

# Friday Flyer

Selwyn Hall  
school

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Dear Parents,

As we reach the end of what has been a busy but productive half term, it's lovely to reflect on all that has been achieved. Our recent parent coffee morning was a great success — it was wonderful to see so many familiar faces and to welcome new parents whose children have recently joined our school community. From feedback at the last coffee morning, we made some changes to the organisation of drop-offs and pick-ups, and it's been great to see how smoothly these are now running. Mr Martin and Mr Mbah have been fully embracing their new roles as our resident "traffic attendants" and doing a fantastic job keeping everyone safe and smiling! We're also excited to move towards hosting more parent-and-child events in school, following the discussion from families that these shared experiences are something everyone values. As autumn settles in and the leaves on the field turn shades of red and gold, we look forward to a well-deserved half term break and an exciting second half of the term ahead.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| <b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October</b> | Half Term                                    |
| <b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>                         | Parent consultations on Teams (after school) |
| <b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November</b>                          | Part 1 Hep B vaccine                         |
| <b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November</b>                       | School Photographs                           |

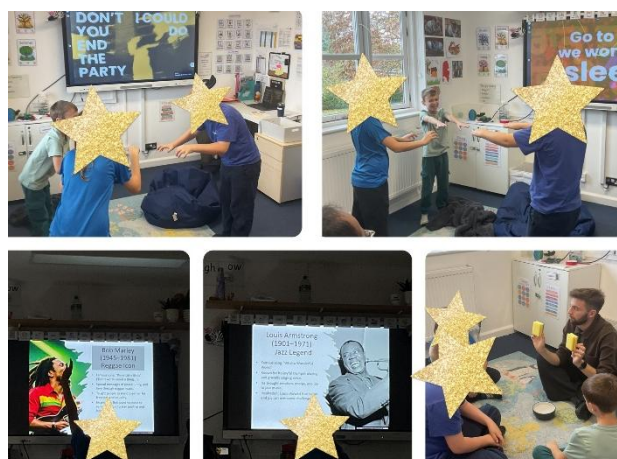
### The Daily Mile

Since we landed in Leuven 2 weeks ago we have been frantically walking for the last 2 weeks. Each class has embraced the challenge with gusto and we have managed a whopping 350 miles which has taken us all the way to Stuttgart in Germany! The home of Porsche and Mercedes Benz, it is also one of the greenest European cities and home to Europe's largest mineral spa. This week we have seen the young people following a spooky trail to find letters to work out the question - How do ghosts wash their hair? They then emailed their findings to get the answer - WITH SHAM-BOO!!



### Cayuga Class

What an amazing first half term it has been in Cayuga Class! From welcoming new young people into our class in September, it has been wonderful to see how everyone has settled in, become part of the Cayuga community, and built strong new friendships. Our young people have truly stepped forward with enthusiasm-engaging in new learning experiences with curiosity and resilience. This week especially, we have showcased a wide range of talents and skills: from creating a brilliant dance routine together, to designing fabulous dresses, debating Greek gods, and reflecting on what it means to show respect. As part of Black History Month, we have also been learning about and celebrating inspirational black athletes, including Mo Farah, Dina Asher-Smith, and Marcus Rashford. The class really enjoyed exploring their achievements and discussing the qualities that make them role models. We also celebrated the creativity and influence of black musicians, recognising their



contributions to music and culture around the world. It's been a busy few weeks, and I couldn't be prouder of everyone's effort and positivity. Enjoy your half-term break, Cayuga! I look forward to welcoming you back soon, ready to explore even more exciting learning adventures together. Mr Noone.

### **Butterfly Class**

This week in Butterfly Class, our young people had a wonderful time bringing the story of The Gingerbread Man to life! After reading the tale, the children acted out the story with great enthusiasm and even created their own imaginative versions featuring unique gingerbread characters. The excitement continued in the kitchen as they baked delicious gingerbread cookies and decorated them with colourful designs, showing creativity and joy. In art, we explored the fascinating world of colours, learning about primary and secondary colours and spotting them in nature around us. It was truly heartwarming to see how well the children worked together, supported one another, and celebrated their achievements as a team. Have a wonderful restful week off. The Butterfly class team.



### **Kelly Class**

What a great week Kelly class have had! We are so impressed with how all pupils have conducted themselves, working hard in their lessons in the absence of Mr Stone. This week, we have been focusing on one and two step function machines in maths, gothic story telling in English and baking delicious chocolate brownies and seasonal biscuits. We have had great fun working together as a team in class word games, kahoot and especially Stoopido making funny faces! We hope you all have a lovely restful half term and look forward to seeing you in November. The Kelly class team.

### **Dahl Class**

Dahl Class have had a very busy week. In maths, we have been using our detective skills by completing calculations to solve a mystery. Due to their hard work and perseverance, they solved it! In English, we are continuing to study 'The Witches', and this week they have watched part of the film. In cooking, they made chocolate brownies and I can testify they were delicious. They worked with dedication and motivation to try and not eat the ingredients before they went into the mixture! In PE, we played volleyball again and it is fast becoming a class favourite. They all worked hard at their serving techniques and are beginning to be able to get the ball back over the net. I hope you all have an amazing half term. Miss Anderson.



