7%	3
Kandinsky	94%	1
Matisse	96.8%	3
Lowry	95.2%	1
Van Gogh	95.5%	3

### Key Stage 2:

CLASS	PERCENTAGE %	LATES
Anne Fine	97%	1
Roald Dahl	96.6%	2
JK Rowling	95.8%	0
J Wilson	96.9%	3
Elgar	96%	0
Mozart	97.9%	1
Beethoven	95.8%	1
Vivaldi	96.6%	1

Congratulations to **Matisse Class** and **Mozart Class** for having the **best attendance** this week.

Well Done to **JK Rowling Class** and **Elgar Class** for having **no lates**!

Our whole school attendance this week:

**96.1%**

## RECENT COMMUNICATION

These are the letters 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**.

<b>WEBSITE UPDATES:</b>	National Online Safety - How to be green with your cash
<b>LETTERS:</b>	4/10/22 - Reception Reading Café 4/10/22 - Little Acorns stay-and-play session 4/10/22 - Great Oak Nursery stay-and-play session 5/10/22 - Year 5 Ingleborough Hall Visit 5/10/22 - KS2 Reading Planet 5/10/22 - Multiplication Times Table Check 5/10/22 - Harvest



# MENU W/C 10/10/22

## Swain House Primary School

Week  
Commencing

9th May, 20th Jun, 11th July  
29th Aug, 19th Sep, 10th Oct

### MENU Week 3

MON

#### Choose from...

- 🍷 Macaroni Cheese
- 🍷 Vegetarian Chilli & Nachos

#### Desserts...

- 🍷 Ginger Sponge
- 🍷 Freshly Prepared Fruit

TUE

#### Choose from...

- Minced Beef & Onion Pie
- 🍷 Halal Keema Roll
- 🍷 Vegetable Whirls

#### Desserts...

- 🍷 Chocolate Ice Cream Roll
- 🍷 Freshly Prepared Fruit

WED

#### Choose from...

- Roast Chicken
- 🍷 Halal Roast Chicken Breast
- 🍷 Quorn Fillets

#### Desserts...

- 🍷 Marble Sponge
- 🍷 Freshly Prepared Fruit

THUR

#### Choose from...

- 🍷 Cheese & Tomato Pizza

#### Desserts...

- 🍷 Fruit Flapjack
- 🍷 Freshly Prepared Fruit

FRI

#### Choose from...

- Battered Fillet of Fish
- 🍷 Southern Fried Quorn Burger

#### Desserts...

- 🍷 Gallydale Biscuit
- 🍷 Freshly Prepared Fruit

Suitable for



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



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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.

**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	11/10/22	10.30-11.15 2.15-3:00	Little Acorns Stay-and-play
Wednesday	12/10/22	9.00-10.00 2.00- 3.00	Reception Reading Café
Thursday	13/10/22	10.30-11.15 2.15-3:00	Great Oak Nursery Stay-and-play
Tuesday	18/10/22	All Day	Harvest Day
Thursday	20/10/22	5.30-7.00	Halloween Disco

# COMING UP THIS HALF TERM



Next week, parents of children in our Early Years, will have an opportunity to come into school to spend some time with their children in their new setting. As you can see, Little Acorns and Great Oak Nursery will be hosting a stay-and-play session and Reception will be hosting a reading café.

We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible!

On Tuesday 18th October 2022, we will be having a Harvest Day. Due to faults with our projector in the main hall, we cannot host our usual Harvest presentation. Instead, children will be having a Harvest day. Children will be able to come to school in autumnal clothing and will do lots of harvest activities.

Keep an eye out on the class gallery pages to see what your children have been up to!



On Thursday 20th October 2022, the Friends of Swain House Primary School will be hosting the first school disco of the year. Following some feedback, the discos will now start at 5.30pm and finish at 7.00pm.

More details will follow soon but we look forward to seeing you all dressed up in your best Halloween outfits.





# NATIONAL ONLINE SAFETY

This week, our 'Wake Up Wednesday' guide from National Online Safety is all about 'How to be green with your tech'.

