



SELWOOD ACADEMY

ANGLICAN/METHODIST FOUNDATION SCHOOL

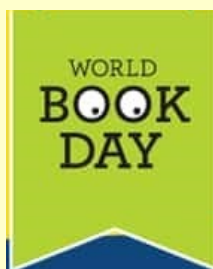
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WORLD BOOK DAY

Happy World Book Day:

A massive thank you to all staff and students who took part in World Book Day on Thursday 3 March. From Batman to Dragon Riders (from *How To Train Your Dragon*) and Boys in dresses (from *The Boy In The Dress*) to a pair of Fantastic Mr Foxes, Selwood really got into the spirit of the day with some fantastic costumes all around. Derek (the library returns box) was dressed up as well, thanks to Mrs Parker, in the winning World Book Day design from Beth H in Year 7. Students were also treated to some of our staff reading from their favourite novels as well.



"Let your light shine before others" Matthew 5 v 19

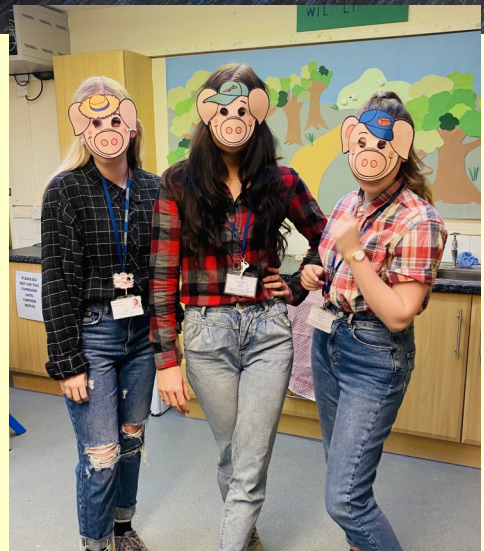
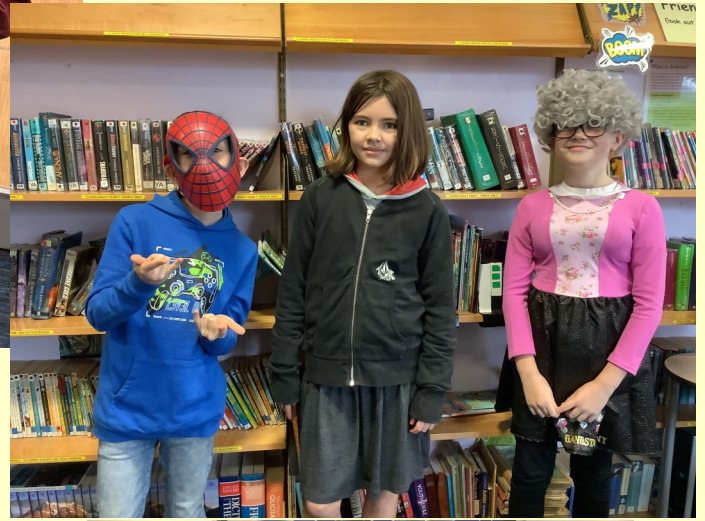
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Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility - Selwood Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children and we expect all members of staff, volunteers and visitors to share this commitment.



FRIDAY 25 MARCH

On 25 March we will be holding a non-uniform day with a theme of blue and yellow. The money raised will be shared between the local Frome town council appeal <https://www.frometowncouncil.gov.uk/fromes-twin-town-ukrainian-appeal/>

and also the red cross <https://donate.redcross.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-crisis-appeal>

Parent/carers are asked for a minimum donation of £1 to be paid by ParentPay. <https://www.parentpay.com/>

Thank you for your support with this event.



Year 7 Easter Service - Thursday 7 April, 2pm

We are delighted to tell you that the Year 7 Easter Service will be held in school! After months of online events, we are very excited to be able to invite parents and carers into school again. Please do come along if you can, the students are working hard preparing for the service and would love to have an audience!

Year 7 Parents Evening - Monday 14 March

Please remember to book your parents evening. Click below.

<https://selwood.somerset.sch.uk/parents/useful-information/parent-s-evening-booking>

REHEARSALS ARE GOING WELL!



Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat

24, 25 & 26 March at the Merlin Theatre

Click the red button to book!

BOOK NOW

Women's history month 2022:



Following on from February's LGBT+ history month, March is international Women's Month. In English we are celebrating female writers who have made important contributions to literature. The first is Mary Shelley:

Shelley is probably best known for writing *Frankenstein* as part of a competition between herself, her husband (another writer - Percy Bysshe Shelley) and another friend. The terrifying story of Dr Frankenstein and his monster gripped the imagination of the three and took the country by storm when it was published. Shelley is often credited as being one of the pioneers of Science Fiction writing and rose to prominence at a time when female writers were largely ignored.

