



**SELWOOD ACADEMY**

ANGLICAN/METHODIST FOUNDATION SCHOOL



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

End of Term is upon us...

Firstly I would like to apologise for any inconvenience caused by our closure earlier this week. It was an incredibly difficult decision, however with temperatures well into the 40s by Monday afternoon I know it was the right decision. Thank you all for being so understanding and supportive.

We have had a fantastic year at Selwood, with many 'firsts' for the school, including our first careers day, our first Prom and our first whole school sports day. We have had a number of memorable moments this year including the Battlefields trip, Year 5 caving, Year 6 residential, Year 8s trip to Thorpe park and the trip to the Imperial War Museum. It has also been great to welcome parents back into school and it was fantastic to see nearly 400 in attendance for sports day!

This term we have welcomed OFSTED and eagerly await the report.

It is also the time of year where we need to say goodbye to our Year 8 pupils and we enjoyed a delightful leavers service this week. It fills me with great sadness and also pride as they move into the next phase of their lives. They have been an incredible year and really contributed to further enriching our community.

It is also time to say goodbye to members of staff who are moving on:

Miss Corre joined us 15 years ago and is moving on to teach languages in another school.

Mr Owen has secured a post in another school after 5 years heading the PE department.

Mrs King has been our receptionist for 8 years and is going to work for a local solicitor.

Mrs Nadin spent 3 years teaching IT at Selwood and is moving on to pastures new.

We have been extremely lucky to work with all of them and we wish them all the very best for the future.

Please have a lovely Summer with your friends and family, stay safe and we look forward to welcoming the children back in September.

Please enjoy this final newsletter of the school year. Pupils from our Journalism Club have worked hard to bring you the following articles.

**Dan Jeffries, Headteacher**

**Term 1 begins on Monday 5 September,  
8.40am**

*"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.

# SPORTS DAY WINNERS!

We are extremely lucky here at Selwood to have such beautiful grounds with lots of lovely shaded areas, and our fantastic 3G pitch. We were able to hold our Sports Day last week with the help of sun cream, hats and plenty of water!

This was a whole school event which was enjoyed by everyone. Thank you to the staff who worked so hard to make it happen, the pupils for being brilliant sports and the many parents and carers who came along to support.

## Year 5 Winners



## Year 6 Winners



## Year 7 Winners



## Year 8 Winners



# Pupil Takeover Articles

## Awards evening

On the 24th of June 2022 there was an awards evening in Selwood that highlighted and celebrated peoples achievements from all years, here they are:

**The Charitable Award - Bertie P**

**The Participation Award - Charlie R**

**Community Service Award - Lydia M**

**The Extra Mile Award - Isabelle H**

**The School Spirit Award - Ethan K**

**Sports Personality of the Year Award - Matthew H**

**The MFL Award - Julia J**

**The Smart Art Award - Ted N**

**The Young Performer Award - Xanthe G**

**The Handwriting Hero Award - Mair H**

**The STEM Award - Tom Y**

**The Mathematician Award - Ted N**

**The Humanities Award - Kailani D**

**The Creative Writing Award - Phoenix D**

**Academic Achievement Award - Gwen T**



The evening also thanked all the ambassadors and included two songs from the production Joseph that happened earlier in the year.



# YEAR 6 SELWOOD RESIDENTIAL

## The residential

The Selwood Academy residential was fun and it built on our confidence and our team building skills. Our school trip provided the opportunity to break down the barriers between our pupils and teachers, and education in the classroom. Relationships can be forged and built upon over the course of a trip that may not have naturally grown in our traditional school environment. It was a amazing experience and it was a great opportunity to learn life skills and I'm glad I got to do this experience .Which included canoeing, caving, abseiling, rock climbing, a campfire and having fun.

## The bus journey

The bus journey was always fun. We talked and laughed there and back the coach we got there to the campsite was big enough for all of us. Then when we got there we got minibuses everywhere unless it was within walking distance. The minibus that i normally got on was a very loud one. We sang the whole way there and back . It was kind of short but was probably very long for the teachers. But it was still really fun and I was always excited on the bus, maybe not as much for the singing but for our next adventure.

## Where we camped

We camped in these huge tents and in each tent was 10 people in it.it was really clean and we somehow managed to keep it like that. We did find a frog in our tent but that was probably on us though because we may have left the tent open. But other than that it was good.it had 5 bunk beds which made 10. But if we were too loud and disrupting others we would go to the bad tent. It's basically an empty tent where you go when you're bad. As far as I know I don't think anyone got sent there.



## The funniest story I have to tell

The funniest story I have to tell would probably have to be the time when I rode the coach back to school and I saw a blackbird chasing a squirrel in a tree!



