



# SELWOOD ACADEMY

ANGLICAN/METHODIST FOUNDATION SCHOOL



## N e w s l e t t e r



Selwood's 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Cross Country Championships were held on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of March. The events took place at lunchtime and participation is completely voluntary, however, every runner who complete the course scores a point for their tutor groups interform total. This year saw a record number of pupils taking part, 480 pupils to be exact! This completely smashed the previous record of 167!

It was also the first year the staff and teachers could also run to support the students and I am pleased to say an impressive 12 took part. An additional 25 staff also volunteered to Marshal the events.

The names of the pupils who finished first second and third in each race category are below. We are extremely proud of all pupils who took part, whether it was running the race, or supporting each other from the side lines.

It was a fantastic event which embraced our Christian values of community, hope, wisdom and joy. Pupils will find out which tutor groups won in the end of term assembly. For more photos of the events, see our website. <https://www.selwood.somerset.sch.uk/curriculum/subjects/pe>

### Year 5

**1<sup>st</sup> Tom E/Phoebe M**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Max N/Georgia A**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Mathew L/Meredith H**

### Year 6

**1<sup>st</sup> Daisy K/George D**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Thea S/Max K**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Lacey V/Alfie K**

### Year 7

**1<sup>st</sup> Chase C/Izzy H**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sonny C/Ottillie M**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Rylie L/Lucy P**

### Year 8

**1<sup>st</sup> Olive L/Matt H**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Ava I/Jacob E**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Orla N/Arthur D**



**YEAR 6 Winners**



**YEAR 5 Winners**

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

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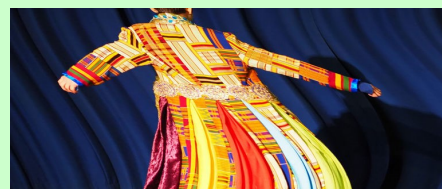
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## OPENING NIGHT A GREAT SUCCESS!

The business team at Selwood attended the opening night of Joseph and the Technicolour Dreamcoat at the Merlin Theatre last night; and what a night it was!



The show was fantastic, Matthew shone as Joseph with his heartbreaking voice and his comic timing. Matilda, Jessie and Lucie narrated the whole show beautifully, and the rest of the cast just had so much fun! This is definitely not to be missed; there are a few tickets left for the Friday and Saturday performances, but be quick as they are sure to be snapped up! Click below to book.

<https://merlintheatre.cloudvenue.co.uk/selwoodacademypresentjosephandtheamazingtechnicolourdreamcoat>

## Year 8 Parents and Carers!

Please ensure that you have completed the online form to give permission for your child to attend the 'Make It Happen' event.

8FRM - Monday 28 March

8ESL - Tuesday 29 March

Click this link to complete the form:

<https://forms.gle/mR5cLcHGoMN3XsBv5>

## Literacy tip of the week:

**The difference between reported and direct speech:**

**Direct speech** is when the exact words a person/character said are written inside inverted commas - "Let's make salad for lunch," suggested Marta.

**Reported speech** tells you what someone said without using the actual words - Marta suggested that they make salad for lunch.



**English - What we are learning about:**

Students in Years 5 are working on a non-fiction unit about climate change.

Year 6 are currently preparing for their SATs by focussing on exam questions, preparing for their SATs in May.

Students in Year 7 are reading either *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone* OR *Raven's Gate*. **Please note:** Although Year 7 are studying the novel 'Harry Potter' for their book study, we are exploring this as a work of fiction and in no way endorse the politics or point of view of its author when it comes to people's identity.

Year 8 students are learning about non-fiction speech writing by exploring a range of speeches and writing their own.

## VACANCIES

We are currently looking for an HLTA and a TA to join our lovely team at Selwood. For more details and information on how to apply, please click the link below.

