

Friday Flyer

26th April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy but exciting week has passed at Selwyn Hall School. Everyone has settled back into learning after the Easter break, which now seems like a distant memory. We have new children who have joined Monkey and Iguana Class and teaching assistants Miss Harding, Mrs Riddell and Miss Radburn have also joined the team. We are so pleased to welcome them to our school. This morning, we held our second assembly of the term; it was an absolute joy for the children to receive certificates for their achievements from the week. We then finished by singing Pharrel Williams 'Happy' which included some impromptu breakdancing from children and staff.

Crocodile Class

Crocodile class have had a fantastic second week in class; we have completed so much learning. In maths, we have started to use scales and the children have enjoyed reading the scales and finding things to weigh to measure the mass. They have completed some tricky word problems with grams. In English, we read the non-fiction book 'where does my food come from?' and talked about the process that different foods take to get to our plates; we learnt about the journey of cheese and created a visual journey of this process with labels. We had another glorious PE lesson with Fox Class and this week, we learnt to play volleyball; the children showed great skills and could get the ball across the net to their friends. I was so proud of their teamwork skills. In geography, we worked on features seen around us and we talked about train tracks, level crossings, roads, hills, fields, rivers and bridges and we made a 3d map to show these features and had great fun. I have been so thrilled with the boys' perseverance and positive attitude to learning this week. Miss Chandler



Fox News

We began the week in Fox Class having a very interesting discussion about the London Marathon. The children were wondering how long the fastest and slowest times were. This led into talk about the amount of people running and how some were on their own and some were in teams. We decided it would be more fun to run that far as part of a team. In a team you can support one another, offer encouragement, help, and share the joyous moments. It is this teamwork that we are so lucky to witness at Selwyn. We see it daily with our learners as they negotiate new friendships with students and collaborative learning opportunities with each other. Interacting with new staff; showing them the very best of themselves. We see it daily in our staff, everyone pulling



together to welcome new faces into our fold, and enjoying playing ball games such as volleyball, rounders and football with your children at playtime, to simply sharing the swing with them. I make no apologies for saying that 'teamwork really does make the dream work'. Mrs Angell

Iguana Class

Happy Friday! Another fantastic week here in Iguana class. In life skills this term, we have been focusing on our gardening and, already, we have amazing progress on our grass heads growing. Our tomatoes are also starting to sprout and the outside veg patch is underway. Alongside gardening, we have been practicing our throwing and catching as well as taking off and landing skills in PE by engaging in some amazing games of basketball. We are showing great teamwork skills through the day and the attitude towards learning is just wonderful to see. Finally from me this week, we welcome our newest Iguana to the class...I love seeing the class grow and how welcoming the boys have been. I hope you all have a great weekend and look forward to seeing you all next week. Miss Hunko

Monkey Class

What an exciting and successful week it has been in Monkey Class! It has been brilliant gaining a deeper understanding of our newest additions to the class. In science, we ventured into the electrifying world of circuits; exploring resistors and their fascinating role in effecting the flow of electricity. Our creativity was shown when creating print designs; destined for lino print using the safer alternative of polystyrene. In maths, we continued measurements, with more of a focus on unit conversion. In English, we looked into the culture of Brazil, illuminated by the captivating tale of day and night, and enriched through role-playing experiences. Additionally, we embarked on a journey of Cambridge's history, crafting a timeline of some key events. The children's enthusiasm and collaborative spirit have made this week a fantastic one. Miss Borgeson

Final Thought

I keep hoping that spring is here to stay and that the rain shall pass but it has been an extraordinarily wet week. That said, as I write this, the weather is glorious sunshine, I can hear the birds in the trees and the lawnmowers have been going at school, and at home. I hope this weather stays for the weekend and you are able to get out and about with your families.

Have a good weekend, everyone.

Rebecca Pine
Headteacher



General School Information

Uniform

There is a school uniform for Selwyn Hall School which can be purchased from the school office.

Prices are:

Polo Shirt: £8.25

Sweatshirt: £9.25

Cardigan: £10.25

T-shirt: £ 4.95

School Lunches

All children will be encouraged to have a school lunch and we will order them one every day. School meals are free for all children at Selwyn Hall School. The menu can be requested from the school office; we are pleased to offer a choice of desserts as part of the meal options and salad and bread are also included as part of the daily meal options and are provided as standard.

There is also an allergen matrix for the menu choices per day.

Please talk to your children about the menu as we will be putting orders in every morning by 9.15am. Children will be eating their lunch with the adults in school at 12pm.

Thank you.

Term dates for the academic year 2024-2025

Summer Term 2024

Summer Term begins	Monday 15th April 2024
School Closed May Bank Holiday	Monday 6th May 2024
School Closed for Staff Training	Friday 24th May 2024
Summer Half Term	Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May 2024
School Closed for Staff Training	Monday 3rd June 2024
Last Day of Summer Term	Friday 19th July 2024
School Closed for Staff Training	Monday 22nd July 2024

Autumn Term 2024

School Closed for Staff Training	Tuesday 3rd September 2024
School Closed for Staff Training	Wednesday 4th September 2024
Autumn Term begins	Thursday 5th September 2024
Autumn Half Term	Monday 28th Oct to Friday 1st Nov 2024
School Closed for Staff Training	Monday 18th November 2024
End of Autumn Term	Friday 20th December 2024

Spring Term 2024

School Closed for Staff Training	Monday 6th January 2025
Spring Term begins	Tuesday 7th January 2025
Spring Half Term	Monday 17th Feb to Friday 21st Feb 2025
End of Spring Term	Friday 4th April 2025