

Friday Flyer

29th November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Somehow, there are only three weeks left of the term before the Christmas holidays; how time has flown! The chicken coop has taken more shape throughout the week as Mr Wollaston and a number of children have made the coop and tried to ensure it is fox-proof. We have also been to the local pet supplies shop and discussed, at length, the best feed and bedding for them. These will be the most pampered chickens. The children have also been thinking of names for the chickens. SO far we have had: Lily, Berry, Celia, Snowflake, Snowman and Mushroom. All suggested names are welcome 😊



Figge Class

This week saw Figge class get creative with their learning in all sorts of ways; we started the week learning about the artist Giacometti and looked at his sculptures of people with elongated limbs and then had a go at making our own. We used tin foil to mould into different shapes and enjoyed making our sculptures! In English, we looked at the play 'The boy, the fox, the mole and the horse' and learner about the characters and their emotions; the children enjoyed getting into character with drama and imagining why the characters acted in a certain way. This really helped with their writing, and they used great adjectives and vocabulary to write about the characters. The children had a fabulous first aid session, led by a young person in Marco Polo class and they learnt how to put people in the recovery position, tie bandages and how to deal with a bleeding wound; the class showed fabulous focus, great co-operation and had mature ideas about dealing with first aid injuries and incidents. This week's PSHE session was spent as a class, discussing their values and what they felt was important to them; we then painted a class tree on the wall of Figge classroom and their values are going to be added onto them for all to see and remember. What a brilliant week we have had! Happy weekend. Miss Chandler



Okapi Class

Okapi class has had an exciting and busy week. We've been practising our nine times tables and becoming much more fluent, thanks to an Ed Sheeran song all about the nines. Our creative side shone through as we made fantastic salt dough statues, which turned out brilliantly. Cookery club was a huge hit this week, especially with the delicious pizzas we made. A firm favourite in class right now is the Danny Go Wiggle Dance, which keeps everyone active and smiling. We're also feeling the excitement as we prepare for the arrival of the school chickens, adding even more anticipation to our week! I hope you all have a great weekend. Mr Noone.



Armstrong Class

Armstrong class had a great week with their writing. We wrote descriptive stories about imaginary adventures based on a short film called, Taking Flight. We were also in problem solving mode in maths and had to decide whether a word problem was based on multiplication or division. We also revised and found our favourite methods for these operations. In science, we were thinking about dissolving and put our ideas to the test with a comparative investigation. Our predictions were nearly all right. In cookery, we made pizzas, which must have been amazing as they were munched pretty promptly when they came out of the oven! Have a lovely weekend. Ms Clifford



Cat Class

As you can see from the photos, we are still enjoying being creative with cardboard. I have been leaving daily notes to the cleaners to please not touch creations that are left on the floor of the old fox classroom! We enjoyed week 4 of forest school, using tools safely to dig holes, and jumping in an enormous leaf pile. Next week we will be using rakes and a wheelbarrow, and planting bluebells in the corner of the plot. When the wind dropped, we were able to see that the winter sunshine looks so pretty through the trees, and we all agreed that spring bulbs would enhance the forest floor. Writing skills were then used to write me a shopping list and multiplication skills were used in calculating what multiple sets of tools and supplies would cost on an online shopping site. The cats then refined their times tables skills by using Times Tables Rockstars that all the Selwyn children have access to. It's not until I write it all down and reflect on the class learning that I realise just how busy and productive your children have been! Have a great weekend. Mrs Angell



Marco Polo Class

Marco Polo class showed great flair and creativity this week and this was shown in both art and PE; young learners created their own sculptures after learning about the artist Giacometti and his unusually long limbed structures; they had great fun trying to build, strengthen and then bend their sculptures into the perfect pose! In PE, they led the way with dance moves and enjoyed creating a sequence of moves and then teaching it to the staff – it was an enjoyable afternoon. This week saw us join with Figge class to complete a PSHE session and the young learners all worked together to discuss their ideas and to complete their learning. An impromptu first aid lesson saw Marco Polo, Figge and Armstrong classes coming together to be taught lifesaving first aid including the 'recovery position' and bandaging a wound. The children learnt about how to deal with minor burns and what to do with a foreign object in a wound; the class were amazing with their skills and enjoyed practising the techniques on staff members. Have a lovely weekend. Miss Borgeson.



Glimmers Galore

This week saw some of our young learners taking a real leap by leading a session and teaching others; this always takes real confidence and resilience to achieve. One young learner led a first aid teaching session for 3 classes and adults and taught everyone how to get people in the recovery position, as well as how to apply bandages. They used demonstrations with volunteers and then went around and gave top tips to those practising the skills learnt....it was magical to see and be part of! Another young learner took the lead in a PE dance session and created a sequence to music and then taught it to staff members; again they gave clear instruction, good resilience and an abundance of confidence and all with lots of fun and laughter. It is so wonderful to see the children coming into their own!



Final Thought

As the final few weeks of term draw towards us, we will be having some festive fun in a low key way over the next few weeks. On Monday, we have a pantomime being performed for our young people [and staff] by a touring company of young adults who also have special educational needs. We will also be starting to decorate classrooms in a festive way but also being mindful of not overwhelming our young people. If there is anything you would like support with as we approach Christmas, please don't hesitate to reach out by emailing or calling us.

Yours faithfully

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

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

Summer Term 2025

Summer Term begins

Tuesday 22nd April 2025

Bank Holiday

Monday 5th May 2025

Summer Half Term

Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May 2025

School Closed for Staff Training

Monday 2nd June 2025

End of Summer Term

Wednesday 23rd July 2025