

8th November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Okapi Class

It has been lovely to welcome Okapi Class back after the half-term break, and it was wonderful to see all the young people return with smiles and enthusiasm. We started the week with an engaging introduction to plays, where the children had the opportunity to read a scene from *The Wizard of Oz*. This activity sparked their interest in drama and performance. We also continued reading our class book, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, which brought a sense of anticipation and excitement to the classroom. The suspense during the search for the final ticket had everyone on the edge of their seats, and the joy was palpable when Charlie found the last golden ticket!

It has been heartwarming to see the children sharing stories and discussing their favourite parts of a range of books together. In maths, the children enjoyed playing a partitioning puzzle game, challenging themselves to partition numbers up to 10,000. Their problem-solving skills and teamwork were on full display as they worked through the puzzles with great enthusiasm.

This week, we also focused on the significance of Remembrance Sunday. The class learned about the importance of remembering those who have served, and they created beautiful poppy wreaths as a tribute.

Overall, it has been a great first week back, filled with learning, creativity, and a renewed sense of community. Well done, Okapi Class! Have a lovely weekend. Mr Noone.

Cat Class

We have had such a joyful week in Cat class and the children have experienced so many new things. We began the week discussing the possibility of a Christmas play, we watched the film and then began to read the associated play script, and today we began to learn the songs that accompany it. Our unit of work in English this half term is all about playscripts so it all fits in very well. On Tuesday afternoon we had a delightful forest school session with Okapi class. We began the session by discussing our forest school agreement to look after the woods, look after each other and look after yourself. All children managed to keep to these brilliantly. I was so proud. It was lovely to see the children from the two parallel classes mixing and supporting each other in the various activities that they devised, making pickaxes from sticks and trying to mine for diamonds was what most children wanted to do! There were trees that were climbed, and help was offered from braver souls to the more nervous. Some might say that the best part was the biscuit snack and story at the end, but that meant the end of the session, which was a shame for us all, but we will return next week and every Tuesday until the end of term. Have a good weekend. Mrs Angell



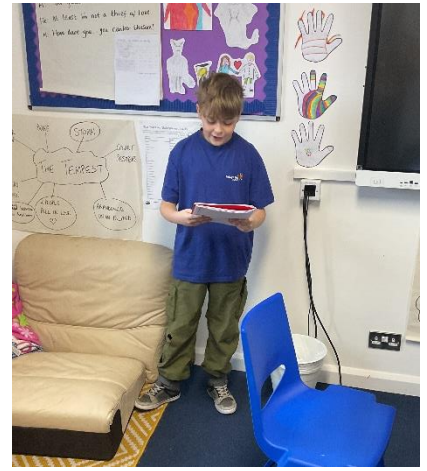
Figge Class

It's been the first week back since the half term break and the season has definitely changed to colder clims! Selwyn has seen the shedding of leaves on trees, pinecones galore have appeared and we now have 4 resident squirrels who we spot each day.

The children have come back with a new zest for learning and this week have been inspired by playscripts; they have already begun writing their own class play, casting themselves as different characters, as well as writing their own plays based on a playtime at Selwyn....there were some imaginative twists and turns and many lifelike scenarios and conversations! We all had a lot of fun writing and sharing them with classmates.

This week also saw the children learning about Remembrance Day - or Armistice Day and we recalled features of the wars and the symbolism of the poppy. The children all made poppies to add to a display to be put up on the front of the school, and we also discovered that poppies can be white for peace or even purple to represent animals killed in the war.

My glimmer of the week came on Wednesday, when we took Figge class to the park with Armstrong and Polo class; it was a lovely way of building on and forming new friendships and the children were a complete credit to both the school and you. It was most definitely my highlight of the week! Happy weekend. Miss Chandler



Marco Polo Class

This week in the Marco Polo class, we've had an exciting mix of activities! In Maths, we explored perimeter, working out how to measure different shapes, which everyone tackled really well. In English, we dove into a gripping mystery story about a mysterious death; the class had some fantastic predictions about who might be responsible. In RE, we learned about Humanism, discussing what Humanists believe and the values they hold. Geography took us through different types of environments, sparking interesting conversations. Midweek, we had a lovely trip to the park with Armstrong and Figge classes—lots of fresh air and laughter! We wrapped up the week focusing on Remembrance Sunday, discussing its meaning and making creative crafts to honour those who've served. It's been a wonderful week! Have a great weekend. Miss Borgeson.

Armstrong Class

We have enjoyed returning to school after a restful half term. We have been busy learning about play scripts in English and have even written a short play of our own. We tried using funny voices when trying out different pieces of dialogue, with mixed reactions! We have been revising number sand the four operations in maths to make sure we are still confident with calculations.

Of course, we did some firework art to celebrate the 5th of November, which was fun and showed how artistic Armstrong class are. We also visited the local park and enjoyed spending time with our friends in other classes as well as spinning as fast as we could on the circular swings. Have a lovely weekend. Ms Clifford



Final Thoughts

We hope you all had a restful half term. It is lovely to have the children back in school and being so focused on their learning.

We have said a sad goodbye to Mrs Richardson and Mr Hutchings as they move on to new opportunities and welcomed Ms Clifford as Armstrong class teacher and Miss Bender as a teaching assistant in Okapi class.

As the weather is changing, please can we ask that children bring in welly boots and a spare change of clothes to keep in school.

Have a great weekend.

Ms Carter

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 2025

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