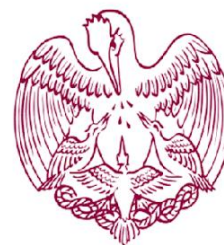


24 November 2023



Sawston
Village College

Principal: Mr J P Russell

Dear Parents/Carers

Weekly Round Up

We hope pupils enjoyed the longer weekend last week. It followed a week in which pupils beat staff in the annual Children in Need netball match and our creative Great Sawston Cakemakers impressed in the Geography Bake-Off competition. Our Staff Training Day enabled us to focus on identifying the next steps for supporting Y11 after their mock exams. This week, we launched the Anglian Learning survey and welcomed visitors from the DfE to finalise site development plans that we hope can be shared with parents soon.

NEW Children's Commissioner 'Big Ambition' survey

The Children's Commissioner for England has a statutory duty to protect and promote the views and interests of children and therefore has launched The Big Ambition survey. This provides an opportunity for the children of England to tell political decision makers what is important to them ahead of the General Election. Dame De Souza will be sharing their responses with Government to ensure that children's voices are heard. This survey is for all children aged 0-18. Children or parents can complete the survey here:

www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition.

NEW 12-Week Free Family Active Lifestyle Programme

Anglian Leisure are offering a 12-Week Family Active Lifestyle Programme, starting in January 2024. Please click [here](#) or visit www.sawstonsports.com/ for further details.

NEW Resources from Y7 Parent Information Evening

Thank you to the Y7 parents who attended the Information Evening last week. For information, and for those who were unable to attend, the presentation is available to download from our [website](#). If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Wagstaff.

REMINDER Anglian Learning Parent and Carer Engagement Survey

The Anglian Learning parent and carer survey is open until Friday 8th December. The survey is completely anonymous and confidential and should take no more than 15 minutes to [complete via this link](#). We really appreciate your feedback.

NICE TO KNOW Children In Need

We are pleased to have raised £858 so far for Children In Need. If you would still like to donate, you can do so via Wisepay.



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NICE TO KNOW Geography Bake-Off

This year's bake-off theme, 'World of Wonder', inspired our pupils to showcase their geographical and culinary skills. Our bakers recreated iconic landmarks in cake, including the Sydney Opera House, the Egyptian pyramids, and the North Pole. The Food department hosted two preparatory workshops to equip pupils with cake-making and decorating skills, which they thoroughly enjoyed. Staff were extremely impressed with the quality and variety of these creative and stunning entries which made judging very challenging. For Geographical Interpretation, the winner was Elyse Waltson (Y7) with runners-up Abbie McGregor (Y7) and Grace Ormerod (Y10). For Skills, the winner was Emilia Belson (Y7) and the runners-up were Alena Neesam (Y9) and Autumn Kendon (Y11). Evie Green (Y8) and Tilly Frost (Y8) were awarded Highly Commended. Well done to all who participated!

COMMUNITY Cambs Youth Panel – Free Christmas Fair

Last year the Cambs Youth Panel began the tradition of delivering an annual Christmas fair for disadvantaged children. It was their response to the cost-of-living crisis and something that they hoped could give some seasonal inclusion to all families.

Following its success, they will be back on the 17th December at Westminster College in Cambridge, with huge Christmas trees, a display of show cars outside, a Christmas cinema playing Christmas movies, a creative arts room, Star Wars cosplayers, juggling lessons, musical instruments, live Christmas music and much more.

Generally, this would be for our pupils with younger siblings. Tickets are completely free and available here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cambs-youth-panel-christmas-fair-tickets-726781512067?aff=oddtcreator>

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Wishing you a wonderful weekend,

Jonathan Russell