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold 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 [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

## 10 tips for parents and carers

### HOW TO BE GREEN WITH YOUR TECH

Right now, humans aren't living sustainably: we're taking too many resources and not leaving the world in a fit state for future generations. Old tech products are a clear example: if we throw them away, the poisonous lead and mercury inside can get into the food chain through the soil. Recycling tech, though, has its own issues: it's often exported to countries where the law doesn't protect people from hazards. Whole villages (including children) sort through discarded devices to remove useful parts and substances like gold, silver and copper – often putting their health at risk. Finding ways to re-use tech is the greenest option.

So what can we do with those cupboards and drawers full of old phones and unwanted computers?

**Reuse, recycle, donate or sell them!**

### 1 DONATE THEM TO CHARITY

There are lots of charities that redistribute unwanted tech to worthy causes, either in the UK or in developing nations. If your old products are still working, this is a great option – as it means that new products don't have to be made. Search online for your nearest place that does this.

## 2 REMEMBER THE BATTERIES

Almost all batteries can be recycled – even the little ‘button’ ones from smaller gadgets. You could choose a box at home or school to keep used batteries in, and then take them to a designated place that collects them. Be very careful, though – button cells can be deadly if eaten by small children or pets.

### 3 USE YOUR ONLINE SAFETY KNOWLEDGE

If you're recycling, selling or repurposing any of your devices, make sure that all your personal data, private photos and so on have been deleted before the tech leaves your hands or is connected online.

## 4 REUSE THEM

Old smartphones can be used as webcams, security cameras, baby monitors or pet cams: there are apps that will configure them to do this. You can also turn an outdated phone into a TV remote control, an alarm clock that wakes you up with your favourite track, or a media centre you can take to places where you wouldn't risk your new phone.

## 5 TURN IT INTO SOMETHING NEW

Smartphones are more powerful than most older computers. If you have an unwanted android phone, it's quite easy to create a new computer - you could use an old TV as a monitor, meaning you just need a mouse and keyboard. There are also small devices you can buy which let you do the same with iPhones.

## 6 RETURN THEM

Return devices to the manufacturer or retailer you bought them from. Some manufacturers take responsibility for their products and accept them back, to refurbish and redistribute. If they don't, you could contact them and ask why: the more consumer pressure there is on shops and manufacturers, the more likely they are to act in a greener way.

## 7 SUPPORT SCIENCE

Let your old devices help modern research. Scientists currently investigating topics like far-off star systems, cancer treatment and earthquakes need enormous computing power. If your unwanted device is WiFi enabled, for example, you can connect it to a network so that it can boost scientists' research.

## 8 SELL THEM

This is also a green option as it means that fewer devices have to be produced. On top of that, you could also donate some of the money you make to an environmental charity.

## 9 RESEARCH DISPOSAL METHODS

If your device is beyond repair and no one wants it, get rid of it safely through a specialist tech disposal company. Check that your device won't be shipped off to another country for processing.

## 10 KEEP THINKING

There's no such thing as 'too many' ways to help our planet! If you come up with a better idea than ours, contact National Online Safety and tell us.

## Meet Our Expert

Neil Atkin teaches scientific literacy through his non-profit organisation, Rubbish Science, which engages people in working together to live more sustainably and creatively uses waste to help address real-life problems. There are a range of environmental activities you may like to try on their website: [www.rubbishscience.com](http://www.rubbishscience.com).



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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## October Camp

25th October

10-3

£25pp

Sibling Discounts

Ages 6+ (Age 5 if they come to class)

Early Drop off and Late Pick up available.

Aerial, circus skills, contortion, dance and acrobatics

Footsteps Theatre School

Westfield Lane, Idle



## OCTOBER MULTI SPORTS CAMP

MONDAY 24TH - 28TH OCTOBER

📍 HANSON ACADEMY  
SUTTON AVENUE BD2 1JP

🕒 8:45AM - 3:00PM

👤 AGES 4-15 YEARS

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