### **Frenchie Class**

What an incredible end to our first half term! In English, the children have been writing their own fairy tales—showing so much imagination and creativity in their stories. In maths, we've been revising key learning from this half term, including Roman numerals, short division, and prime numbers. In history, we celebrated with an Ancient Greek feast featuring pita bread, feta, tzatziki, grapes, and figs, followed by wonderful myth performances! In science, we explored all about the moon and how our knowledge could help us design a lunar base—complete with clever inventions to help an egg survive being dropped from a height! In cooking, the class made delicious shortbread biscuits and decorated them with creative, personal designs. It's been such an amazing first half term with this fantastic class—their enthusiasm, teamwork, and curiosity make every lesson a joy. Have a lovely and well-deserved break! Miss Borgeson and Mr Prince.



### Otzi Class

We continued with exploring sound waves this week in science and watched experiments where the waves from a human voice or piece of music transferred into beautiful patterns in sand. Changes in pitch altered the complexity of the design and pitch was something we looked at later in the week with our exploration of how we hear. In history, we looked at Jenner and his experimental use of inoculation: pupils were keen to point out that medical ethics were certainly a bit different in the 18th Century! In English we focused on designing for a production of Doctor Faustus: everyone designed costumes, props and stage designs for the play. Pupils were heavily influenced by the modern world in their ideas (With Trump and Elon Musk inspired Doctors). Amongst the topics in maths this week, we explored 'emoji algebra' as a way helping demystify all the 'x' and 'y' that algebra normally contains. All in all, a busy week –including some great mask making in art - so we finished off with a movie before the half-term break. Have a lovely holiday! Mr Nightingale.



### Darwin Class

Darwin Class have truly finished on a high note this week. Their enthusiasm, teamwork, and creativity have shone through in every lesson. Cookery continues to be a highlight of the week, and the young people made brownies; the smell from the kitchen was truly yummy and had everyone's mouths watering. In science, we wrapped up our topic with an exciting lesson where the students consolidated their learning on cells and organisation. It has been wonderful to see how much confidence they've gained in sharing their ideas aloud. A real highlight this term has been learning about Black History month. This has included learning an Afro dance, designing a phone case using African fabrics such as Kente cloth and mud cloth and researching influential black people.

Students completed a collage in art using still life where they were encouraged to observe everyday objects closely, focusing on their shapes, colours, and textures. This process helped students develop visual awareness and express their own interpretation of traditional still life themes in an imaginative way. To round off the week, we celebrated everyone's hard work with some well-deserved fun and reflection. The class shared what they were most proud of this half term — and it was lovely to hear so many students mention teamwork, kindness, and perseverance. A huge well done to all of Darwin Class for their effort and positivity this half term. Enjoy a well-earned break! Miss Joy



### Mandala Class

We've had a fantastic start to our time at Selwyn. We've completed our 'Adventures at Selwyn' project with character creation and storytelling and the Mandela class students are settling in well - a couple more friendships were sparked this week - and the students are excited to see what we're going to be doing next! I'll be sad not to have classes next week but hope everyone has a good half term! Miss Goldup.

### Hamilton Class



Hamilton class have been praised for their determination and resilience, working hard and remaining focused throughout this half term, whilst also getting used to being in a class together, being part of the school community and getting to know and show respect to staff too. We are extremely proud of everything they have achieved so far, and we look forward to next term when we will begin to focus more on qualifications and what we need to do to make sure we are on track to achieve at individual levels and at a pace which is comfortable for each pupil.

I was excited that we managed to read to the end of our Frankenstein play, with pupils feeling confident to read aloud as a class too and then reflect on the ending of the story. All pupils felt sympathy for the monster, as even



though he wanted revenge and did behave badly at times, they all agreed that if the monster had been shown kindness, love and respect then he would not have reacted in this way. I like to think we can relate this to real life, that we can all show kindness and respect and expect others to show the same in return. We have seen examples of this in Hamilton class this term through simple things like holding doors open for others, listening to each other's opinions and being patient at times when patience was being tested. Well done to everyone, have a lovely break and I know we will continue to with the same determination next term. Miss Rixson.

“ Kindness is a silent smile, a friendly word, a nod of encouragement. Kindness is the single most powerful thing we can teach children. ”

### **Final Thought**

The days are growing shorter, the clocks will soon be going back, and that familiar autumn chill is creeping in as we look ahead to the excitement of the run-up to Christmas. Next half term promises to be another busy and joyful one, with the children working towards a number of exciting trips and events that will bring their learning to life. It's been a wonderful few weeks full of energy, laughter, and progress, and we hope everyone enjoys a restful break. We look forward to seeing the children back after the break, refreshed, re-energised, and ready for another fun-filled half term as we move towards one of the most magical times of the year.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

*Yours faithfully*

Rebecca Pine  
Headteacher