

Toilet Twinning!



By Janet Coulson - Head of Music

On Monday 19th November 2018, Swanlea School's choir were invited to St Paul's Cathedral to participate in singing for "The Big Squat," which is the latest initiative from Toilet Twinning.

Toilet Twinning is a water and sanitation charity initiative. Their main aim is to raise money and awareness for providing clean water, toilet and sanitation facilities to poverty stricken countries. 1 in 3 people across the world don't have somewhere safe to go to the toilet, with bad sanitation being one of the world's biggest killers. This is why Swanlea School decided to get involved and help support Toilet Twinning raise awareness on such an important issue.

Swanlea's choir joined forces with the choir from Loreto College, Manchester in order to create something memorable for "The Big Squat." Singing on the steps

of St Paul's Cathedral, outside a giant inflatable toilet, the two choirs sang "What About Us?" by Pink. There was also a performance by The MumSing Women's Choir from Enfield.

After the individual performances, all three choirs were joined by musician, comedian and TV personality, Bill Oddie OBE, who sang 'The Toilet Song.' This is a song written by Bill Oddie's wife, award-winning song and script writer, Laura Beaumont. It's a fun and catchy song but with a great meaning of how everyone is entitled to a toilet and clean water systems.

Singing on the steps of St Paul's Cathedral for such a great cause was an incredible experience. We hope that this helped raise awareness and even encouraged a few others to twin their own toilets, helping someone in need.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wed 12th Dec
KS5 Parents/Carers' Evening
4pm-6pm

Wed 19th Dec
Christmas Concert
3.30pm-4.30pm

Fri 21st Dec
Last Day of Term

Mon 7th Jan
First Day of Spring Term
Late start for students
9.30am

Christmas Holidays
Mon 24th Dec - Fri 4th Jan

FEATURE POEM

The Lake Isle Of Innisfree

I will arise and go now, and go to
Innisfree,

And a small cabin build there, of
clay and wattles made:

Nine bean-rows will I have there,
a hive for the honeybee,

And live alone in the bee-loud
glade.

And I shall have some peace there,
for peace comes dropping slow,

Dropping from the veils of the
morning to where the cricket
sings;

There midnight's all a glimmer,
and noon a purple glow,

And evening full of the linnet's
wings.

I will arise and go now, for always
night and day

I hear lake water lapping with low
sounds by the shore;

While I stand on the roadway, or
on the pavements grey,

I hear it in the deep heart's core

By William Butler Yeats



Super Learning Day!



By Nicholas Lee - Assistant Head

Another year, another successful super learning day! On Thursday 22nd November Swanlea School organised various educational and cultural experiences for all students throughout every year group. Year 7 students had their first ever super learning day, enjoying their time at a range of museums, from the Science Museum, National Gallery, British Museum and the Tate Modern. Year 7 students also had the exciting experience of taking part in a stop motion workshop, which took place in school.

Year 8 and year 10 students took part in a number of activities set by Wise Up Team Building. Wise Up is a company who specialise in providing fun and educational activities to schools. These activities challenged our students to think outside of the box and encouraged teamwork. It's a great way to learn and work in groups and our students really enjoyed

themselves!

Year 9 students will soon be choosing their year 10 options and what better way to inspire them than by taking them to see all the possibilities further education has to offer? Students visited Greenwich University, Westminster University, Brighton University and Kingston University.

Year 11 students are now in their final year of secondary school and so we wanted to make sure this was a day to remember. One half of the year went to Gilwell Park where students took part in a range of scout activities, from archery to the 3g swing. The other half of the year braved the cold and went to Whipsnade Zoo, the biggest zoo in the UK. Students enjoyed going to Cheetah Rock and seeing the seals playfully splash about!

Swanlea's Sixth Form had their own

super learning day. Year 12 students took part in the London Challenge. This is when students are given clues and from these clues they have to find Swanlea staff members who are scattered all over London. It's a staff scavenger hunt!

Year 13 students had to use their general knowledge and skills to get out of the Escape Rooms! Working together as a team, students had to complete a series of challenges under timed conditions to 'escape' a room before it's too late!

Students from every year enjoyed this day immensely! Not only was this super learning day filled with trips which provided educational experiences but they were also incredibly inspiring! We can't wait for the next one!



Careers in Theatre

By Daniella Blackford -
Acting Head of Drama

Students from the BTEC Performing Arts classes spent a whole day at the Half Moon Theatre in Limehouse working with industry professionals in varying disciplines including lighting, design, stage management, sound and performance to create a fantastic piece of theatre in just one day! This was based on an exciting extract from a script currently in development at the theatre. Students drew on their creativity and worked alongside professionals gaining knowledge and experience of the work that goes on behind the scenes to create a professional performance.

Tahsin from Year 9 said, "I would definitely consider a career in theatre after this experience, not just because of how fun it was, but because I would love to do it as a job and now I can consider other things like lighting and not just acting."

Pupil Parliament

By Shahin Chowdhury - Parental
Engagement/East1 Co-ordinator

Swanlea School attended the thirteenth Pupil Parliament in Partnership with East1 Schools and Norton Rose this November. It began in 2005 and since then, pupil parliament has expanded to include all 7 East1 primary schools as well as a panel of professionals.

This year the panel consisted of our head boy and girl as well as John McLaverty, a youth and social coordinator at Oxfam GB, Danny Hassell, the Cabinet member for Children, Schools and Young People and Alysa Allan, a safer schools sergeant.

Our students had a very informative day asking the panel members a range of questions as well as supporting the primary school students on their presentations. It was a great experience for all!



Coffee Morning Monday

Meet other parents/carers

Speak to Swanlea staff

All Swanlea parents/carers welcome!

For more info, contact Ms. Shahin Chowdhury on 020 7375 3267

COME TO: Swanlea School, every Monday, 9am -10am

Coffee Mondays!

By Shahin Chowdhury - Parental
Engagement/East1 Co-ordinator

Coffee mornings have continued this year every Monday morning from 9.15am to 10.30am. Coffee mornings are a great opportunity for parents to meet in a relaxed and informal setting to discuss any issues as well as building up a support network with each other and encourage learning at home.

So far during the coffee mornings we have discussed a range of issues from troublesome teens, to organisation, homework and mobile phone usage. We have had teachers drop in to talk about their particular role in the school and how you can support your child in that subject.

In addition, during the coffee morning session over tea and biscuits, parents are also learning how to crochet winter scarfs to keep the chill away!

Beat Bullying!

By Margaret Williams -
Senior Leader

This term's theme of the week is 'Beat Bullying' and Swanlea School has been working very hard on their Anti-Bullying Campaign. Swanlea School has a zero tolerance policy when it comes to bullying. We strive to provide the necessary support to all students, whether that's from a member of staff or from one of our trained student ambassadors.

We have held numerous assemblies on anti-bullying, including information on the different types of bullying. Our KS3 student council members created a display on Anti-Bullying, which is on display for everyone to see in the mall. If you haven't seen it yet, then check it out!

Thank you to all the staff and students who have supported our anti-bullying campaign.

