



NEWSLETTER

Autumn 1 2023

Welcome back to a new academic year at Swanwick School & Sports College. As always we have tried to make school as enjoyable as possible and some of the highlights are shown below.

TERM DATES:

Autumn 1 2023

We break up for half term on **Friday 27th October 2023** and return on **Monday 6th November 2023**.

Autumn 2 2023

Friday 22nd December 2023 @ 1.00pm - Monday 8th January 2024

INSET DAYS

Thursday 30th November 2023

Friday 1st December 2023

STAND OUT AND SHOW UP:

SSSC took part in #HelloYellow on Tuesday 10th October 2023 for World Mental Health Day. By taking part and wearing yellow, we have shown our young people that we are with them and that they matter and deserve the support they need, when they need it, no matter what. To take part, pupils and staff dressed in yellow to school. We asked pupils to bring in a small donation that will go towards improving and enhancing the outdoor equipment for our young people. A total of £45 was raised.



YEAR 10 CAREERS VISIT:



Year 10 visited Darwin Forest, a luxury lodge accommodation site in the Peak District as part of their careers education. Pupils visited the Leisure facilities, Housekeeping area, Restaurant, shop and reception area and had talks from each area manager. The talks focused on the job roles available in each area and the key skills needed for employment in the sector. The feedback we have received from both Darwin Forest and the Derbyshire Business and Education partnership was that our pupils were 'outstanding!'.



www.swanwicksportscollege.co.uk

ONLINE SAFETY

Enabling our pupils to keep themselves safe online remains a school priority. The online world is an important part of young people's lives and it is important that we give them the skills to do this safely. I thought it would be useful to share with you the acronym SMART: -

S: Safe—Keep your personal information safe, don't give away your full name or address for example

M: Meet—Meeting up with someone you know only online can be dangerous so tell an adult

A: Accepting—Be careful what you accept on line it might contain viruses—If you don't know the person who has sent it—don't accept it

R: Reliable—You cannot trust everything you read online. To find reliable information check it out, talk to someone or check in books

T: Tell – Tell a trusted adult if something or someone ever makes you feel upset, worried or confused

SHERWOOD SPACE

OBSERVATORY:

As part of Nurture 4's Autumn Topic: Our World and Beyond, our young learners have enjoyed a wonderful range of educational experiences. We began with a joint visit to the Sherwood Space Observatory with Nurture 3 to explore planets and our solar system, making lunar models and learning how telescopes work. This learning experience supported Nurture 4 to create their own class script for a TV news report about the Apollo 11 moon landing. The children enjoyed directing and participating in this class challenge that showcased their learning and promoted their bravery, teamwork and communication skills in a fun and entertaining way.



And finally..... Mr Fisher, one of our long standing Teaching Assistants left the school at the end of the summer term. We would like to thank Mr Fisher for all of his hard work supporting our pupils and wish him every success in his new role.

KS4 NURTURE TERRIFIC TUESDAYS

Creative Explorers allowed children to use the fruit gathered in their outdoor learning sessions to make tasty pear cakes. In addition, the sessions gave the children opportunity to make sandwiches, coleslaw and cheese toasties to promote their food preparation and cooking skills.



KS3 ATHLETICS

On Thursday 19th October, eight pupils took part in an athletic event at Alfreton Leisure Centre. Events included long jump, speed bounce, chest push and relay races. Pupils had a great time learning new skills and enjoyed competing against other schools.

Call: 01773 602198

Visit: www.swanwicksportscollege.co.uk

Swanwick School and Sports College,
Hayes Lane, Swanwick, Alfreton,
Derbyshire, DE55 1AR