

# Friday Flyer

Selwyn Hall  
school

22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term has flown by and I am stunned that we only have 4 days left until the Easter break. As we approach the end of term, we are also getting ready to say goodbye to two members of staff: Miss McInnes and Mrs Gooch. Miss McInnes has been with us since September and has helped set up the foundations of Selwyn Hall School. Mrs Gooch has been with us since October and has worked mainly in Fox Class, although knows all the children in school. We are very grateful to them both and wish them luck in their next steps.

With goodbyes in schools often comes a swiftly followed hello to new staff and we have many joining us after Easter, along with some new children. Miss Chandler will be the new teacher in Crocodile Class and we have 4 new TAs joining: Mrs Purcell, Ms Harding, Mrs Riddell and Miss Radburn. We are looking forward to welcoming them to Selwyn and for them starting their journey with us.

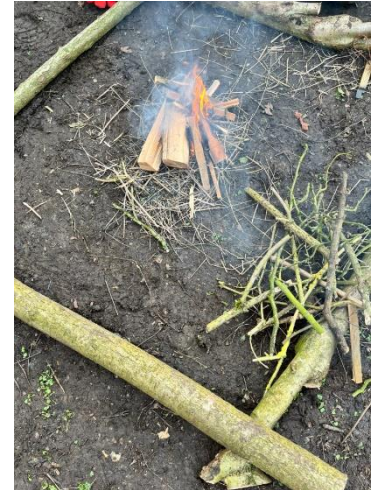
## Iguana class

Another fantastic week here in Iguana class, where once again the boys have shown me just how committed they are to learning. We are starting to round up our topics for the Spring term, and I am so incredibly impressed with how well Iguana's have done. We are waving goodbye to Henry VIII and his multiple wives, leaving myths and legends in the past and fine tuning our BSL skills. We continue to work on developing our friendships and our social skills as we embrace the warmer weather and spend our breaks and lunches outside. In PHSE, we have been thinking about our future by reflecting on progress made here at Selwyn; I am so pleased to see learners identify where they can see they have made progress, and to see them setting themselves achievable goals for the final term of this academic year. I hope you all have a brilliant weekend and I cannot wait for the final week of term with you all.

Miss Hunko

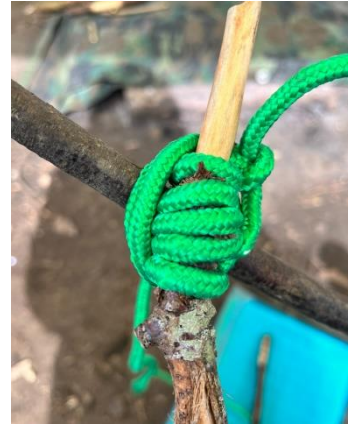
## Monkey Class

We have had a very hands-on time this week, creating lots of fun and exciting things. In our Tuesday science lesson, we performed an experiment to find out if mixing conditioner and corn flour would make a reversible change. The change was irreversible and formed a cool putty. In our other science lesson, we explored pulleys, leavers and gears. We then used everyday objects to create our own pulley system that could be used to send things between tables. We joined Iguanas for our PE lesson to play some table tennis. In art, we made stamps out of newspaper, cardboard and glue, to help us make reoccurring patterns, just like William Morris. Miss Borgeson



### **Crocodile Class**

Happy Friday! It has been a very quick week with lots of learning. We have practised writing our numbers, our greater than, equal to and less than signs for numbers greater than 1000 and times tables. We have also started looking at negative numbers; I was blown away by children going one step further than I was going to teach by using greater and less than signs to compare negative numbers greater than 1000. We looked at *The Ugly Duckling*, in English and writing for different purposes, and wrote a paragraph on our love for Lego. We looked at the difference between villages, towns and cities and comparing the different facilities of each in geography and looked at both Cambridge and Foxton. Finally, we had a brilliant rounders match with Fox and Monkey Class outside on the field. Miss McInnes.



### **Fox Class**

Despite having been away from the Foxes for most of the week, I made sure I kept up to date with their progress on the work I set for them. I have seen some wonderful paintings in the style of William Morris, some English work on verbs and British river studies from geography lessons. As I have experienced this week, learning does not always have to happen in the classroom. although it has been chilly and the facilities somewhat primitive, I already have many exciting things to share with staff and children, and this is only 3 days into my year-long Forest School leader training! I have learnt that running a forest school is an inspirational learning process, it will certainly benefit children at Selwyn and offers holistic growth through regular sessions. Many of the Forest School principles we at Selwyn already embrace; the child led learning, play and exploration in order to develop confidence and self-esteem. All being well, and me passing the course, we will be an accredited FSA school. Exciting times for our growing, evolving school.

Mrs Angell



### **Final Thought**

The blossom on the trees has started to come out, this week, and the school is looking beautiful as spring is officially here. Once again, there was rounders on the field, yesterday, and it was wonderful to see the progress some of the children had made since the beginning of the year. Mrs Angell and Mrs Bentley have both been out training, this week. Mrs Bentley has been doing more of her Emotional Literacy Support Assistant training and I have added some picture of Mrs Angell's Forest School Leader training, which we are very excited about coming to Selwyn, although I'm not so sure about the wild lavatory!!

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