

# Friday Flyer

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

With only two weeks left of this half term, we are busy with our exciting learning opportunities and, this week, saw our Iguanas all load up in taxis and head off to Shepreth Wildlife Park. We are planning school trips for all our classes this term and look forward to telling you more in the coming weeks. We are also excited to let you know, in a letter also sent today, that we will be holding a Sports Afternoon in June where you are all warmly invited to join us for a picnic with your children and to join in the afternoon fun. There is so much more of the summer term to look forward to 😊

## Crocodile Class

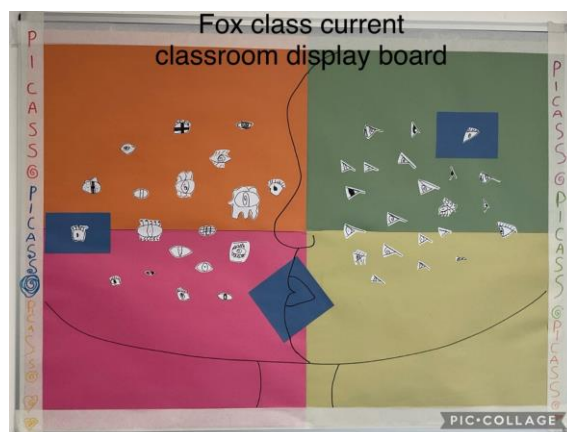
The crocs have had a sunny, fun filled week enjoying lots of learning indoors, outside and with the use of our new projector on the wide screen! This week in English, we have looked at the big book of why and have learnt all about the glossary, the index, the contents page and asking interesting and varied questions; they certainly thought of some great words and facts to use. In maths, we have enjoyed measuring and comparing mass and they had a great lesson on Wednesday, working in Mrs Bentley's shop to weigh out her ingredients to the exact weight using scales. This week, we completed our Picasso inspired art using string and tin foil and we had a go at printing in different ways... it was a rather messy afternoon! The class enjoyed being UK adventurers on Thursday when they used Google maps ( on the big screen) and we zoomed in on parts on the UK including where we live, London, Cambridge and Foxton and even found Selwyn Hall School on there; the children were particularly enthralled to see a taxi, from a birds-eye view, parked in the driveway. We looked at an OS map and learnt all about the different symbols used on maps and we had great fun trying to work out what PH, and different, very strange looking, symbols meant! The story we covered in RE this week was the 'Good Samaritan' and I was so impressed with how the class spoke of how they would lend a hand to anyone in need; we spoke about how we could do this in different ways eg asking for help, doing something kind and trying to make a difference. It made me reflect on how much I see the crocodile class and every child at Selwyn being a 'Good Samaritan' at different times within the school week; from helping others learn, to sharing resources, to speaking kindly and to being respectful to each other, I see it every day. Kindness really does make the world go round. Enjoy a sun filled weekend. Miss Chandler



### Fox News

This weekend is one of my favourites of the year. I am unashamed of my love of The Eurovision song contest. I have watched it for as many years as I can remember - I love a bit of quirky Europop and of course, the farcical voting system. But what brings me joy is the way the different countries come together to put on a fantastic televisual spectacle. It reminds me of the phrase 'it takes a village' and I do believe that is the essence of Selwyn Hall. I had the pleasure of showing a delightful family our site earlier this week and I'm excited that their son will shortly be joining Fox class. He was super-prepared to meet me with written questions and I was so happy to talk to him, telling him how we operate in our unique way; he was worried that he would have problems settling in.

It'll be different to what you are used to I said – we are not mainstream; we think outside the box, our little 'village' pull together to make each child's experience uniquely tailored to how they learn. In our slightly shortened week Foxes have been playing a great deal of hangman and learning about compound words; making big words from two smaller words. In maths - column addition has been our skill of the week, something that the children have taken in their stride; we've learnt that those hundreds, tens, and ones are all important and have their place but sometimes they can change columns, just like children, changing from a different school to our 'village'. Have a great weekend, whatever you choose to do. Mrs Angell



### Iguana Class

Well what a wonderful, sunny week we have had here at Selwyn, and in true Iguana style they have done me proud. This week, we embarked on our very first school trip by attending Shepreth Wildlife Park in line with our science topic of habitats and life cycles. To see Iguana class all running and playing together with huge grins on their faces really did show us just how amazing they are and how much progress has been made in order to do these great things. We got to see tigers, red pandas and mini monkeys, we walked (or Miss Hunko ran through squealing) a bat tunnel and we learnt all about the habitats of some endangered animals. Following on from our trip, the class have been amazing at getting all of their work done across all lessons and have shown me how committed they are to learning as all children have once again made reading progress. As we near the end of another half term, I look around at my little Iguanas and am incredibly proud of how much has been achieved in such a short window of time. Miss Hunko



### Monkey Class

This week has felt like it has whizzed by. We have done some incredible mental maths, followed by complex unit conversions. In English, we have been working on writing our own non-chronological reports, focusing on dinosaurs, Disney villains and pelicans. There has been some amazing 3D modelling of a giant cat in computing, that will eventually become a cat bed. In Spanish, we have been learning lots of different actions and, in PE, we have been focusing on learning the rules in rugby, like no backwards passes and holding on to the ball at the try line. To wrap up the week, we will be making spaghetti carbonara AND stir-fry. Miss Borgeson

### Final Thought

I have started going for a walk at the end of my working day this week, to try and enjoy some sunshine, to get my daily steps up and to chat with others who I am lucky enough to have join me [Fergie has also been joining us]. It is in these times of reflection that I have thought of new ideas, reflected with staff about things that have happened during the day and generally 'chewed the cud' about life. Walking is hugely important

for so many reasons and can be just as effective in exercise as other more strenuous types! As the weather continues to improve, we will be encouraging our children to walk or jog their daily mile in school and it is always a joy to see them doing it with huge smiles on their faces. Long may this sunshine last so we can all get out and about a bit more and continue to reap the benefits of being outside.

Have a good weekend everyone.

*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

#### Summer Term 2024

Summer Term begins	Monday 15th April 2024
School Closed May Bank Holiday	Monday 6th May 2024
School Closed for Staff Training	Friday 24th May 2024
Summer Half Term	Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May 2024
School Closed for Staff Training	Monday 3rd June 2024
Last Day of Summer Term	Friday 19th July 2024
School Closed for Staff Training	Monday 22nd July 2024

#### Autumn Term 2024

School Closed for Staff Training	Tuesday 3rd September 2024
School Closed for Staff Training	Wednesday 4th September 2024
Autumn Term begins	Thursday 5th September 2024
Autumn Half Term	Monday 28th Oct to Friday 1st Nov 2024
School Closed for Staff Training	Monday 18th November 2024
End of Autumn Term	Friday 20th December 2024

#### Spring Term 2024

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