



## Duke of Edinburgh

On the 21st November two of our students, Oliver Willbye and Michael Edwards, received their DoE Gold award at St James Palace in the presence of HRH Prince Philip, The Duke of Edinburgh. Ed Stafford, Guinness world record holder of the first man to walk the length of the Amazon River and European Adventurer of the year 2011, presented the certificates. Both Michael and Oliver completed the Bronze, Silver and Gold awards through Swan Valley Community School. As the leader of the award I am proud of Oliver and Michael

for their outstanding achievement. I would also like to thank my brilliant team, without the support and hours of voluntary input we could not be able to create this amazing opportunity.

Wishing you all the best with your dreams.

Mr D. Owen-Taylor

## Head Teacher's Message

### Christmas Message

I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to everyone in our school for welcoming me to Swan Valley Community School this term. It has been a hugely enjoyable start to my time here, and I have been very impressed by the hard work and commitment of staff and students. I have already met with many parents and carers, and am today sending home 200 letters to students who have had an especially positive start to the school year. I look forward to meeting and working with many more of you in 2013, and in the meantime would like to wish you all a very peaceful and safe Christmas.

Ms A. Colwell

## Year 7 Singing Competition



After four amazing entries Twickenham House rose victorious with a very special performance at this year's singing competition. Jessie Ripley stole the stage

as lead, with a special solo performance from Bethany Morgan to win the Singing Competition trophy. Judges' special award went to Ilmaz Seydamet.

Twickenham Head of House Mr Clarke and Assistant Head of House Miss Read joined in the celebrations for this hotly contested award.



# Year 9 Local Legends Performance

Through our partnership with Kent Universities and the Kent and Medway Progression Federation (KMPF), 10 of our Year 9 students have taken part in an English Storytelling Programme, where they learn creative ways of enhancing their gifts in English. Part of this programme was to create their own Arthurian Legend Story, 'Eric and Enid'. On Monday 3rd December, to a large audience at the Gulbenkian Theatre at the University of Kent,

Canterbury, our students gave an outstanding performance. We are immensely proud of the achievements of Lucy Birch, Kula Bossa, Henry Brooker, Aimee Case, Gianna Fey, Zuzanna Gradzka, Ben Ludlow, Romario Perreau, Liam Reed and Abbie Wellard.



## Chess Club Up And Running

The school's Chess Club is up and running! Beginners and Masters are all welcome to come and play in Maths 5 every Thursday and Friday lunchtime.



We Raised £760 for BBC Charity



On the 16<sup>th</sup> November we raised £760, making a difference to improve the lives of disadvantaged children.

## Kindle Club: Continues To Grow!

Join us every Monday lunchtime.



## Christmas Card Competition Winner Announced

The winning entry for the 2012 Christmas Card Competition designed by Harry Barnden from Red 1.



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