

Friday Flyer

Selwyn Hall
school

Friday 10th October 2025

Dear Parents,

This week has seen the sunshine once more and on Monday morning, we were delighted by the sight of 10 eggs in the chicken coop from the weekend; our biggest number yet. The children have been enjoying the outdoors as part of their learning and play and new starters to school have joined the community and are all settling in well. The poppies, all made in a different style, have been sewn onto a huge piece of netting which will be added to the drape. Our finished design is very impressive!

The joy of being at Selwyn is to see the variety of different learning that goes on day to day and even hour by hour; completing maths work with the chickens, hearing Frankenstein being read aloud while the class sit on the edge of their seats, watching children navigate tactics in team games and seeing all adults engaging with the children to support their individual needs.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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	Part 1 Hep B Vaccination
Thursday 20th November	Individual School Photographs

Daily Mile

We are well and truly on our way around the world with classes taking part in the Daily Mile. Amazingly over the first 2 weeks of taking part, we have managed to cross the channel and head all the way into Belgium! We have reached the town of Leuven, famous for being the home of the beer Stella Artois as well as its university and Oude market. Keep walking! Mrs Lienau



Kelly Class

It's been another busy and exciting week in Kelly Class. In maths, we wrapped up our sequences unit and can now confidently find any term in a sequence using the rule. In English, we began exploring Gothic Fiction, starting with text structure and reading the prologue of *Frankenstein*. Science lessons included experimenting with pinhole cameras, while in history we learned about pioneering doctors of the Renaissance. To top it off, we cooked up some delicious cheese and ham pasta in DT. Well done, everyone. Mr Stone.

Cayuga Class

This week in science, we have been exploring the phases of the Moon — discovering how its shape seems to change over time and why that happens. The children enjoyed observing pictures of the Moon and discussing how it looks at different times of the month. Did you spot the full Moon this week? In English, we have begun reading the timeless tale of Cinderella. We have focused on how Cinderella feels throughout the story, using descriptive language to express her emotions. The young people even experienced the sounds of a grand ballroom, imagining the graceful music that would have filled the air as Cinderella took her magical first dance. Have a great weekend! Mr Noone.



Dahl Class

Dahl Class have had another busy week. We have been walking and running around the field to complete the Daily Mile each day and have been recording how far they are walking in a week. In English, we are looking at 'The Witches' by Roald Dahl which is also the class reading book; students drew their own witches and then were asked to describe them and I was really impressed with the descriptive language used. In maths, we have been working hard looking at negative numbers and multiplying numbers. In cooking, students made pasta with a variety of vegetables and cheese and the best part was, of course, the taste testing and evaluating of their work! In PE, teamwork was used again as we played 'Stuck in the Mud' and 'Capture the Flag'. Well done Dahl Class; have a lovely weekend. Miss Anderson.

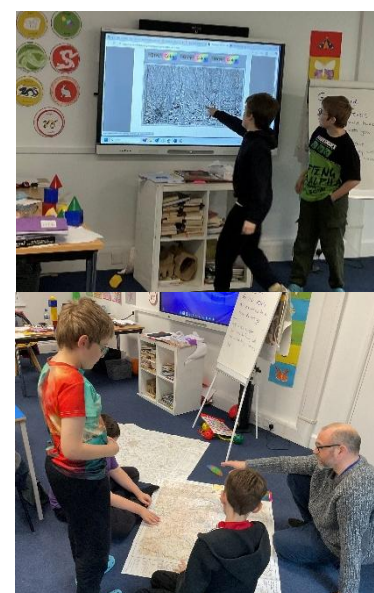
Butterfly Class

The creative arts have continued in Butterfly class this week, our fairytale focus has been the Three Little Pigs, and we have been keeping up with our tradition and performing a fabulous dramatic performance to some different TAs this week. The creativity of the youngsters is fantastic; they have such a super skill of getting stuck into any dramatic task. We have quite a few costumes in our breakout room (and are always happy to receive more donations!); the children take their learning in ways I hadn't even thought of, embracing our Selwyn teaching style perfectly. We had a cardboard television made for us by a TA so as you can see in our photos, we can perform plays for our classmates with Playmobil figures. We have regular afternoon sing-a-longs featuring songs from popular films, and there is some top talent among us; I am hopeful for a Selwyn choir before too long. Have a good weekend. Mrs Angell