<https://www.eteach.com/careers/selwood-somerset/>



# STUDENT COUNCIL

At Selwood Academy we have a very active Student Council and have two enthusiastic School Council Representatives in every tutor group. We meet every Friday to discuss our ideas and to put these into practice. Recently we have been looking at our school community and have been thinking of ways in which we can help the environment. We have been organising litter picks, making bug hotels and designing posters to encourage people to look after the environment. We have written letters to Schools in Frome, so that we can share our ideas with other Student Councils in the wider community.



## Bug Hotel

As Student Council Members, we decided to make a bug hotel. We thought it would be nice to give the bugs a home, especially butterflies and bees which we are seeing less of nowadays.

Amelia and Myself made two separate bug hotels so more animals can find a home that they want to live in. The idea came from us wanting to protect the bugs and to make the school look even better than it already is.

We pieced the hotel together, painting decorations on them and looked for a nice spot to put them. I have also made a bug hotel in my own garden too!

Next, we are going to be making bat boxes and hanging them on trees for bats to live and sleep in. I hope we can see more bugs so other students can learn about them and observe them. I think we will see a variety of different bugs such as woodlice, ants, caterpillars and more.

**Leo H, Year 7 School Council Representative**





## Year 8 Netball Tournament

Well done to the Year 8 girls Netball team who took part in the Fairlands Middle School Netball tournament last week. Competing against numerous schools: Hugh Sexy, Fairlands, St Dunstan and Oakfield. In a landslide win Selwood came first after winning every match the scores of each match are as follows: Hugh Sexy 6 - 5, Fairlands 6 - 4, St Dunstan 1 - 0, and Oakfield 7 - 2. The team worked exceptionally well together and showing what can be achieved when teamwork and determination are put to use. Congratulations Year 8 girls!



## Yr 6 Wellbeing Market

Last week Selwood Year 6 students had great fun running a Wellbeing Market for charity. Each class designed, created and marketed a product which could be used to improve wellbeing such as stress balls, putty, glitter jars and worry beads. This project was inspired by a Selwood Year 7 Enterprise topic in the Autumn Term in which pupils made and sold recycled product for eco-charities.

The Year 6 students raised just over £300.00 for various charities including charities currently helping the Ukraine. This was a great opportunity for Year 6 to think about others, while also creating things that can be used to support their own emotional wellbeing – something which is high on the agenda of all schools 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 second is Christina Rossetti:

British poet Christina Rossetti is a Frome local, having helped her mother keep a school in Fromefield. She was a writer of romantic, children's and devotional poems and is probably best known for the poems 'Remember' and 'The Goblin Market'.

*"We must not look at goblin men,  
We must not buy their fruits:  
Who knows upon what soil they fed  
Their hungry thirsty roots?"* – Excerpt from The Goblin Market



### 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.

**Intersex** - Someone who is intersex is born with more than one set of sexual characteristic or where their sex at birth is not clear. Previously the term for this was a hermaphrodite.



**We have a vast array of shoes and clothing in lost property at the moment.**

**LOST PROPERTY**

**Please be aware that this will be disposed of at Easter, so if your child has lost something please encourage them to look for it.**

**Remember - if an item is named it will be returned to the child.**

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

### **March**

- 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





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# FAMILY HOLIDAY



**Activities for families on benefits or free school meals, with additional needs or disabilities, or referrals.**

Monday 11th April	<b>NATURE CRAFTS</b>	Christ Church School
Tuesday 12th April	<b>FAMILY COOKERY</b>	Trinity Hall
Wednesday 13th April	<b>BOULDERING</b>	Boulder Rooms
Tuesday 19th April	<b>FAMILY COOKERY</b>	Trinity Hall
Wednesday 20th April	<b>BOULDERING</b>	Boulder Rooms
Thursday 21st April	<b>GARDENING</b>	Cricket Club

**All sessions are from 10am to 12pm**

**Entry charge of £1 per child**

**Free Fair Frome lunch for everyone attending!**

**BOOKING ESSENTIAL - contact [lenkagrimes@purpleelephant.org.uk](mailto:lenkagrimes@purpleelephant.org.uk) to book a place or ask your school or support worker to refer you**

**Adults to accompany and remain responsible for their children at all times.**

**Family support workers available at all sessions.**

