



SELWOOD ACADEMY
ANGLICAN/METHODIST FOUNDATION SCHOOL



N e w s l e t t e r



PUPIL TAKEOVER

OF THIS NEWSLETTER!

The next edition of this newsletter will be written by the pupils in our Journalism Club.

Don't miss it - out on Friday 20 May.



Year 6 SATs - 9 - 12 May

With SATs nearly upon us, below are some things to remember:

- Your child will need at least one black handwriting pen and a pencil, as well as a ruler, rubber and pencil sharpener.
- It would also be useful for them to have some tissues and a small bottle of water to hand.
- We will be providing toast and cereal bars for any Year 6 pupil that wants it. This will be served in the canteen from 8.15am – 8.30am.
- Please help ensure your child has a good nights sleep.
- It is important that your child arrives at school on time and attends every day.

Thank you for of your support with the SATs preparation and process. I feel that the home/school collaboration has played an invaluable role in making the experience as positive as possible.

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

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Year 5 Adventure Days

The Year 5 Adventure Days

During the week before the Easter holidays, all of Selwood's Year 5 pupils took part in a Adventure Day as part of the PE curriculum.

The trips were a huge success with all tutor groups taking part in group initiative team building activities and caving in the Burrington Combe area of the Mendip Hills.

The day provided the chance to test and develop pupils team building skills as well as cope and succeed with new (and at times quite scary!) challenges.

Pupils explored the caves and were very fortunate to see greater and lesser horse-shoe bats. Pupils also learnt how the caves were formed by underwater rivers and how our ancestors used to live in the very cave we were exploring!

All children were exceptionally well behaved during the visits and should be very proud of themselves- we are!

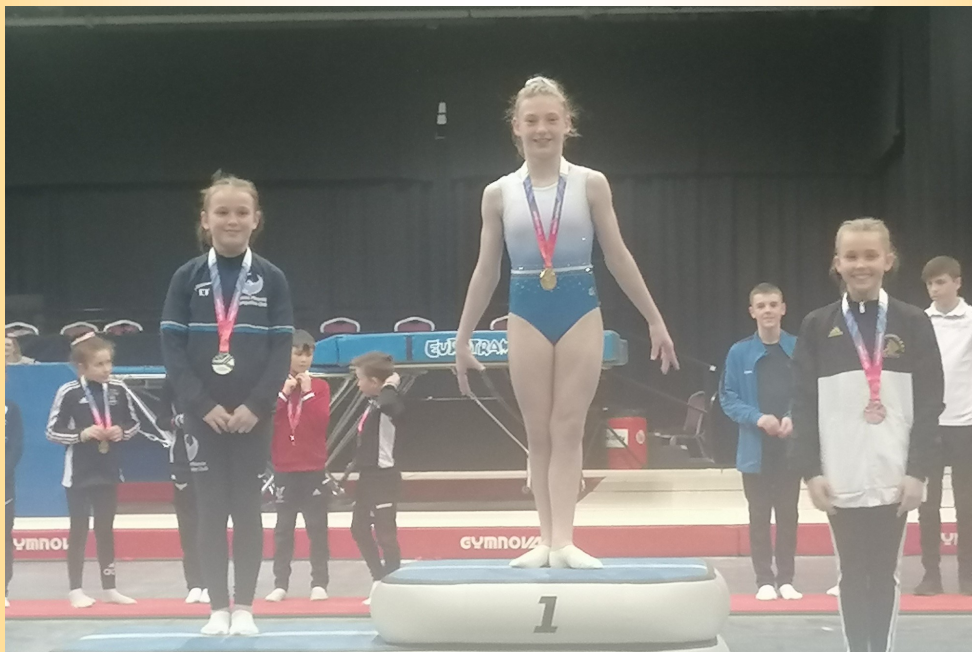
For more pictures, see our website, [click here](#)



SPORT



On Monday 4 April the Selwood Academy Year 5 & 6 Netball team had their first Home fixture against Oakfield. This was a friendly match with some brilliant Netball being played. Selwood won 9-0 against Oakfield, Oakfield nominated Mila N as the player of match. Well done to the whole team for their commitment to the Netball Club.



Congratulations to Izzy H in Year 7, who competed in her first FIG level event (the highest level in the country) and managed to win a gold medal on DMT. She had a fall in the first round but scraped into a final, picked herself up and took a convincing win! A massive achievement for her first event at this level.

Welcoming new staff

Hello Pupils, Staff and Parents

It gives me great pleasure to introduce myself as your new Deputy Headteacher. It is a real honour and privilege to have been appointed to work at Selwood Academy. I have already spent a short time visiting the school and have started to get to know some of you and I am looking forward to getting to know the rest of you.

I have a huge passion for Teaching and Learning and I believe all children have the right to achieve their full potential. As educators, we are in a unique position to support, encourage and allow children to flourish. I look forward to meeting each of you and working with and alongside you in making sure Selwood continues to be a fantastic place for you to work, learn, or be proud to send your child/children.

I have previously been in post as a Deputy Headteacher at a primary school where I am proud of the relationships that I built with the local community, staff and pupils, allowing us all to work together successfully, to achieve the best for everyone. I intend to do the same here and I am committed to the continuing success of Selwood Academy, making sure all children receive the opportunities and education they deserve. I look forward to making sure children are able to let their 'light shine before others' *Matthew 5 v16*.



I live on the outskirts of Frome and love and support this unique independent town. You might bump into me in the local coffee shops or see me huffing and puffing cycling up one of the many hills in Frome.

