



1 Principal's Welcome

Dear Parents and Carers,
How the time has flown! Our Year 11s are mid-way through their final examinations and understand now that their school days are coming to end. While, for some, this may be a blessed relief, for the significant majority, there is a realisation that their lives are changing and that they already have one foot on that next step. I am sincere when I say that we will miss them. School is already beginning to feel a little different without their constant presence. I am looking forward to the celebration events that we have planned for them when the examinations are over.

For the other year groups, there is the anticipation of warmer weather and the summer holiday time to come. However, before we get there, we have 7 more weeks of school. The final half term is always busy and, although students will be thinking of the six weeks before September, staff here are already planning for a positive, upbeat start to the new academic year. For this reason, there will be a reset on some of those aspects of student life that have begun to slip. Correct uniform will be a priority as will attendance and punctuality to school and lessons. You will receive a letter from our Senior Vice Principal, Miss Glynn, with some supportive reminders. Please read the letter carefully and ensure that you prepare your child to be school ready and on site for 8.25 so that they are in before the school gate closes at 8.30. As ever, if you have any concerns or difficulties in supporting your child with the correct uniform, please contact their Pastoral Manager or RSL who will endeavour to help.

I would like to thank all members of the SWS and local communities for your support in everything that we do to ensure that our students live out the SWS values of Opportunity, Community and Courage on a daily basis.

Wishing you a joyful and safe May half term break,

Nicki Gregg
Principal

Students spotted in Paris!



This May, we took 37 of our wonderful Y9s and Y10s to Paris for a week. This was the first time abroad for many of our students and while there were some tears at leaving families behind, everyone had a wonderful time. They enjoyed exploring some of Paris' iconic monuments such as the Eiffel Tower, Arc de Triomphe and Versailles, as well as visiting exciting places like Disneyland and shopping along the Champs Elysees. Many of the students behaved so wonderfully that the hotel staff and members of the public praised them for their exceptional behaviour and great attempts at speaking French.

Athletes' take to the track for the South Cheshire Athletics Trials

This half term we saw our Year 7-10s take to the track for the athletics trials to qualify for the Cheshire finals. We took many athletes to compete across numerous track and field events. Firstly, we had the junior and inters trials take place on Tuesday 9th May at the Cumberland Arena. This started strong with Twiza in Year 10 in the 100m, and finishing 3rd out of a strong field. As a result, Twiza has now joined Crewe and Nantwich Athletics Club to train as sprinter. We then had Eliza compete in the 200m, and Kelsey in the 100m, who also gained 3rd place as well. Caine then took to the track to complete the 800m and came 6th. Well done to all competitors!



Tuesday 23rd May saw the minors then take to the track and field events for their trials, and there were many successes to be had. Firstly, for the girls, Milly took 1st place in the 800m. What an achievement! This was then closely followed by Izzie in the 300m who also took 1st place, closely followed by Suzie with 5th place. Tameka then started in the 100m sprint and took 3rd place. The boys then took to the track with Darryl taking 2nd in the first 100m heat, followed by Great with 2nd as well. Oscar proudly took 2nd in the 200m.



Overall, we are so proud of all the athletes who took part in various events over the two nights. We look forward now to competing in the South Cheshire School's competition in June. Go SWS!

Kids Who Read Succeed

An update on our Accelerated Reader Programme

Well done to our Accelerated Readers who are participating in our reading groups. Students read and quiz twice a week. Their reading ages have improved; more importantly so has their confidence. So many teachers comment that the reluctant readers are now the first to volunteer to read. Students love reading and excelling in a quiz. They especially love the word count competition and seeing their count increase every week. Well done to all our readers! Keep going!

Charity Donations and Coronation Celebrations

Coronation Celebrations

Wow, what another great term in the Food department! We enjoyed celebrating in style the Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla with street parties in our Food lessons. Students were delighted to receive invitations and enjoyed making and decorating Crown shortbread biscuits and a treat of Jelly and Ice-cream.



Year 10 students participated in their first attempts of their own dishes in preparation for their Year 11 practical exams. It was great to see how their skills have progressed and their confidence has grown. We are looking forward to seeing the exciting dishes to follow.

