

Friday Flyer

1st March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

The weather has not been kind to us, this week, as the newly formed 'lake' in our outside area is testament to. The rain has seemingly not stopped but we haven't let it deter our enthusiasm as we have returned from half term. Next week, we are looking forward to World Book Day on Thursday 7th March and we will be celebrating all things literature. Dressing up is optional but we are going with the theme of 'it's all in a word' and we are going to see if we can guess what word people have dressed as, eg sparkly, messy etc. We look forward to seeing those of you who would like to dress up on Thursday; can you guess all the words for the adults in school?

Iguana class

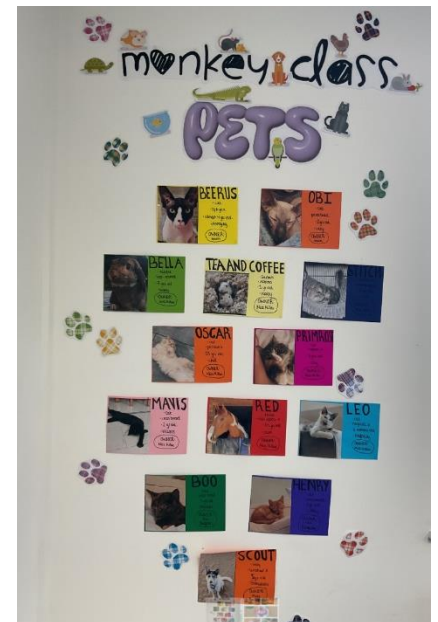
Wow- what an AMAZING first week back! Iguana class has blown me away with their commitment to learning and getting all of their work done. We have introduced new topics such as The Tudors, myths and legends, gravity and British Values, and continued on with sign language, rivers and textures in art. This half term is very short, but we still have lots of chances to continue learning and develop our social skills. I am incredibly excited to see all the amazing things the Iguanans continue to achieve this term. Miss Hunko

Monkey Class

Monkey class has had a really positive start to this half term. In English, we've done some brilliant work with traditional stories looking at 'the three little pigs', 'Jack and the bean stalk' and 'Peter Pan'. We did a science experiment looking at surface tension and how soap disperses colour in milk. We created multi-cultural playlists in life skills when exploring differences in cultures and appreciating all of them. We've also added a pet wall in our classroom which has sparked much conversation and excitement. All of our pets have been displayed with pet profiles; it was a lot of fun making the display and afterwards we had a little questionnaire asking questions such as 'which pet looks the cuddliest?' and 'which pet looks the laziest?'. Earlier in the week, we also looked into our new topic in history, The Vikings! We looked at a timeline & some really interesting facts on them. The first week back has been super and we're excited for the rest of this half term. Miss Borgeson

Crocodile Class

Welcome back after a nice break. We now have three full time students in Crocodile class and together we have had such an amazing start to the term. We started the week with learning some simple first aid skills and had fun putting on bandages and plasters and started counting to 10 in Spanish. In English, we are now focussing on Traditional Tales and we began by looking at The Three Little Pigs and we acted out being the pigs and the wolf and



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discussed the characters and our favourite part of the story. We have begun to learn how to weave and made some beautiful 'weaver fish' and have displayed them in the classroom. In maths, we have started looking at measurements such as cm and mm and measuring tools and using different tools for measuring different things; we measured our height with tape measures and water in jugs. Finally, we have spent time looking at our zones of regulation and naming the zones and learning techniques on how to handle the emotions we feel when we are in each zone. I would like to end on how proud of all my crocodiles I am and love watching the bonds develop between them. Have a lovely weekend. Miss McInnes.

Fox Class

We began the week in science by looking at the results of our science experiment 'What happens to teeth when they're exposed to various liquids?' – squash, orange juice, cola and water were the liquids we used and a nice, white hardboiled egg was left in them over half term. We used eggs as they have the same chemical composition to tooth enamel. The results were fascinating; although some of the foxes found it quite yucky to look at. The photo shows the staining that occurred. We began our new maths topic on measurement and have been exploring cm, mm, and m. We even did a survey to see if we could find anyone in school who had feet longer than 30cm! The answer is not quite – but nearly! It was exciting to welcome back the laptops and they were used very creatively to make music; the children were able to relate this technique of music making to some of our more modern music producers. We have been creating patterns on Elmer inspired elephants and will begin channelling our inner William Morris in art next week. We still have a soggy field that is super-fun for splashing in, so thank you for sending in wellies. Mrs Angell

Final Thought

February has whizzed by in a heartbeat and I hope you all enjoyed a relaxing half term. This is a very short half term, with only 3 weeks and 4 days left but we intend to pack a lot of learning and fun into it. The children have had an incredibly settled week and I am looking forward to seeing what spring will bring.

Have a good weekend.

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 2023-2024

Autumn Term 2023

School Closed for Staff Training	Friday 1st September 2023
School Closed for Staff Training	Monday 4th September 2023
Autumn Term begins	Tuesday 5th September 2023
Autumn Half Term	Monday 23rd to Friday 27th October 2023
Last Day of Autumn Term	Wednesday 20th December 2023

Spring Term 2024

Spring Term begins	Thursday 4th January 2024
Spring Half Term	Monday 19th to Friday February 2024
Last Day of Spring Term	Thursday 28th March 2024

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 4th June 2024
Last Day of Summer Term	Friday 19th July 2024
School Closed for Staff Training	Monday 22nd July 2024