Otzi Class

We've had some excellent maths sessions this week. Pupils not only showed great creativity and resilience tackling problems but also managed to check and mark their own work. Speaking of independence, pupils had a chance to make ham and cheese pasta in cookery – a skill that will come in handy for the rest of their lives! In science, we have been looking at how the eye works, building on our previous work on light waves. Despite being adamant that Google Maps was the only thing needed when plotting travel routes, the pupils had a chance to explore an OS map of the area in geography last Friday afternoon. It was amazing to see their positive reactions to seeing our surroundings represented on paper and watch them trace roads in different directions and seek out towns or villages they know. Have a lovely weekend. Mr Nightingale.



Frenchie Class

We have been so proud of all of our children this week as they have really been building on previous work from this half term. In maths, they have excelled in understanding of changes of place value. In English, we have been continuing with our theme of fairy tales and looking at the lesser-known tale of Snow White and Rose Red. They were challenged to create wanted posters for the 'Elf' and pretended to be different characters from the story being interviewed about their choices. We continued learning BSL, practicing signs for colours this week such as 'gold' and 'orange'. In computing, they built on their skills at creating joint documents and created a class presentation on their favourite games. Well done everyone 😊. Have a wonderful weekend. Miss Borgeson.

Hamilton Class

This week in Hamilton class, we have continued with our class reading of Frankenstein - the play version. Having read Act 2, we then delved further into the text and compared two of the characters to find similarities and differences. The themes from the events in Act 2 were prejudice and social injustice which we then related to current affairs that we might experience in our modern day lives.

During PSHE, healthy relationships was the focus as we covered all types of relationships; what is a healthy and unhealthy relationship, and then also how we maintain personal boundaries when making friendships or for future relationships which can change as we get older.

In PE, we saw some fantastic teamwork during a game of volleyball and then the theory lesson focused on the different muscles we use and how they work in pairs. Another successful week for Hamilton with positive relationships, contributions to lessons and points/merits being given for the excellent work we are doing. Have a restful weekend! Miss Rixson



Darwin Class

The young people of Darwin class have had an amazing week of fun and learning. We started the week with tag rugby which brought lots of laughter from our young people and adults. We have continued researching Black history month, which has led to engaging and interesting conversations in class; the students researched inspirational black people and created posters which made a very vibrant and informative classroom display.

Artificial intelligence was this week's English topic and the young people engaged in a thoughtful discussion on this subject, exploring both its advantages and drawbacks. They recognised the many benefits AI brings, such as healthcare, and daily life. However, they also expressed concerns about issues like job displacement, privacy risks, and the challenges of relying too heavily on machines. As part of their discussion, they outlined qualities that would make a good AI assistant, emphasizing the importance of empathy and respect for user privacy. We continue to be impressed by the children's mature and considered discussions on a variety of topics. Finally, volleyball is continuing to bring lots of joy at lunchtime, and it is great to see new friendships being formed. Enjoy your weekend Miss Joy



Mandela Class

This week we have chosen a name for the class: fitting with Black History Month, we've chosen to call ourselves Mandela Class. In our lessons, we've explored numbers, described the forest, worked together on improving writing, looked at handwriting and explored our sensory reactions. We've met more people around the school, and we've started to decorate the classroom, so it's starting to feel more like our space. It's been a really great week getting to know each other and seeing students get used to the school environment. Miss Goldup



Final Thought

This week has, as always, been filled with lessons learnt and glimmers; our Friday afternoon staff debrief was filled with many glimmers from staff which left all of the staff smiling and laughing. Some days may be hard and some having more glimmers, but each day is a learning experience for the young people and the staff members. It has been wonderful to complete many EHCP reviews over the past few weeks and hearing how the school and staff here at Selwyn have made such a positive impact on the lives of our young people; parents spoke about the small changes that can be seen as a result of not only coming to school, but enjoying it, such as a child now engaging in family conversation at home, a child spending less time alone in their room and a child being confident in opening up and discussing how they are feeling. In school, we also see this progress which can be reflected in a child playing a game whilst relaxed and laughing, children enjoying collecting daily warm eggs from the chicken coop and having a child say 'I never used to trust you but now I do'. These may seem like small steps, but for our children, these can feel like huge milestones, and we are privileged to be part of their journey.



Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully

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