

Holocaust Memorial



Photo by UK Jewish Film (UKJF) and Janet Onabanjo

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As part of Holocaust Memorial Day, Swanlea School held a month of visiting speakers, workshops and lessons during PSHEE lessons, where we were taught about the Holocaust and why we should remember it.

On Tuesday 23rd January 2018 we went to the Rich Mix Theatre to commemorate and learn more about the Holocaust. The Holocaust occurred from 1939 to 1945 and was a horrific period of time where millions of Jewish people from all around Europe were massacred, simply for being who they were.

We watched a film called *The Rescuers*, directed by Michael W King. This film was a documentary about the diplomats who stepped up and did everything in their power to help the Jewish people escape from danger. It was a very informative documentary where we got to see a whole other side of the events that took place during World War II. The

film also helped us delve deeper into the history of the risk-takers who, while terrified for their own lives, tried to do the right thing and help others.

During our time at the Rich Mix Theatre we met Mr. Levy, a Holocaust expert, who explained that the prejudice of groups of people escalated over time to become as serious as genocide. We also cleared the very common misunderstanding that the Holocaust only happened in Germany. In fact, Jews from Greece, Hungary, Lithuania and many more were tortured to death.

Learning about the Holocaust was a sad yet meaningful and educational experience for us and we're so grateful to the people and visitors who have taken their time to teach us and tell us their own personal stories connected to the war.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Mon 5th Feb

Year 10 Parents' Information Evening
3.45pm - 5pm

Fri 9th Feb

Year 9 Immunisations
9am - 3.15pm

Thurs 1st Mar

World Book Day

Wed 7th Mar

Year 9 Options/Parents'/Carers' Evening
4pm - 6.30pm

Half-Term Holidays
Mon 12th Feb 2018 -
Fri 16th Feb 2018

FEATURE POEM

Take this kiss upon the brow!
And, in parting from you now,
Thus much let me avow--
You are not wrong, who deem
That my days have been a
dream;
Yet if hope has flown away
In a night, or in a day,
In a vision, or in none,
Is it therefore the less gone?
All that we see or seem
Is but a dream within a dream.

I stand amid the roar
Of a surf-tormented shore,
And I hold within my hand
Grains of the golden sand--
How few! yet how they creep
Through my fingers to the
deep,
While I weep--while I weep!
O God! can I not grasp
Them with a tighter clasp?
O God! can I not save
One from the pitiless wave?
Is all that we see or seem
But a dream within a dream?

Edgar Allan Poe

FUN FACT!

The Pen Hut is back every lunchtime, Monday-Thursday, available to all students!



Spectroscopy in a Suitcase!

By Daniel Watson -
Science Teacher

On 18th January three chemistry students from University College London visited Swanlea School to run a workshop for sixth form students called, 'Spectroscopy in a Suitcase.'

They explained the theory of infra-red and mass spectroscopy and then set our students a series of problems to solve, using spectroscopy data. They had brought with them a £10,000 infra-red spectrometer that they demonstrated and then allowed our students to try!

The visitors commented on how well students worked in teams and how much quicker they solved the problems than is usually the case. Well done to all Swanlea Sixth Form chemists!

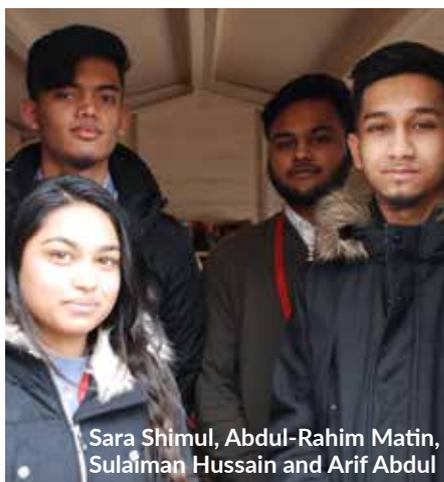
Meeting Anne Cassidy

By Samiya Rahman 8C
and Faisal Sarfraz 8C

On Thursday 25th January, we were lucky enough to meet author Anne Cassidy, who visited Swanlea to talk about her journey to becoming a successful author.

Over the course of 20 years, Anne Cassidy has written over 40 books for teens, the majority of which are crime and mystery books. Her best-selling book is called 'Looking for JJ,' which was made into a theatre production following its huge success.

Anne talked about where she got her ideas from. She inspired us to develop our own ideas for a mystery novel. We can't wait to get started!



Sara Shimul, Abdul-Rahim Matin,
Sulaiman Hussain and Arif Abdul



The Pen Hut Returns

By Rukon Miah - Finance
Manager

Sixth formers Sara Shimul, Abdul-Rahim Matin, Sulaiman Hussain and Arif Abdul have been running the Pen Hut as a business enterprise project, on a voluntary basis, since the start of the year. This is a great opportunity for them to build their business knowledge and to work with the Swanlea finance team.

The Pen Hut sells snacks during lunchtime to students, from which a percentage of the profits will be donated to our Cambodia School project, with the rest being reinvested into purchasing.

While it's still in the early stages, the business seems to be doing well with our budding entrepreneurs soon to be venturing into marketing and developing further business strategies!

Quarter of a Century!

By The Swanlea
Community

This year, we as a school and a community, will be celebrating 25 years of education at Swanlea!

As an educational establishment, Swanlea has grown from being a brand new start up school with just year 7 students, to an OfSTED Outstanding secondary school with over 1200 students ranging from year 7 to year 13.

We are incredibly proud of what our school has achieved and cannot wait to celebrate our quarter of a century with our students, staff (both past and present), parents, governors and the rest of the community!