Students at Selwood have been supporting the Frome Kindness Festival. We have been taking part in a kindness activity called 'Pay It Forward' where we do a random act of kindness for someone, then ask them to do a kindness for someone else. For inspiration students watched this video

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X3ld9_p2bS0



Selwood's third annual cross country is taking place this week. Years 7 & 8 ran on Tuesday and Years 5 & 6 are running as I type!

We will let you know the results and hopefully have some pictures to show in the next newsletter and on our website.

Literacy tip of the week:

Brackets, commas and dashes - These three pieces of punctuation are also known as *parentheses* and can be used to add additional information to a sentence. Knowing which to use, though, is a matter of deciding how much attention to draw to the piece of information.

Brackets act like a whisper. The information added doesn't interrupt the sentence and could be removed without changing the meaning too much.

Commas are more like normal conversation. The information is more important and is an equal part of the sentence.

Dashes are the equivalent of someone shouting. The information is having lots of attention drawn to it.

"Parentheses are the quiet whisper of an aside, commas are the conversational voice of a friend walking by your desk, and dashes are the yowl of a pirate dashing into a fray."

English - What we are learning about:

Students in Years 5 are finishing *The Firework Maker's Daughter* by Phillip Pullman and will then be going on to a non-fiction unit about climate change.

Year 6 are currently studying *Windrush Child* by Benjamin Zephaniah as well as preparing for their exams.

Students in Year 7 are exploring non-fiction texts, particularly focussed on advertising and the media.

Year 8 students are exploring poetry.





Selwood Careers Day

We are currently making plans to organise a Careers Day event this Summer for all our pupils. If you think you could provide support on this day by talking about your profession, give demos and/or share your career experiences for instance, please contact the Academy by 2 April 2022 to discuss further. From business owners to apprentices, manual work to office based, ordinary to the extraordinary we would love to hear what you may be able to share to help our pupils start to think about their own future careers. Come along and inspire them and help them believe that whatever they put their minds to, they can achieve and aspire to greater things.

SATS support

Available now on our website. Click this link.
<https://selwood.somerset.sch.uk/curriculum/sats>

Selwood Pride Club's terminology of the week:

Each newsletter Selwood Pride Club will be exploring and explaining some of the terminology around the LGBT community to help parents and students better understand some of the terms they might hear.



Sex and Gender - For many people, the difference between sex and gender isn't always clear and some use the terms interchangeably. However the meaning of the two words is different: The UK government defines **sex** as a biological term (whether one is born male, female or intersex) and **gender** is a social construct that is an internal sense of self, whether an individual sees themselves as a man or a woman, or another gender identity.

Diary Dates - please remember that the school calendar on our website is updated regularly. [Please click here to view.](#)

March

- 14 Year 7 Parents Evening
- 24, 25, 26 School Production at The Merlin Theatre
- 25 Non-uniform day in support of Ukraine/Red Cross
- 28 8FRM Make It Happen at the Cheese & Grain
- 29 8ESL Make It Happen at the Cheese & Grain
- 31 - 5 Apr Book Fair

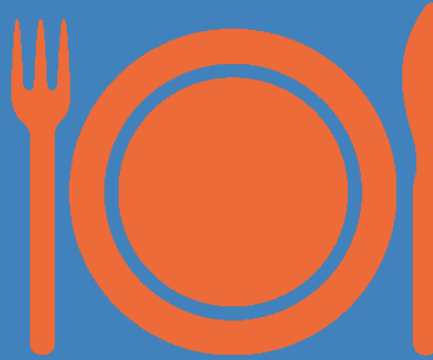
April

- 1 Yr 7 & 8 HPV/COVID vaccinations
- 5 5F & 5R Mendip Adventure Trip
- 6 5S & 5M Mendip Adventure Trip
- 7 5E Mendip Adventure Trip
- 7 Yr 7 Easter Service, 2pm, Main Hall
- 8 End of Term 4, 3.10pm



FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Any questions
visit the
website below
or contact
your child's
school



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Selwood are able to access more funding for your child if they are eligible for free school meals meaning we can offer more support and also run the following schemes

Activity Vouchers

Up to £50 per school year to use towards Selwood run trips or Activities

Uniform Grant

Get a jumper, tie and pe top from our third party supplier (one claim per school year)

Do you Receive any of these benefits?

- Universal Credit
- Income Support
- Employment and support allowance
- Income-based job seekers allowance
- Guaranteed element of state pension credit
- Support under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child tax credit within limits

If you answered yes to any your child may be entitled to free school meals

For all the eligible benefits, more information and application please visit
www.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/free-school-meals

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Tuesday 3rd to Sunday 8th May 2022

Evenings: Tuesday – Saturday at 7pm

Matinees: Saturday & Sunday at 2pm

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