Selwyn Hall school

Friday Flyer

Friday 16th October 2026

Dear Parents

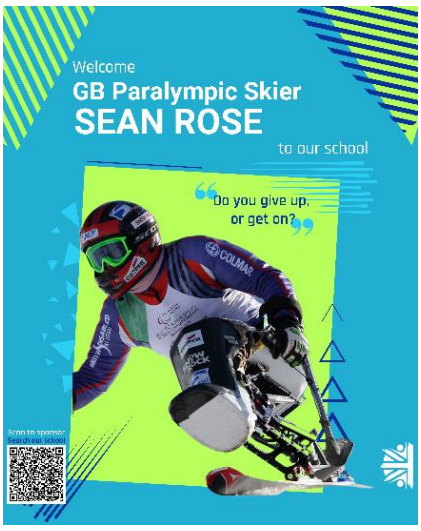
You may have noticed that we are placing a greater focus on attendance this year. This is because we know that when children are in school regularly, they have the best chance to thrive, build friendships, develop confidence and gain the skills they will need for the future. At the same time, we fully recognise that attendance isn't always straightforward. For some families, getting children into school every day can be a real challenge and there can be many different reasons behind this. We want you to know that our approach is rooted in understanding, support and partnership. We are looking to work alongside families. To help explain our thinking and the support available, I will be hosting a Parent Coffee Morning on Wednesday at 9.00am with Mrs Lienau, one of our ELSAs. We'll talk about why attendance matters, how we can support children and families, what our processes look like and answer any questions you may have. We know that attendance concerns can be just as worrying for parents and carers at home as they are for schools and we hope this will be a helpful opportunity to talk openly together.
On Monday, we will be sending home a short form for families where attendance may be a concern. This is your opportunity to tell us about any barriers you and your child are facing. We want to hear your perspective so that we can better understand your situation and think carefully about the support that might help make a difference. We will also be speaking with the children in assembly and listening to their views. Their voices are incredibly important and will help us understand what support they feel they need too.
Thank you for your ongoing partnership and support. By listening to one another and working together, we can help every child feel happy, successful and ready to make the most of their time in school.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
Wednesday 21st October	Parent Coffee Morning on Attendance
Thursday 22nd October	Great Athletes visit -Sean Rose
Monday 26th – Friday 30th October	Half Term
Friday 20th November	HPV Vaccination for Year 8 pupils
Friday 20th November	MenACWY/DTP Vaccination for Year 9 Pupils

Athlete Visit - 22nd October

With a week to go before our Great Athletes visit, have you set up your sponsorship page yet: https://sportal.greatathletes.org/events/landing! If you've already got yours set up, don't forget to share it with your friends and family!

If you need help with setting up your sponsorship page, watch this short video on how to set one up: https://vimeo.com/1148909287



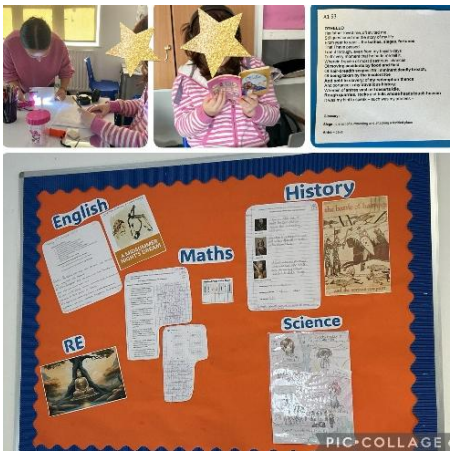
Capybara Class

As we approach half-term, Capybara Class have continued to show great resilience and enthusiasm when engaging in a range of learning experiences this week! In English, we have been writing a new chapter for The Water of Life, and the young people have shared some fantastic ideas that we look forward to reading once their stories are complete. In maths, we have enjoyed learning about Roman numerals, developing our fluency and recognising how each letter represents a numerical value. We even went on a scavenger hunt around the orchard to discover where Roman numerals had been hidden! In science, we explored the relative sizes of the Sun, Earth and Moon by comparing them with familiar everyday objects. The young people were amazed to discover that approximately 109 Earths could fit side by side across the Sun! We also attended a Harvest Festival assembly, which sparked some thoughtful conversations and wonderful contributions about how our food is grown, harvested, transported and eventually makes its way to our tables. It was lovely to see the young people reflecting on the journey our food takes and the importance of appreciating what we have. As we head towards the half-term break, I am proud of the curiosity, resilience and enthusiasm the young people have demonstrated throughout another busy week. Have a wonderful weekend!



