

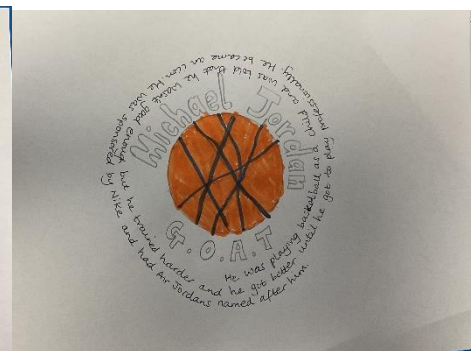
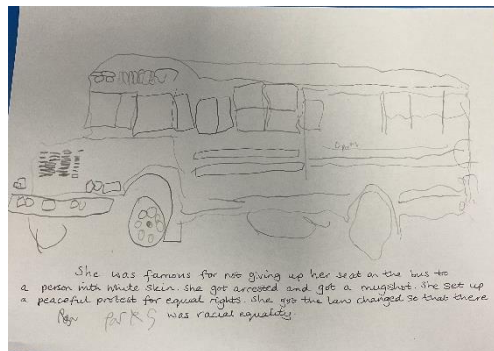


### Figge Class

This week started with a spring in its step and what a wonderful start to the week; the class came in with curiosity, fun and a spark for learning. First they set to writing 'spooky' captions as paragraphs, they then all completed maths work and in the afternoon, they enjoyed a class trip to the local park...and not forgetting a trip to the shop for treats! There was much fun from children and staff as they explored and used all of the equipment and then we all played a huge game of 'stuck in the mud', where the children definitely outran us! Tuesday morning started with a class session in forest school, as children wanted to be outdoors. First, we made a tightrope from strong rope and practised out 'forest school' knots; we then organised a den area, a fire pit and found a huge gnarly tree root which we thought looked like a witch's hand! The children also enjoyed making tea lights from air drying clay this week and had more fun with baking their gingerbread creations.



As part of history lessons, the class loved learning about different people for black history month; we watched clips about the lives of Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King, Mary Seale and Bill Richmond and found out many interesting facts about their stories; the children spoke well about equality and were shocked to hear how some people's lives were impacted hugely by inequality and discrimination in the past. This learning inspired us to create some posters and visual images to represent these inspirational people and these will be joining a school display to be created by Mr Martin.



Wishing you all a wonderful weekend. Miss Chandler



### Marco Polo Class

Our class has had a very lively week. English has taken us to recorded performances of 'The Tempest' to really appreciate how the play is acted, although some of the acting choices were definitely quite strange! We've had a lot of enthusiastic tree-climbing and, with the addition of a second goal, some great football during break times, emphasising the importance of playing together respectfully. The possibility of a student-led tree-climbing club, however, has stirred up a little controversy, so we discussed the most persuasive ways of arguing our opinions and the most effective ways to protest. It's been incredibly impressive seeing how the class has taken care of each other when confronted with challenging situations. I hope everyone has a restful weekend.

### Armstrong Class

Since September, I have watched the members of Armstrong class make friends and then start to learn how to heal the friendship following disagreements; the students are now better able to share their feelings and are more ready to do so.

The academic offering has been met with a mixed reception; one student has taken very readily to maths in particular, enjoying both the challenge and challenging me! We continue to work on 'The Tempest' through film and short thinking exercises about character. We have looked at four-figure and six-figure grid references, created a timeline for the classroom and thought about Stone-Age spirituality, amongst other things. The students have requested Japanese as their modern foreign language, so some basic work has begun on this. We've almost reached the end of 'Gangsta Granny' and I'm sorry to say that Granny was only posing as a gangster to amuse her grandson! In art, we made models of Ariel and we've made pictures with leaves but the most popular activity remains drawing and colouring and we have provided a variety of media to enable this.



My proudest moment, comes from this image; here were two young people who told me they would never pick up a book and, having been introduced to reading in many different ways....here they are independently choosing to read. This brings me so much joy! Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Richardson.

### **Final Thought**

I can't quite believe we are only a week away from half term. It has been an absolute pleasure to see how much the children have progressed since the start of September in so many different ways. For some, it may be attending school every day and, for others, becoming more confident with their reading and writing. Every child at Selwyn is treated as an individual and we love being able to celebrate their unique milestones. As staff, we are still sharing our 'glimmers' and this week, I have been inundated with them daily, which has made me even prouder of our young learners' achievements.

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**

#### **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