

Friday Flyer

Selwyn Hall
school

Friday 26th September 2025

Dear Parents,

The sun has shone once again, this week, and we have spent time revitalising lunchtimes at Selwyn. We have got more equipment, and children are enjoying games of volleyball, scootering around the tennis court and we are going to be introducing an arts and crafts area. Positive playtimes have such a huge impact on afternoon learning, so we are always thinking of ways to engage our young people. Some children like to be down in Forest School, some like to be on the swing and others like the highs and lows of a football game. Yesterday, we had three simultaneous games happening. We have gained pupil voice also about what children would like and whilst some suggestions may not be feasible (rollercoaster at the bottom of the field), we will be taking other ideas to the premises team at Polaris for discussion. We really want our young people to feel their voices are heard.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
Tuesday 30th September	Flu vaccinations for all young people
Tuesday 7th October	Missed flu vaccines, year 8 HPV and Men+DTP vaccines
Tuesday 21st October	Parent Coffee Morning at 9:15am
Monday 27th – Friday 31st October	Half Term
Tuesday 4th November	Parent consultations on Teams (after school)
Friday 7th November	Year 9 Part 1 Hep B vaccine

Egg-citing news!

One young person had a lovely surprise on Monday morning when they did their usual morning routine of feeding the chickens; to their surprise and amazement (and ours!), he found our first Selwyn egg! The farmer had told us to expect eggs around October time, but our chickens are obviously so happy that they have started to lay early. Since Monday, we have had an egg a day. The young people are now on a mission to work out which of the 10 chickens is laying...we'll keep you updated!

Selwyn Hall Takes Up The Daily Mile Challenge!

Starting on Monday, every class will be getting involved in the worldwide Daily Mile Challenge. Each young person will be active, with the rest of their class, for 15 minutes every day. We are hoping that each person, adults included, will be able to work up to the minimum of one mile each day and, as a school, we will be tracking the distance travelled to see which city we can travel to each week and how far we can travel around the world within the year. It is a fact that this generation has the least active childhood and so we are joining over 5 million children worldwide to help change that. Just 15 minutes of daily activity can help boost children's health, happiness and focus.



Cayuga Class

This week in Cayuga Class, we have been continuing our exciting investigation into light. The young people explored how shadows are formed and had lots of fun experimenting by creating different shapes, figures, and even animals with their hands. It was wonderful to see their curiosity. Alongside our science learning, the young people have been developing their social skills and teamwork through a variety of games. From the strategy and focus needed in giant chess to the laughter and anticipation of tower collapse, it has been fantastic watching them support and engage with one another. In history, we took a journey back to Ancient Greece and the class particularly enjoyed discovering what foods people ate and how they dressed thousands of years ago. We ended with a thought-provoking question: *What do you think you would have worn if you lived in that time period?* Have a great weekend. Mr Noone.



Butterfly Class

We have had another fun week in Butterfly class. Our fairy tale of the week was Little Red Riding Hood. As you can see from the photos, we retold it through dramatic arts, all taking on different parts of the story. Through drama and dressing up in costumes, the young people can embrace a side of them that is so imaginative and creative. Some might say it's the key to unlocking their dreams. Already this year, I have had a Woody from Toy Story in Friday assembly, pushed Buzz Lightyear on the swing, and seen Superman eating roast chicken at lunchtime. In fact, some of the young people have even asked me if I can find more costumes in larger sizes for them. The community that we are part of at Selwyn is so special, where young people can be who they want to be while always remembering our values of respect, protect and reflect. From listening to the contributions this week in our PSHE lessons, I do believe my flutter of butterflies have started to learn this and are understanding how they can show respect and receive respect from others. It warms my heart to see the progress they have made in such a short time. Have a great weekend. Mrs Angell



Kelly Class

This week, Kelly Class has been busy across all subjects! In English, pupils explored Shakespeare and wrote impressive persuasive paragraphs on his relevance today. Maths lessons focused on rounding and estimating with decimal numbers, especially in real-life money contexts. In science, the class continued their study of light, diving into refraction and how light behaves through different materials. P.E. lessons emphasised teamwork and tactics, while geography explored map skills. In history, students learned about the Plague, and in Life Skills, they enjoyed making breakfast sandwiches. Another productive and exciting week for Kelly Class!

