# **Friday Flyer**

# 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024

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**Dear Parents and Carers** 

## **Harvest Festival**

We have rearranged our Harvest Festival assembly for Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October. We are going to be supporting our local food bank so any donations will be gratefully received.

## **Okapi Class**

Okapi Class has had another week filled with learning and creativity. In science, we've been exploring light and discovering how shadows are formed it's been illuminating in more ways than one! Benji, our class bear, has been out and about on his latest adventures; rumour has it he's becoming quite the local celebrity. Baking club has been a





sweet success once again, with our own version of the Great British Bake Off. We've had brownies and Swiss rolls that could

make even Paul Hollywood raise an eyebrow! There's more deliciousness on the horizon, and who knows, we might even see a star baker or two emerge. In P.E., Okapis have been practising their kicking and throwing skills, and we've discovered some fantastic throwers among us. Our storytelling skills have also shone brightly this week, as we delved into the cause and effect in "Goldilocks and the Three Bears." Why did Goldilocks break Baby Bear's chair? We've had some great discussions about the characters' motivations, considering different perspectives and sharing well-thought-out justifications that really suit each character. Fun fact: today is World Okapi Day, so this morning we celebrated this in class! Here's to a restful weekend! Mr Noone.

## Cat Class

This week in Cat class, we have been focussing on language that we use and hear. As you can see from one of our photos, we made posters. The word of the day was 'no'. It was widely agreed that while we don't like being told no, there are times that it is necessary for our safety, the safety of others or as one of my young people eloquently pointed out "You just can't always be told yes." Later in the week, we joined our first live webinar, a live link up with Chris Smith and

always be told yes." Later in the week, we joined our first live webinar, a live link up with Chris Smith and Greg James who were talking about their new book 'The Twits next Door'. They spoke about tips for young writers and although we are not yet writing stories in class, what came across from the authors is that you're never too young start gathering information and ideas for future stories. So, this weekend you may get requests for a notebook so that future story makers can begin to gather their thoughts! Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Angell.



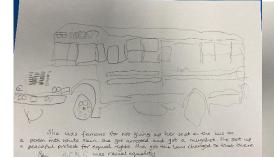


# **Figge Class**

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 Secole 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

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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 fourfigure 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* 

#### 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.

## **General School Information**

### Term dates for the academic year 2024-2025

#### Summer Term 2024

Summer Term begins School Closed May Bank Holiday School Closed for Staff Training School Closed for Staff Training Last Day of Summer Term School Closed for Staff Training Autumn Term 2024 School Closed for Staff Training School Closed for Staff Training

Autumn Half Term

School Closed for Staff Training End of Autumn Term

#### Spring Term 2025

School Closed for Staff Training Spring Term begins Spring Half Term

End of Spring Term

Monday 15th April 2024 Monday 6th May 2024 Friday 24th May 2024 Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May 2024 Monday 3rd June 2024 Friday 19th July 2024 Monday 22nd July 2024

Tuesday 3rd September 2024 Wednesday 4th September 2024 Thursday 5th September 2024 Monday 28th Oct to Friday 1st Nov 2024 Monday 18th November 2024 Friday 20th December 2024

#### Monday 6th January 2025

Tuesday 7th January 2025 Monday 17th Feb to Friday 21st Feb 2025 Friday 4th April 2025