I look forward to meeting as many of you as I can over the coming weeks. Please contact me if you need my support or pop in and say hello if you just wish to introduce yourself.

Enjoy the summer term. Many thanks, Mr Finlay

We are also pleased to welcome Rebecca Mould to Selwood this term as a Key Stage 2 and Art Teacher and Tutor of 6E.

Friday 27 May

To celebrate Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee we will be having a 'wear red, white and blue' mufti day and a picnic lunch on the field (weather permitting!) for all pupils and staff.

Our caterers, Clever Chefs will be offering picnic lunches for those who would normally purchase lunch from the canteen. Picnic lunches will be provided for children on Free School Meals

This will be a fabulous whole school celebration!

The Coram Life Education & SCARF team will be visiting our school virtually this term with **SCARF** Live Online.

Year 5 and 6 pupils will be taking part in a Live Online Workshop to help them to understand the importance of physical and emotional health. For more information about Coram Life Education and Scare, click this link: <https://www.coramlifeeducation.org.uk/scarf/>

Children will:

- Understand the importance of physical and mental wellbeing
- Understand the term mental wellbeing
- Learn ways to manage their own mental wellbeing
- Understand what might affect their mental wellbeing
- Learn strategies and skills to help them when feeling overwhelmed

The workshops will take place during the week starting 23 May.

English - What we are learning about:

Pupils in Years 5 are working on a Shakespeare unit focussed on Macbeth and villains

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

Pupils 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 pupils are continuing their work on non-fiction speech writing by exploring a range of speeches and writing their own.

LGBT Hero - Alice Oseman

Born in 1994, Alice Oseman has quickly risen to prominence as the author of the Heartstopper books (an LGBT+ series set in a high school), recently adapted by Netflix. The novels celebrate the diversity around us and promote strong friendships and a lack of toxic relationships.

Oseman identifies as a romantic asexual and uses She/They pronouns.



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 pupils better understand some of the terms they might hear.

Gender presentation - The way someone presents their gender to the outside world (though clothing choices etc)

Gender identity - The way in which an individual perceives their own gender.



Diary Dates - please remember that the school calendar on our website is updated regularly.

[Please click here to view.](#)

May

9 - 12	Yr 6 SATs week
16 - 20	Yr 6 Residential
26	Yr 6 Height & weights
27	Jubilee Celebrations, mufti & picnic
27	End of Term 5, 3.10pm

June

6	Start of Term 6
10	Yr 8 Battlefields trip
14	Whole School Photo

Literacy tip of the week:

Using a semi-colon. Semi-colons have several functions:

To join two closely-related sentences without using a conjunction - *My friend never goes out in the snow; she's afraid she'll catch cold.*

To join two closely-related sentences while using a transition *I live in Los Angeles; my mother, however, lives on the East Coast.*

To create order in a confusing list that may already include commas *I live near my brother, Danny; my friend Alice; my sister, Lisa; and my cousin Todd.*



WANTED!

YOUR OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS



BOOK AMNESTY WEEK

**DO YOU HAVE ANY SCHOOL LIBRARY BOOKS
LANGUISHING IN YOUR BAG, FEELING SAD,
LONELY AND REJECTED ON YOUR BOOK SHELF,
OR GATHERING DUST UNDER YOUR BED?
PLEASE CAN YOU BRING THEM BACK TO THE
LIBRARY, THERE WILL BE A PRIZE FOR THE MOST
OVERDUE BOOK.**

School lunches

The updated menu for the Summer Term is on our website, [please click here](#).
Clever Chefs are having an Ice Cream day on 19 May when they will be serving ice cream as a dessert.

This is open to all pupils but please ensure they have money on their ParentPay account.

CLEVERCHEFS

ICE CREAM PUDDING DAY

19TH MAY 2022



**JOIN US FOR A LOVELY ICE CREAM
AND SOME EXCITING
TOPPINGS.....THE BEST SCOOP OF
THE DAY**

COMEDY OF ERRORS

IDENTICAL TWINS
SEPARATED AT BIRTH
THEIR LIVES HAVE FOLLOWED THE SAME PATTERN
THEY END UP IN THE SAME CITY
NOT KNOWING EACH OTHER EXIST!
AND... THERE ARE TWO SETS OF THEM!
WHO IS WHO?
WHAT IS WHAT?
WITCHCRAFT SEEMS TO BE AT WORK
CONFUSED.COM!



"I SEE BY YOU I AM A SWEET-FACED YOUTH."

LOVERS OF COMEDY, PLEASE JOIN US
FINAL PERFORMANCE @ THE MERLIN THEATRE 3RD OR 4TH NOVEMBER (TBC)

FIND OUT MORE TODAY!
VISIT WWW.DRAMAKARMA.CO.UK/COFE/
REHEARSALS AT THE MERLIN THEATRE, THURSDAYS 4.30-6PM
FROM 9TH JUNE

KAYAKING TASTER DAY



Come and have a go at kayaking! You're sure to have fun

Come along to Frome Canoe Club for a fun and friendly welcome at our introductory day to paddling

Sunday 29th May 2022



Frome Canoe Club

Details:

- * Sunday 29th May 2022 at FCC Club-house, Nr Cheese and Grain Frome BA11 1BE , 10:30am—2:30pm
- * Cost: £5 for a minimum of 30 mins paddling time
- * Price includes all equipment, and instruction, suitable for children 9+
- * Wear something old and comfy as you may get wet!



www.frome-canoe-club.org.uk or





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