Dahl Class

This week in Dahl class, we have been looking at the Solar system. We made our own out of play dough and straws, but it was quite difficult trying to get the planets to be different sizes; however, this was a great way to visualise the Solar System. Dahl class also showed off their cooking skills this week as they all cooked sausages and bacon and learnt to use a frying pan. They also learnt that sometimes oil is not needed to cook meat, as its own juices work well. Students had to decide if they wanted an egg in their sandwich and whether they wanted toast or just bread - there were some amazing results. Dahl class have been getting used to some different teachers in their class for the different curriculum areas: Miss Rixson is teaching them English, where they are looking at the Gothic genre



and Miss Joy is teaching them science, where they are looking at states of matter. Dahl class now have their new tables and the classroom is looking very smart! Miss Anderson

Otzi Class

We've been playing a new maths game this week which has actually prompted the pupils to ask for maths on a number of occasions, so that has been a pleasant surprise for us all! In science we have explored how light waves bend through water with a fun experiment in which we reversed images by viewing them through water. We have also started *Doctor Faustus* by Christopher Marlowe, and it has already initiated lots of conversations about the temptations and pitfalls of doing anything for money and fame! In RE, we have been discussing the Golden Rule and how it helps us make decisions a lot better than the infamous Faustus. Have a lovely weekend! Mr Nightingale

Frenchie Class

We've had another wonderful week of learning and creativity! In English, the children explored *Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves*, thinking carefully about the morals of the story and its features, before being inspired to plan and write their own exciting cave adventures. In maths, we tackled subtraction with exchanges and worked on estimating numbers, applying our skills to real-life situations like shopping and budgeting. In geography, the class collaborated to create a stunning piece of river art, adding in key human features such as fishing boats, mills, farm animals, crops, and even a castle to guard against invaders! In history, we discovered the fascinating world of Greek gods and goddesses, before inventing our own mythical deities. In science, we learnt how the Earth's axis creates seasons, and the children had great fun designing paper helicopters to see whose could descend the slowest; this sparked brilliant discussions about air resistance and design choices. The biggest highlight of the week, though, has been seeing the children playing so happily together at breaks and lunchtimes—not only with each other, but with other classes too. From trading conkers to staging performances and inventing new games, their imagination and teamwork have really shone through. We couldn't be prouder! Miss Borgeson

Hamilton Class

This week in Hamilton class we have introduced the skeletal system to our young people and listened to a catchy tune to help us to remember the different bones, where they are on the body and to remember that there are 206 bones in our body in total. We also had the help of Mr Martin being labelled with post it notes to make this more visible and memorable. We enjoyed a team building football match outside and it was lovely to see Hamilton class passing and encouraging each other to shoot at the goal. In English, we have continued with our reading of *Frankenstein*, the play version, and enjoyed a drama activity where we were in role and asking key questions to gain a better understanding of character personalities and opinions. We have focused on the contrasting characters and how this helps us to understand key themes in the play. Respectful discussions were had in PSHE around the topic of community diversity and cohesion and Hamilton class listened and responded to each other's opinions, understanding that stereotyping and being prejudiced against somebody because of their gender, race, ethnicity or religion was not acceptable. Miss Rixson



Darwin Class

This week in Darwin class, we have had a variety of engaging activities across different subjects. In science we focused on what makes a living organism and features that help them survive and adapt to their environment; the young people completed their learning outside using the acronym of MRS GREN (If you don't know what this means, check with your child). The young people's culinary skills continue to impress us; this week they successfully made a breakfast sandwich which had a lot of mouths watering. During their MFL lesson, they sang along to French songs and took great amusement when a staff member translated a song about a



crocodile. I have to say the tune was very catchy! History continues to be a favourite among the young people and they were all very interested with who launched the NHS and the many advancements it has made. The students showed great maturity while researching ideas for a class display on Black history month and were particularly interested by Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King. Finally, volleyball continues to be a popular choice of game at break and lunch times and matches are a mixture of competitiveness, laughter (usually at staff) and enthusiasm. We look forward to the arrival of the new volleyball net, ball and pump! Have an enjoyable weekend! Miss Joy

Final Thought

We are really enjoying becoming part of the Foxton community so will be making another scarecrow to put up for the Scarecrow festival and will be making poppies in school to be put on the memorial at the crossroads. The village craft group came to school and showed adults and young people their plans to create netting full of poppies to drape over the memorial and we are excited Selwyn get to be part of it. If you would like to create some poppies at home, to join in, we would love this. Please email the school office for further information and we will be in contact. We would like to create as many as possible.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully

Rebecca Pine
Headteacher