We welcomed a visit from two representatives, Emma & Helen, from the NFU (National Farming Union). This was organised in conjunction with their 'Farming in Schools' project. It fitted well into our curriculum as Year 8 are currently looking at Food Processing and Year 10 students are looking at Food Provenance. Emma is a dairy farmer and the milk her cows produce goes to Muller. Helen, a beef farmer has meat which goes to Waitrose & Burger King! There was plenty of opportunity for Q&A's and the presentation was tailored to our school needs as well as information about careers in farming. Students even got to choose the name of the next calf to be born on the farm. Teddy, an Aberdeen Angus Bull calf, was born at 11pm on Saturday 20th May. A first for SWS!



We also increased our community support. We were very proud and delighted that our students used their culinary skills to bake muffins that were then served at the charity Chance Changing Lives for the homeless and needy Saturday evening meal. This is a local charity that relies on the support from local people to keep it running and makes such a difference to peoples' lives when they are facing challenging times. The muffins were met with great reviews and it is something that we plan to continue on a regular basis.

Wishing you all a restful half break from Team Food – Mrs Randle, Miss Dzomba, Mrs Coombs and Mr Smissen.



11th and 12th July

Book by
DENNIS KELLY

Music & Lyrics by
TIM MINCHIN

Director – Mrs A Bartlett & Mr R Lewis

Choreographer – Mrs A Bartlett

Music Director – Mrs B Gaffney

Stage Manager – Mr S Whittaker

The Most Important Meal of the Day!

Breakfast Club:

Breakfast club attendance has been excellent this half term. More students are attending so ensuring they are in school on time. There is toast, fruit, hot chocolate and juice available; all free.

They also have a chance to air any worries they may have, not just with the teachers that drop in for a chat, but the other students who will always have a solution. Games are set up for them to play, chess, Lego, Uno and much more. Breakfast club is a great start to the day. Entrance is from 7.45am.



SWS STUDENTS

PRESENT ROALD DAHL'S MATILDA JR.

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Sometimes You Have to Be a Little Bit Naughty if
You Want to Change Your Story

SWS' halls will be filled by the smell of rebellion when SWS Performing Arts presents Roald Dahl's Matilda The Musical JR. Based on the beloved book "Matilda" by Roald Dahl and adapted from the award-winning full-length musical, Roald Dahl's Matilda The Musical JR. tells the story of an extraordinary girl who, armed with a vivid imagination and a sharp mind, dares to take a stand and change her own destiny.

"One of my favorite moments early on in the show is when Matilda sings, 'Even if you are little you can do a lot'. It's such a powerful reminder for each of us, tall and small, to take ownership in how we can create our reality," says Mrs Bartlett. "Through the process of putting on this musical, these students are doing just that: they are joining together and working hard to create this extraordinary event for their community. We think they deserve a standing ovation for all their work,"

Sir William Stanier School presents Roald Dahl's Matilda The Musical JR. on 11th and 12th July at 7pm in the Drama theatre. Tickets prices are TBC. More information to follow in Half Term 6 - watch this space! Those who attend just may receive the biggest hug in the world, one that even might hug all of the air out of them.

Roald Dahl's Matilda The Musical JR. is presented through special arrangement with and all authorized materials are supplied by Music Theatre International 423 West 55th Street, New York, NY 10019, 212-541-4684, mtishows.com.



A Message from our Safeguarding Team

On behalf of the Safeguarding Team, we wish all our families a safe and restful half term break. We would like to thank you for your collaboration and support. If you have any concerns during school closure, please refer to the links we have provided here to support you.

- Social Care daytime number (up until 5pm) : 0300 123 5012
- Social Care Emergency Duty Team (out of hours) : 0300 123 5022
- Child Line : 0800 1111
- NSPCC : 800 800 5000
- On-line counselling service : Kooth.com (24hrs and 365 days per year)
- Youngminds.org.uk
- Mymind.org.uk
- CAMHs 24hr Crisis Line: 0800 145 64 85
- Police : 101 (non-emergency) / 999 (emergency only)