



Success @ Swavesey

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SHREK THE MUSICAL

Swavesey Village College took to the stage last week in a glorious green extravaganza that was Shrek the Musical! With a 200 strong company, the show enjoyed four sold out shows that told tales of ogres, princesses, dragons and fairytales, leaving our audiences laughing all the way to the swamp.

The students worked hard on every aspect of the show, incorporating dance, drama and singing on stage, with a live Orchestra, alongside a vibrant costumes, props and set filling the stage with colour and the joy of musical theatre.

A HUGE congratulations to every student and staff member involved, and also a BIG thanks to everyone who came and supported.

(More pictures on the back page).



Welcome

Welcome to the spring edition of Success@Swavesey, and we have had much to celebrate this term with our students, staff and parents having been extremely productive here at SVC. We welcomed not only students and staff from Collège du Champ de la Motte, Langeais for our French, but also held an event for the founding members of our exchange programme. Thank you to all our host parents, without whom the Exchange could not happen.

Our students have achieved a wide range of accomplishments this term including the Maths Feast, the First Lego League competition, a talk from writer and illustrator Chris Priestly, a ski trip to Austria, an outward bounds event in Wales and of course our annual school production.

I am hugely impressed by the talent we have seen from the huge production cast of Shrek, showing our students skills in not only the performing arts, but costumes, lighting, sound and front of house duties.

Our student leaders and race ambassadors continue their hard work in school, preparing events for summer term.

After such a successful term, I would like to wish you all a peaceful and relaxing Easter break.

Very best wishes

Dr Claire Mills
Headteacher



Author Visit

This term Year 7 were treated to a brilliant visit on Monday by writer and illustrator Chris Priestley. His many books include *Dog Magic*, *Death and the Arrow*, *Redwulf's Curse*, *Tales of Terror from the Black Ship* and *Uncle Montague's Tales of Terror* to name but a few.

The students asked some great questions during the talk and loved getting their books signed by an award-winning author!



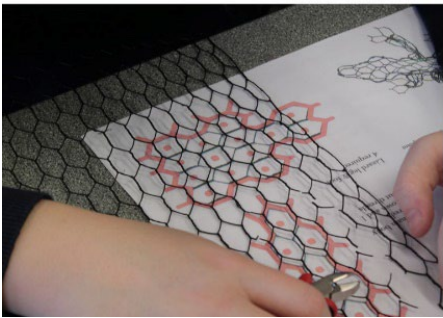
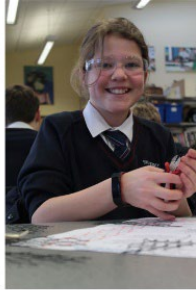
The Geography department reach Antarctica!

We are very proud that our amazing flag has reached Antarctica. We launched a competition in Year 7 to design a flag that celebrates the uniqueness of Antarctica and were not disappointed. As it was so difficult to decide on just one winner, we chose six flags to make up our one entry. We are very proud to see that our entry has made it all the way to Antarctica. The winning flags were designed by Adrianna, Ethan, Bridie, Chloe, Eleanor and Hunor.



Visual Arts Department

This term has been another busy one for the Visual Arts department. Year 11 students have been working hard on their art and photography exam books whilst the younger students have enjoyed a range of workshops and exhibitions. These have included a year 10 trip to the Saatchi gallery, a workshop making sculptures out of chicken wire, gelli plate printing with other schools from the Trust, prop making for the Shrek musical and experimental photography using different lighting techniques.



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Lego League Competition

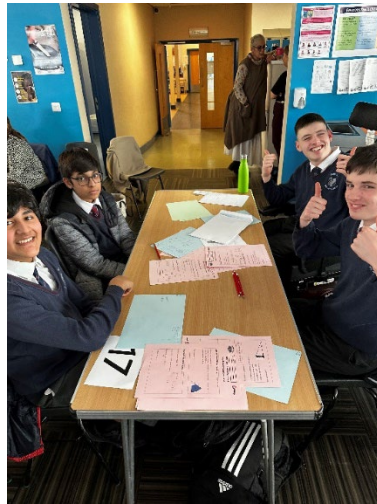
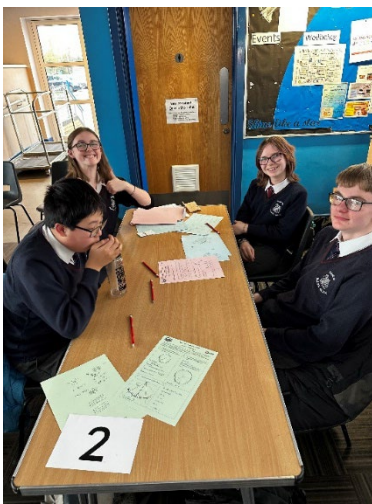
This term our students took part in the 2023 First Lego League Competition and had an amazing day/experience which even included some coverage on BBC TV and Radio! @SwaveseyVC @FLLUK #Cambridge

Well done to Nathaniel, Henry, Mark, Rory, Parina, Beatrix, Eleanor, and Oscar.



