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A Message from the Principal Jason Marantz

Last Monday, during our values assembly, I shared the story of McDonald Bailey.

McDonald Bailey (see photo below) was a sprinter and one of the first black athletes to win an Olympic medal for Great Britain in 1952. Even though he could be described as the Usain Bolt of his day, very few people have heard of him.

During the month of October, we mark Black History month - a time to remember important people and events from the Black community that helped shape our world today.

I shared Bailey's story so that our children could learn about this exceptional athlete, and what he did for his Community and sport in the United Kingdom.

This month take some time out to learn and explore some history, and learn about the people and events who helped shape our world. Please visit blackhistorymonth.org.uk/ for more information.

Have a good weekend
Mr Marantz

**BLACK
HISTORY
MONTH**



ATTENDANCE NEWS

Winners of this week's attendance awards were:

1 st place:	Cambridge	100%
2 nd place:	Trinity	98.9%
3 rd place:	St Andrews	98.4%

Our whole school attendance
for this week was:

96.5%

Our attendance for the year to date is **96.1%** and our target for this year is **96%**, so we need to keep doing what we are doing!

We want your children to make great progress this year and we can only do this if you send your children to school, **every day and on time.**

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 24 Oct – Half Term Begins

Monday 31st October – First day back after term

Monday 14 November – Staff Training Day

Wednesday 21 Dec – Last Day of Term



Getting to know...



Matthew Reynolds
Parent Governor

Matt volunteered to be a governor as he was keen to help the school and parents work together to make sure all the pupils - including his daughter - continue to have a positive experience at Swift. His daughter Bess is currently in Year 1.

Matt works for an international development charity called VSO, supporting young people from the UK and around the world to volunteer on long term, community based projects. He often brings Bess to school in the morning and is keen to get to know other Swift parents.



Each week we are delighted to recognise children who are selected as the class "Stars of the Week". These children have been recognised for doing something special this week.

Last week our stars were:

Year 1 Edinburgh	Ayub
Year 2 Cambridge	Lulu
Year 2 Oxford	Masie
Year 3 Southbank	Angeline
Year 3 Goldsmiths	Alex
Year 4 St Andrews	Faith
Year 4 Portsmouth	Ezana
Year 5 Hull	Aaron
Year 5 Bangor	Ridwan
Year 6 Bristol	Fathi
Year 6 Trinity	Ovi

Year 6 VE Day Event

For parents of children in Year 6

As part of the special *Drop Down Week*, our Year 6 children will participate in the creation of a special museum gallery for VE day. We would like to invite parents of children in Year 6 to join us at 2pm **NEXT FRIDAY** for an afternoon tea, and to view the museum. We are delighted that we will also be joined by some visitors.

We will also have a performance from the children in Year 6.

From the nursery

The nursery will be reading *Kipper's Birthday* next week so they're going to have a party on the Friday afternoon at 2.45pm. The children are going to make invitations, biscuits, decorations and wrap presents.

Nursery parents are invited next Friday at 2:45pm to observe the party see some of the learning.

Ark Swift Reminders

- Please remember to complete and return all data forms to the school office as soon as possible.
- Should your child have any health issues, please update the office as soon as possible.