

# Friday Flyer

27<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

This week has absolutely flown by, as it feels we have said the last goodbye to summer. The wet weather recently hasn't deterred our fun and learning and we have just enjoyed dancing in the rain, as opposed to waiting for the storm to pass. During this wild weather, we have set up our extra-curricular offer during golden time; children can choose a club from drama, board and card games, cookery, arts and crafts or free time. It has been hugely successful and a highlight of the children's day. We look forward to this continuing over the year with a variety of clubs in place.

## Okapi Class

This week, in Okapi class, has been full of excitement and fun. During golden time, the clubs have been a hit, especially the cooking club. I've heard the cheesecake they made was a delicious success. In science, we've been diving into how we see objects, sparking some great debates about whether light is needed to see things. The class was buzzing with curiosity. Of course, we've also had plenty of fun with games — Grabolo has become an Okapi favourite. I hope you have enjoyed some of our highlights from this week; Okapi class hope you have a great weekend. Mr Noone.

## Cat Class

Cat class have been making their way through the week, this week. They have been given the opportunity to join in cooking club as well as having their regular Friday cooking slot. One of our young learners has introduced us to a CBBC cooking show hosted by Buddy Oliver and that has provided us with ideas and inspiration for future cooking sessions. The staff running clubs are enthusiastic about engaging the children in new activities and introducing them to different experiences. The children can combine with other classes and forge new friendships, not to mention having tasty food to take home! In science we have been looking at a model of the moon and doing an experiment where we were the sun shining light onto the earth and seeing what happens to the moon. If your children ask to look at the moon to observe its shape over the next month, they are not just delaying bedtime, they are being scientists! Have a good weekend. Mrs Angell

## Figge Class

This week has seen Figge class take on a new English story, complete science investigations and learn French. The children have enjoyed learning the story of 'A Midsummer Nights Dream' and have been watching it in chapters; each day, they have completed learning on what they saw and yesterday saw them use inverted



commas, other punctuation and a range of great adjectives....I was so impressed. On Tuesday, we said 'Bonjour' to each other and learnt simple greetings in French, as well as learning a French poem all about two little birds or rather 'deux petit oiseaux' and practised this with bird finger puppets - it was great fun. The children had a wonderful afternoon of exploring how light travels, how shadows change and about how light refraction works; we had good fun exploring with torches, water, straws and coins. The week has ended on rather rainy weather but that never phases the children and they still continue with their pursuits, even in the rain. Happy weekend all. Miss Chandler

### **Marco Polo Class**

It's been wonderful to be back with the children this week – I missed them so much. In maths, we've been exploring prime numbers, multiples, and factors, building a solid foundation for understanding number relationships. In English, the class has been delving into Shakespeare's language, getting to grips with some of the unique expressions and vocabulary used in his works. For art, we took inspiration from the Industrial Revolution and designed intricate cogs, combining creativity with history. Our afternoon clubs are also in full swing, with drama, arts and crafts, cooking, and games all proving to be great fun for the children. Miss Borgeson

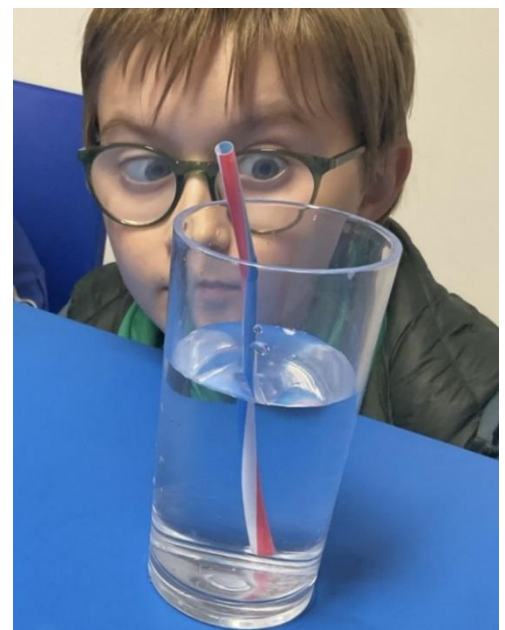
### **Armstrong Class**

This week, Armstrong Class has enjoyed hosting Games Club in the afternoons. We are learning the rules of different games and how to play well together. Chess remains a firm favourite but Pokemon is also popular. In English, we have been learning about William Shakespeare, his life, times and theatre. In Geography, we've looked at the countries of Europe and learnt some words connected with rivers. The new game continues to develop – more parts have been added and the rules are growing every day. Computer games are also being created – coding is also popular, using Scratch. Picking and eating apples has been enjoyed by the class this week. Mrs Richardson

### **Final Thought**

Last night, I sat in my office thinking about this time last year. We had a quarter of the number of staff and children and we were at the very beginning of our journey here at Selwyn. We are just a few steps in now, as Year 2 is fully underway, and we are seeing the shoots of bloom from parts of the school. The staff have been incredible at settling the children, this month, following the summer holidays and, for many, it has been a big readjustment from being at home every day. What I love is hearing, however challenging some of our young people find it, how much they enjoy coming to school every day and, for those still on transition, how much they have enjoyed their time with us. The feeling is entirely mutual and another joy is hearing the staff talk about their wonderful days with your children. I was explaining our school to a professional, yesterday, at a meeting and he said it sounded magical...and that is exactly how I feel about it. Have a wonderful weekend.

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