Maths Feast

On Tuesday 21st March we took 12 Year 10 students to Linton Village college to take part in a Maths Feast competition. They worked together to solve different Maths problems, and showed excellent resilience and teamwork skills. They were competing against other Year 10s from Cambridgeshire schools. Special mention to Shmily, Lucy, Elsie and Madison who received a certificate for being among the top scorers after 2 rounds. A great experience for Madison, Alice, Charles, Chen, Henry, Libby, Scmily, Tomsy, Elsie, Lucy, Savio and Noah. Well done to them all!



'What's My Line?'

As part of our Careers programme we welcomed 10 speakers from a range of different local employers into school to play 'What's My Line?' with our year 7 cohort. Students get to question the speakers about their careers and try and guess what jobs they do. This is a fun way to get our students thinking about different job opportunities that might be of interest to them.

A huge thank you to all the speakers who took part!

If you would like to get involved in our careers program please do sign up to [SwaveseyVC Connect](#), which is our dedicated social media platform for alumni and supporters of Swavesey Village College.



40th Anniversary of the French Exchange

To celebrate the 40th anniversary of the French exchange with our partner school in Langeais, Loire Valley, we launched a logo competition and invited students from both Langeais and Swavesey to submit an entry. We had numerous fantastic entries (nearly 30) and you may want to view them here [LOGO COMPETITION ENTRIES](#)

A group of retired and ex SVC teachers who have participated in the Exchange over the years came back to Swavesey On Monday 27th March to celebrate the Exchange's 40th Anniversary with a wonderful Afternoon Tea Celebration. The founders of the Exchange judged the competition: Peter Stephenson, along with Annie Thiou and Dominique Gahat who both flew in from Tours, France for the occasion. Well done Armelle L, Yr8 at Swavesey VC for this brilliant creative entry.



We have enjoyed finishing the term on some creative writing in French to celebrate the Easter Holidays! We have once again been blown away by the students' creativity and excellent French writing skills!

Joyeuses Pâques,



Ski Trip 2023

In February a group of students travelled to Austria for an amazing experience. There was lots of snow and blue skies, good food and lots of fun.

Special thanks to the teachers who accompanied the students on the very welcome return of the Swavesey Ski Trip.

French Exchange: celebrating our 40th year of the Exchange with Collège le Champ de la Motte, Langeais.

It has been such a great pleasure to welcome our 24 French Exchange students and 4 members of staff over the past week, and to finally resume our Exchange after 4 years. They flew in on Monday 20th March left on Tuesday 28th March.

Our French students enjoyed a range of taster lessons such as DT, Geography, Hair and Beauty and PE. They also have been in French lessons and provided opportunities to many Swavesey students to practise their French. Loads of fun was had by all playing translation races!

On their first day they visited Swavesey Primary School where they had conversations, played games and read French stories to Yr3 and Yr 4 students.

French students enjoyed the sunshine in Cambridge on the Wednesday and did a tour of the city, visited some Colleges and enjoyed some free-time shopping!

On Thursday, all the French and English students involved in the exchange had a daytrip to St Albans and Harry Potter Studios which was a lot of fun for everyone!

Monday was Ely, where the French group loved visiting Oliver Cromwell's House, exploring the town in the sunshine and eating fish and chips.

Monday evening was the Leaving Party which was great fun – pizza, cake, and karaoke!

Thank you again to all the SVC host families, as they did such a fantastic job in hosting and planned many fantastic activities for the weekend! Our French students are grateful to have been so warmly welcomed.

On Monday afternoon, we had a fantastic celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the exchange with a wonderful Afternoon Tea here at SVC. We welcomed back many ex / retired SVC teachers, who have participated in the Exchange over the years along with our French colleagues, including the teachers who founded the Exchange in 1982! 2 retired French teachers flew in from France for the occasion.

We are looking forward to many more such successful exchanges in the future.



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