

Y10 are 2nd in Senior Borough athletics and Y9 3rd
The process of transition to our new Headteacher is well
underway
Our first Culture Day is on Friday July 8th

From the Headteacher's Desk

As always, I would like to thank you for your continued support. Please do continue to do all that you can to ensure that your daughter/son has excellent attendance, is in full uniform, behaving well and doing her/his very best.

This has been an incredibly busy term with an Ofsted Inspection and public exams now well underway. On top of this there have been many notable activities, trips and events including Senior Borough Sports, our Sports Personality of the Year competition and a whole host of careers activities including the Y7 trip to Kidzania.

I am delighted to report that two of our Year 11 pupils were successful in their applications to attend a residential trip at the University of Cambridge as part of 'Women in Science' initiative. They are Adia Hashemi 11JA & Aleha Inayat 11JA. Two more of our Year 11 pupils have been participating in this wonderful programme that aims to improve representation and diversity of BAME people and especially woman in the Airline and Aviation industry. They are Sarableen Joney (11RP) and Anushka Singh (11JA).

We will be celebrating a Culture Day in school on Friday July 8th 2022. The day is being organised as a result of student voice. The day will be a non uniform day and pupils will be able to attend in cultural clothing. There will be a range of workshops and events taking place throughout the day, as well as a special menu and cultural picnic.

If any parents are able to offer a workshop to pupils with a cultural theme, or would like to come in and give a talk, please contact Mrs Hare to discuss your ideas at ghare@swakeleys.org.uk.

We have also been welcoming our new Headteacher, Ms Kelda Stevenson to the school. She has been having meetings with all staff and has been getting involved in interviews and planning meetings for next year. Please do look at the piece she has written to introduce herself to the school community which is now on our website.

With one half term left, we still have a lot going on. We are really looking forward to Cultural Day, Sports Day, our School Production, Lit Fest and of course FAB week. We will also be welcoming our new Year 7 on taster day and their parents in the afternoon. I am delighted to say that we continue to be over-subscribed and have 240 pupils joining us in September. The school is now full and we have finally secured the funding to support our expansion!

Sue Pryor
Headteacher



MALALA
YOUSAFZAI

3352



MARIE
CURIE

3405



ELIZABETH
BLACKWELL

3408



FLORENCE
NIGHTINGALE

3169



JANE
AUSTEN

3491



ANNE
FRANK

2700



ROSA
PARKS

3126



DIANA
SPENCER

2386

Senior Borough Athletics



On Wednesday 11th May the Y9 and Y10 Athletics team attended their first Senior Borough Athletics Championship at Hillingdon track. The morning was off to a fantastic start with Yussra Bendiabdullah securing 5th in the 800m opening race, shortly followed Malaika De Alwis running for the Y10 girls who took the bronze medal. The track team continued to win medal after medal with Asmaa Abdirahman taking gold in the Y10 1500m and Natalia Ramdomska taking silver for the Y9s in just 5:55s! With the track team off to an incredible start the field team were excited for their chance to compete. Despite the rain, both Christiana Wema-Reeves and Teya Cummings secured personal bests and took the gold medals for High Jump and Triple Jump respectively.

Another incredible performance came from Honour Kolombo taking the silver in the Y9 Discus and Amy Scott taking the Bronze in the Y10 Shot Put.

The day came to a close with the final track events. Having secured her place in the 100m final, Ibukan took and held an early lead to cross the finish line in just 13:51 seconds! The final event of the day was the 4x100m relay. Both Y9 and Y10 teams had secured their place in the final having qualified in the heats. The Y9s ran the first race with Christiana, Caitlin, Natalia and Ibukan. The girls ran incredibly crossing the finish line with a lead of just 0.27s. Another gold medal for Swakeleys! The Y10's then nervously took their place for the relay with Anesha, Andreina, Maleekah and Teya all running for Swakeleys. Going into the final bend Swakeleys sat in the middle of the pack. Teya ran an incredible final leg to secure silver for the Y10 relay team. The day came to a close with 16 medals secured! Despite all the sporting excellence on the day, the real success came from seeing the incredible sportsmanship and encouragement the girls gave one another. **Overall results saw Y9 taking 3rd place and Y10 2nd place. Well done all!**

KIDZANIA Trip 2022

On Thursday 24th March and

Friday 25th March our Year 7 pupils were able to enjoy a fun filled and educational day out, exploring various careers on offer at Kidzania. All pupils were superbly behaved and made the most of using the four hours we had there to explore the various jobs on



offer. It has been lovely to be able to reinstate this trip once again.

Mrs Laguillo



Emotional wellbeing support Place2Be and Place2Talk



The QR code can be used to take you to NHS support lines

Place2Be provides emotional and therapeutic services in primary and secondary schools, building young people's resilience through **talking, creative work and play.**

Place2Talk is here at break or lunchtime to support young people to think about any worries they might have.

Give it a try!

How: Email place2be@swakeleys.org.uk

What: Book a 15 minute appointment with Ella

When: Break or lunchtime (Monday to Thursday)

For: Individual or small group session (up to 3 people)

Where: Counselling Room (Top Floor Sixth Form Building)

Confidential unless there is a safeguarding concern

shout : text support service
24/7 crisis text line

Need urgent help?



Can't cope?