Alma Class

This week we've been really proud of the determination and resilience our students have shown when tackling some challenging learning. From persevering with brain-splitting long division in Maths to exploring the thoughts and motives within Shakespeare's soliloquies, we've approached challenges with natural curiosity and a willingness to learn. It's also been lovely to see the originality and creativity of our students shine through across the curriculum. In Science, we've been investigating how light travels; in Music, we've been sharing their thoughts on the moods and imagery created by Mozart's compositions; and in RE, we've continued to deepen our understanding of Buddhism through thoughtful discussions and questions. Well done Alma Class!



Newton Class

This week has been full of success across the curriculum. In Maths, students have made a great start on sequences and algebra, showing confidence and enthusiasm. In Science, they impressed Dr Sutton by balancing chemical equations, while in DT they enjoyed a sensory analysis lesson with Mrs Taylor-O'Farrell, sampling a variety of foods including biltong. To round off the week, students took part in a football session with another class, demonstrating excellent teamwork and sportsmanship

Fossey Class

This week, Fossey Class enjoyed a visit to the American Cemetery as part of their ASDAN European History studies on World War II, where students showed great maturity and respect throughout the trip. In English, they continued exploring An Inspector Calls, focusing on characterisation and how writers develop different characters. In Maths, students have been developing their understanding of fractions and practising their times tables. Science has been busy, with Biology lessons focusing on organ systems and the digestive system, Chemistry looking at combustion and reactions with oxygen, and Physics introducing the topic of forces. In Computing, students have been using their research and IT skills to learn more about the Tudors.

Penguin Class

This week we have been comparing a modern fairy tale to the more traditional versions. The Princess and the Wizard is lovely book by one of Penguin class's favourite authors, Julia Donaldson. It prompted much discussion about wizards and led to a Harry Potter chat all about spells and wands. It is great when the children can begin to make connections between things we discuss in school and their personal interests that they have. Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Angell

Hudson Class




Hudson Class started on a very big high with one of our young people receiving the much-anticipated scarf that was crocheted for them by Miss Parker, he chose the colour and pattern. All students in Hudson Class were really excited for them and the big smile on their face said it all.
Hudson students enjoyed their Biology lesson, learning about Carnivore, Herbivore and Omnivore. In English they watched a Scooby Dooby Doo version of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde which was fun and exciting. In Maths they've mastered the art of long division...woo hoo! Hudson class also enjoyed a very interactive lesson on Drug Awareness which was very informative and each student learned from this. Have a great weekend!




Shakespeare Class



What a wonderful week we've had in Shakespeare Class! It has been lovely to see the children learning, sharing ideas and growing in confidence. As we celebrated Black History Month, we enjoyed discovering traditional tales from different cultures, including the clever adventures of Anancy the Spider.
There were lots of opportunities for the children to shine this week. In Science, they explored light, practised measuring angles with protractors and had great fun creating their very own Kahoot quizzes to share their learning.
The tables turned as the children became the teachers! They proudly shared what they had learned about longitude and latitude in Geography, as well as the Eatwell Guide and making healthy food choices in DT.
We also explored Buddhist meditation, practised our Makaton sign for "tree", talked about the trusted adults we can turn to when we need help, and continued to nurture our love of reading through daily reading and choosing new books from the library.
It's been a week full of curiosity, confidence and those lovely little moments that make learning special. We couldn't be prouder of you, Shakespeare Class! Keep learning, keep smiling and keep shining!

Bowie Class

This week has been incredibly positive, with Bowie class showing excellent engagement and enthusiasm across a range of subjects. In English, we have revised all of the key characters from *An Inspector Calls*, and students have demonstrated a growing confidence in discussing their roles, motivations and importance within the play. In Careers, students explored job adverts linked to careers they are interested in and have begun creating CVs tailored to those roles, developing valuable employability skills. It has also been wonderful to see students independently requesting spelling quizzes and additional handwriting practice during spare time, showing a real commitment to improving their literacy skills. In Computing, students analysed the results of the surveys they had created and distributed, before writing professional emails to the Senior Leadership Team with their findings and recommendations for improving the school website. Overall, students have worked hard, remained engaged in their learning, and should be very proud of their efforts this week.

Benz Class

Another fabulous week in Benz Class!

We're finishing the week with plenty of fun and a few exciting treats. In assembly, we sampled some new fruits, explored our senses, discussed the importance of trying new things, and reflected on the benefits of coming to school. By the end, it had been dubbed *"probably one of the coolest assemblies"* by one enthusiastic student! Today also has a strong focus on EHCP targets, with students choosing activities that support their individual goals, including fine motor skills, reading, social interaction, and emotional awareness. As a well-earned reward, there will also be time in the Green Room. Of course, it wouldn't be Benz Class without fitting in some learning too, and we've still got lessons to enjoy before the weekend arrives!





Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes

Rebecca Pine