



# SWAVESEY SPLASH

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## Updates from Mrs Norden

Today is St Valentine's Day, a much celebrated tradition across many countries. Having spent some time reading about its origins, with sources showing that there are many stories linked to this saint, it is clear that the main elements through them all are 'love' and 'happy relationships'. So I hope you are able to celebrate positivity in all relationships today, not just the romantic ones, especially as this would be a wonderful start to a half term with some family time.

I would like to thank our governors for their time this week in developing their relationship with our families during parents' consultation sessions, which we hope you also found a valuable opportunity. Whilst this half term has been short there have been many extended activities, which include those featured here, as well as, a 'new age kurling' event, our gardening club achieving an RHS award and a very busy crochet club producing fantastic items. Unfortunately storm Ciara led to the cancellation of a football tournament this week but hopefully the second half of term will be calmer for forthcoming events especially the rearranged cross country. We hope the weather settles for half term supporting any activities you have planned.

*Anna-Claire Norden*

## News and events

### Year 3 and 4 Production—From Cavemen To Celts.

We would like to congratulate all pupils in Year 3 and 4 for their amazing performance last week. They were incredible at learning their lines, dancing and singing and sharing their knowledge about prehistoric times. Well done!

'I was nervous but it went really well and I loved it.' Jahvani

'My parents loved it. My Dad gave me a big high-five!' Chloe-Marie

'I think the production was the best thing in the world.' Ted

'I was shy when I went on the stage. I worried about messing up my lines but it went well in the end.' Toby

### Year 1 and 2 Dress Up Day

At the beginning of this term Year 1 and 2 had an exciting day to introduce their new topic: 'People Who Changed the World'. The children were invited to come to school dressed up a 'Person Who Changed the World' of their choice. We had a great variety of fantastic costumes from David Attenborough to Neil Armstrong and Emmeline Pankhurst to Coco Chanel and Vivienne Westwood. It was a fantastic day and the children came armed with lots of knowledge about their person of choice. It was lovely to see them so enthusiastic and excited about the person they had chosen. Over the remainder of the half term we have been learning about other 'People Who Changed the World' including astronauts, nurses, sailors and artists. We will be continuing this work after half term so as always please contact your child's class teacher if you have any knowledge or resources to share.

## See you soon Dandelion!

As you will know over the last half term we have been involved in creating a 'mini-moo' to be part of a large art installation/art walk in Cambridge during the early part of Summer 2020.

As many children as possible have been involved from designing to painting and finally 'making a mark' as we tried to get every child's fingerprint somewhere on our little mini-moo.

Pre-school and reception drew some super flowers and mini-beasts to hide amongst the designs along with the other fenland inspired creatures and images. Mrs Cowburn reproduced these little images as accurately as possible directly onto the cow and the children really enjoyed 'spotting' their own designs.

Children from Year 1 to year 6 had the opportunity to give in an idea or a design and we fitted as many as possible of these onto our Dandelion with the children having the chance to paint their own designs and add detail in special painting pens. As a final detail Mrs Cowburn put the words of the Year 5 song based on Fen Drayton lakes in and around the lovely images. What

a beauty she has turned out to be!



On Tuesday of this week Dandelion headed off on her travels. First to her 'arty' destination somewhere on the 'Cows about Cambridge' art trail where the public can admire her along with all of the other lovely entries. We will let you know where she is as soon as the decision has been finalized so you can go and visit.

Finally when the art trail is over Dandelion will make her way back to school where she will be on display sharing all the children's amazing art work with our school families for a long time to come.

Well done to all those involved. We are so excited to be seeing our Dandelion out and about in Cambridge and we hope you are excited to be able to go and find her on the trail as well.

## Dates for your diary

You can also find our diary dates on our website!

### February

25th Pancake Day Special Lunch

27th New Intake Information meeting

### March

9<sup>th</sup> Science weeks begin

11<sup>th</sup> Eyesight checks for Reception

13<sup>th</sup> PTA Discos

Week Beginning 16<sup>th</sup> Mother's Day Celebration Lunches

18<sup>th</sup> am Rugby Festival (5/6)

24<sup>th</sup> Wimpole Cross Country (Yrs3-6)

rearranged date

27<sup>th</sup> 1900 PTA Adults' Quiz



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