Get free, confidential support in a crisis 24/7. Text **P2B** to 85258

Place2Be is available at www.giveusashout.org

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Further support can be found at <https://www.place2be.org.uk/>

SPORTS PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR



Christiana



Vivien



Isla



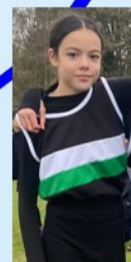
Malika



Edey



Natalia



Mya

THE FINALISTS

It was a pleasure to host our annual Sports Personality of the Year award again following two years of Covid disruption. The whole school was invited to send in nominations for the PE Department to consider who should be shortlisted as a finalist. The seven shortlisted pupils have all been presented to the school in an assembly with me that gave an overview of their sporting achievements. The whole school has then voted on their choice for 'SPOTY 2022' and the results will be announced in School Council in July. Mrs Devereux

DIGITAL FOOTPRINTS

Recently in school we have seen a rise in behaviour incidents that are linked to online behaviour and posts on Tiktok, Snapchat, WhatsApp and Instagram. We know that many parents already have open conversations with their children about their social media activity. It is really important that pupils know that posts are often circulated and passed around. This means they can impact on school relationships and behaviour and therefore need to be addressed under our behaviour policy.

If you need help establishing routines with your child we can help. Please also see the link below for the latest advice and information for parents about apps and trends.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/social-media-advice-hub/>

Please do talk to your child about their digital footprint, and the appropriateness of what they post. We know that many of our pupils do use social media responsibly. If you need further support please contact the pastoral team. Mrs Gilly Hare

Duke of Edinburgh

This past year, the following pupils have worked hard to fully complete and achieve their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. Huge congratulations!

Farah Assi	Stephanie Pelosi
Elouise Beaumont	Dawn Pickwick
Sarah Doggrell	Tanya Sahota
Anushka Fernandes	Dena Thantony
Gemma Hughes	Hannah Thompson
Nehmat Hundal	Lily Thompson
Amy Offord	Ruo Tong Wang
Olivia Woodbridge	

Teachers of the month for April

Miss Austin
Mr Hepner

Support Staff Members of the month

Mrs Annett
Mrs Sheldon

If you are in Y11 or Y13 and have a Chromebook, please return it to the school office before June 17th

Winner of Hillingdon Emerging Talent competition

Anvitaa Pathak is very passionate about theatre, music and dance. She used to train for classical ballet reaching Grade 7 with Merit from British Theatre Dance Association and Rock & Pop Vocals from Trinity College, London while we were in Dubai before moving to the UK, but she has found many more opportunities in London to perform. She successfully auditioned for the British Theatre Academy and has participated in their enactment of the High School Musical Jr, and is currently rehearsing for Annie Jr. She was also selected for West End Kids but unfortunately couldn't join because of the commute. She is also a registered model with StarNow.



She got the opportunity to participate in the Hillingdon Emerging Talent Contest (we understand this was the first time the competition was held) through a notice in the school. Out of numerous applicants from 12 schools, 14 children were declared winners and were invited to perform in a concert with a live band. They were mentored by leading professional vocalists who have sung alongside the likes of Florence Welch, performed in Broadway shows and sung on Hollywood Film soundtracks, and eventually performed last Sunday. YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/0yPo9ojOQn0>

The Addams Family 2022

The Performing Arts team are pleased to confirm that The Addams Family is back featuring students from Year 7 to 10. Performances will now be taking place on **Wednesday 29th** and **Thursday 30th June**. More information to follow regarding tickets. We hope to see you there!



ROBOTICS COMPETITION

Since October 2021, we have been working tremendously hard to build, code and create a robot to compete in this year's Student Robotics Competition 2022, 'This Way Up', held at Southampton University on Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th of April. The competition's aim was to create a robot that could pick up cans and take them back into our scoring zones, some cans were upside down (worth 1pt) and others were the right way up (worth 2pts) but were much harder to get. It took us many months: at lunch, after school and even on Saturdays (yes we went to school on Saturday), to get the robot to work but we had finally made it!



Once we got there, we had the opportunity to see many different types of robots, some made of cardboard, some made of wood (like ours) and others that took the shape of a time machine from Doctor Who!! Though we didn't have a prominent theme, we did have a lot of fun!

As soon as we got to our team pit, we started finalising code and perfecting more minor details, and before we knew it, we were in the arena for our first match. Our first match wasn't the best match, mostly because we didn't move - but it was a great experience, watching how the battle to get the cans unfolded. Going into the second, third, fourth and finally our tenth match of the day, we had not scored a single can, except for one: during the ninth match where we had finally taken one can home! For a first time competitor, it was a tremendous achievement!

On the second day, we came back with more ideas, we changed and tested, repeatedly for hours until the last few matches that our robot would ever compete in. We mostly came 2nd place in league matches, and 3rd in some and even 1st! Soon, the qualifier rounds came and we had successfully managed to get 2 cans in the first match, so we advanced into the quarter-finals. Unfortunately, we had come third in that match and did not advance to the semi-finals, despite this, we had sat there, watched and cheered the other teams on as they competed in the final matches.

The highlights for both days for us were getting our first can into our scoring zone, stealing another team's can and getting two cans in our scoring zone!! Overall, the competition was a great experience that we would all recommend to anyone who is interested in STEM. It really helped us explore our abilities and helped us realise that anything is achievable; and hopefully, we will get the chance to go to this competition again next year!

Wednesday 16th June

Y9 Parents' Evening

Friday 1st July

Sports Day (Y7-9) at Uxbridge Stadium

Friday 8th July

Culture Day

Friday 23rd July

Last day of term (lunchtime finish)