

Friday Flyer

Friday 24th January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a wonderful week with poetry coming out of every classroom, including some being disguised as other things. It has been super to hear all the young people getting involved in their own way and it has reminded me how much poetry we see and hear every day without realising it: rhyming, rapping, and chanting. All different ways to express 'poetry'. I am looking forward to spending time with the young people to look through their own creations and hope they can share them with you too.

Communication with school

Please can we remind you that our teachers will not be on email during the school day. If you have some information for the class teacher, please could you email schooloffice@selwynhallschool.co.uk or call the school office directly on 01223 525625. We have had some situations when messages have not been received in time and it would have been beneficial for class teachers to have known the information. Please could I also remind you that staff members will respond to emails in 3 working days and anything more urgent will need to be sent to the school office or a phone call. Thank you.

Cat Class

Cat class have been going from strength to strength with their new reading program. As usual, I struggled to choose from the amount of splendid photos that I could share with you, it's our special TAs that capture all these precious moments that we can show. The children have been reading all sorts of books; fiction, non-fiction, poems and stories all week; they have even begun to learn and recite – in unison - one of Spike Milligan's nonsense poems. One of the cats even brought in their own rhyming book from home to share with the class, how thoughtful. We discovered a brilliant man online who was rapping some Dr Seuss books, so I got out my collection of Dr Seuss books and handed them out, it turns out I have a classful of future rappers! Who knew a poetry topic could be such fun? Have a good weekend. Mrs Angell

Armstrong Class

We have had a lovely week in Armstrong Class. In our computing sessions, we started exploring iMovie as we intend to make our own mini films. We have edited 3 or 4 clips together so far and added some effects and text. Watch out Steven Spielberg! In science, we made blood! Did you know that Cheerios mixed with red food colouring look quite like red blood cells? White blood cells, protect us from infection and are a little like squashed mini marshmallows; platelets were represented by Rice Krispies...can your children remember their job?

We have continued our hard work in English by looking at more poetry. We have enjoyed reading 'The Colour Collector' and 'The Sound Collector' and imagined what our world would be like with no sound or colour; we have been describing that with some great colour and sound descriptions. We have been searching for river sources and mouths in atlases this week in geography, and found so many in the UK. Well done Armstrong Class. Have a lovely weekend, Ms Armstrong.



Listening to and sharing books in Cat Class



Okapi Class

This week in Okapi Class, we've had a fantastic time exploring a variety of engaging topics! In science, we looked at how oxygen travels around the body and the journey it takes. The children learned about how oxygen enters through the lungs, is carried by the blood, and delivered to different parts of the body. In RE, we explored the story of the Good Samaritan. The children reflected on the importance of kindness and helping others, sharing thoughtful discussions about how we can apply these lessons in our own lives. In English, we focused on developing our skills in talking about and making predictions in poetry. Using 'The Owl and the Pussy-Cat' by Edward Lear as inspiration, the children delved into its whimsical language, predicting what might happen next and discussing the characters' choices; this led to some lively and imaginative conversations! We also began an introduction to British Sign Language (BSL), learning basic signs and gaining an understanding of why BSL is such an important form of communication. The children were eager to practice their new skills and showed great enthusiasm for learning more. It's been another wonderful week of discovery, creativity, and collaboration in Okapi Class! Have a great weekend. Mr Noone.



Figge Class

This week has been a learning extravaganza! Figge class have worked their socks off in all areas of the curriculum and have had great fun exploring many different subject areas. In English, we have focussed on poems and this week, we learnt about Haikus, limericks and question/answer poems...the children have had great fun exploring rhyme, alliteration, personification and rhythm. We have also enjoyed daily independent reading time in school and a class story after every lunch time, which gives everyone a chance to have a chill and rest after the busy lunch hour. In maths, the class have been learning about pie charts and all of the children have been focussed on reading and interpreting the information on these. In geography, we learnt about some famous rivers in the world and the class researched their chosen river and found out many fascinating facts; one child even found out they have a huge river named after them, which pleased them greatly! Our Anglo-Saxon work has continued and this week, the children imagined they were invader/settlers and wrote diary entries about themselves, as Anglo-Saxons, coming to England - they were well imagined pieces. Our DT lesson was a favourite this week, as children explored food packaging; they looked at what makes a good piece of packaging, then they used nets as templates to make their own sandwich and wrap containers. The children had great ideas and really thought about what makes a product sell. As well as all of these subjects, the class have enjoyed baking and made sponge cakes and honeycomb! It made me realise this week how we often forget how hard learning can be, as I found myself back to being a student in my sign language class; I had to focus, persevere, be resilient and be confident when learning a new skill and our children do this every day. I had great fun being able to put my newfound knowledge to the test and teach the class some sign language, which in turn, helped me learn!



Wishing you all a wonderful weekend. Miss Chandler.

Otzi Class

Another fun and busy week here in Otzi class. We've been lucky enough to have another pupil visit for a couple of hours a day, and together we've been exploring the animals that live around a big river in America. We completed a quiz on the tracks of animals that live around the river valley, so if you ever need to track a porcupine, give us a call! In English, our young person created an amazing poem full of brilliant descriptive phrases about a very scary type of catfish (that likes to eat goldfish). Have a lovely weekend and watch out for Moby The Catfish!



Moby The Catfish

Moby's whiskers sensing energy.

Swimming moustache, chiselled jaw,

The empty void must be filled

By oblivious prey.

Golden-plated, only for the richest,

The victim has nowhere to hide.

Full at last, Moby is lazy, round, slow.

Final Thought

We have also continued to enjoy our 'not so new' chickens who are well and truly settled, getting excited when the children come to their gate and eagerly awaiting some food. At Selwyn, everyone has different needs when it comes to all sorts of things and this includes our own food. Some adults and young people have allergies, some have sensitivity to certain foods and some can't have sugar, whilst other young people have other needs entirely. For this reason, sadly, young people can't bring food in to share with their peers in school for times like birthdays. I know this is hugely sad and that many of you are incredibly generous, but the adults in school know what young people can and can't eat so must be able to respect those needs and parental preferences. We very much appreciate your support with this. Thank you.

Have a great weekend.

Yours faithfully

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

Spring Term 2025

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

Summer Term 2025

Summer Term begins

Tuesday 22nd April 2025

Bank Holiday

Monday 5th May 2025

Summer Half Term

Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May 2025

School Closed for Staff Training

Monday 2nd June 2025

End of Summer Term

Wednesday 23rd July 2025

Autumn Term 2025

School Closed for Staff Training

Monday 1st September 2025

School Closed for Staff Training

Tuesday 2nd September 2025

Autumn Term begins

Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Autumn Half Term

Monday 27th Oct to Friday 31st Oct 2025

End of Autumn Term

Friday 19th December 2025