

## Welcome to the first SAW newsletter

This year will be a busy one for SAW with training courses, public events and, of course, more projects in schools! We ran a limited number of projects last year and spent time developing a sustainable method of growing the network. We thank you for your patience and hope you will consider becoming part of the SAW creative community where case studies and opportunities can be shared.



Dr Jenni Rant  
SAW Project Manager

Based on the Norwich Research Park, we have fantastic links to researchers across the disciplines of science, arts & the humanities. We have a pool of SAW-trained scientists, artists and writers who can be booked for 'SAW Classic' projects in schools and for family workshops on a wide variety of themes. Please contact Jenni if you are interested.

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## Book your teachers on a SAW Training Workshop

Since the success of the very first SAW project in 2004 that resulted in the book 'seesaw', we have been keen to roll out the initiative in schools.

We have developed a SAW training workshop and course handbook for teachers that covers everything you need to know to plan and run your own 'In house' SAW project\*. It's an excellent way to reinvigorate your staff whilst also gaining CPD experience, and we would be delighted to showcase your SAW adventures on our website.



**'SAW projects provide a model of how apparently disparate elements of the curriculum can be combined to great effect.'**

Kevin Blogg, Primary Science Advisor, Norfolk County Council



The next course will take place at the John Innes Centre, Norwich, on Thursday 20th March 2014 from 4.30-7pm. Places cost £120 per person. Schools sending more than one teacher qualify for reductions; 1 teacher £120, 2 teachers £200 and 3 teachers come for £250.

**\*Schools that attend SAW training workshops will be entered into prize draws to win a free 'SAW Classic' project for their school.**



## SAW out and about!

On Saturday 1st February 2014, SAW ran a workshop for families at Whitefriars Primary School in Kings Lynn. The theme, chosen by the school, was 'Rainforests' and families worked together making rainforests in a bottle and canopies to take home.



The project was part of a Norfolk County Council partnership between schools in Norfolk and Estonia. SAW Saturday provided an example to the visiting teachers of how science and the arts can be combined to create activities accessible to people of all ages and interests – perfect for encouraging parents into schools and for building links in the community!

## Fascinating Fungi

The SAW Trust organised a free event for families to mark the first of a new national day set up by the British Mycological Society – UK Fungi Day. Over 30 venues across the UK hosted activities to mark the occasion, and on Sunday 13th October, here in Norfolk, researchers from the Norwich Research Park (NRP), STEM ambassadors, local businesses and community groups worked together to celebrate the amazing kingdom of fungi!

Among the activities on offer were bread-making, storytelling, beer tasting and activities focussing on fungal diseases and fungi-based medicines.



Fungi experts from Norfolk and Suffolk took over 100 people on fungal forays around the NRP finding over 50 different species, including some deadly specimens! The WI cookery demonstrations provided tasty mushroom soup to warm people up.

**This year's event is being planned to include a schools day and a family day – Fri 10th & Sun 12th October**

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