## **What a typical day at Selwood Academy looks like!**

A typical day at Selwood starts at 8:45, though we'd usually go into morning registration at 8:40.

All 5 periods are 1 hour long, unless an event is happening they may be shortened or not happen at all. After period 1 and 2 you'd have a 20 minute break, at this time the canteen is open and they have snacks that are available at break. After you'd have period 3 and 4, then a 40 minute lunch, for year 5 and 6s they have a 20 minute break at the beginning of Lunch and then year 7 and 8s have it afterwards till the end of lunchtime.

Then we have a 20 minute AOW (Act Of Worship). 3 days a week we have our AOW with our Tutor, otherwise we have an assembly. After we have 5th period then end of day.

There are multiple options for after school activities, such as: Art Club, Journalism, Athletics and Rounders!



**We asked some students of Selwood Academy what they thought makes the most successful student and teacher!  
Our most popular answers were:**

**What makes a good student**

- \* Well behaved
- \* Kind
- \* Dress smart
- \* listen to teachers
- \* Have good answers to questions
- \* Neat hand writing
- \* Knowledge
- \* Supportive within our community
- \* Helpful
- \* Has a sense of humour

**What makes a good teacher?**

- \* Nice / caring / cares about your feelings
- \* Not loud
- \* Knowledge
- \* Funny
- \* Good taste in music!!
- \* Not too strict but has boundaries
- \* Doesn't care if you talk
- \* Doesn't pick favourites

**Selwood Academy's values**

our core Christian values of Hope, Wisdom, Community and Joy underpin all that we strive to achieve to enable our 'light to shine before others' *Matthew 5:16*

**Vision**

We are committed to creating a safe, happy and enriching environment where we all aspire to thrive, achieve and celebrate success together.

Our aim is to promote the dignity and well-being of every child and staff member and ensure they flourish in the course of their journey with us.



# SUMMER RECIPE: GREEK SALAD

## You need ...

200g pasta  
1 tsp dried oregano  
3 tbsp olive oil  
16-20 cherry tomatoes  
1 tbsp red wine vinegar  
75g olives, pitted  
½ small cucumber  
1 red onion  
100g feta cheese



This is an easy and safe recipe where children can help you prepare and cook the ingredients, giving confidence with their chopping skills and using the cooker!

### Step 1:

Fill a medium [saucepan](#) with hot water from the tap until it's three-quarters full. Set the pan on the hob. Season the water with a pinch of salt, then turn the heat to medium-high – the water should start to boil after a minute or so.

### Step 2:

carefully stir the pasta -this will prevent the pasta from sticking together. Set a timer for 10 mins. Stir the pasta every minute or so.

### Step 3:

While the pasta cooks, measure 3 tbsp extra virgin olive oil, 1 tbsp red wine vinegar and 1 tsp dried oregano into a [mixing bowl](#). Season with some salt and black pepper, and mix well – this will make a zingy dressing for the pasta.

### Step 4 :

When the timer beeps, it's time to check if the pasta is cooked. To do this, scoop one piece of pasta out of the boiling water using the wooden spoon, tip it onto a plate and leave it to cool slightly. Taste the pasta: if it's soft, it's cooked through, but if it's still a little hard in the middle, it needs to cook for a bit longer. Set the timer for another 2 mins, then check again.

### Step 5:

Leave to cool for a few minutes in the colander, then tip the pasta into the mixing bowl with the dressing. Mix together until the pasta is coated in the dressing.

### Step 6:

Cut the cherry tomatoes in half. Slice the pitted olives in the same way, then tip all the tomatoes and olives into the pasta. Cut the cucumber lengthwise.

Cut each piece in half again, so you have four long, chunky pieces. Cut across the cucumber pieces in the other direction so you end up with small cucumber triangles. Tip these into the bowl with the pasta, tomatoes and olives.

### Step 7:

Cut the onions and tip them in the bowl and crumble the feta cheese into small pieces over the bowl, then gently mix everything together until well combined. Eat straightaway, or chill for up to a day before eating.

By Gwen T

# CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION

Recently, Mackenzie C (a year 7 student from Selwood Academy), organised a creative writing competition for all year groups to participate.

*A Massive thank you to Mackenzie who read all of the entries and organised everything by herself! Well done!*

We had some amazing entries, well done to everyone who entered!

Winners are:

Year 8

Winner: Esmee M (8E)

Runner up: Danny H (8F)

Year 7

Winner: Grace S (7S)

Runner up: Rosie K (7M)

Year 6

Winner: Imogen LM (6R)

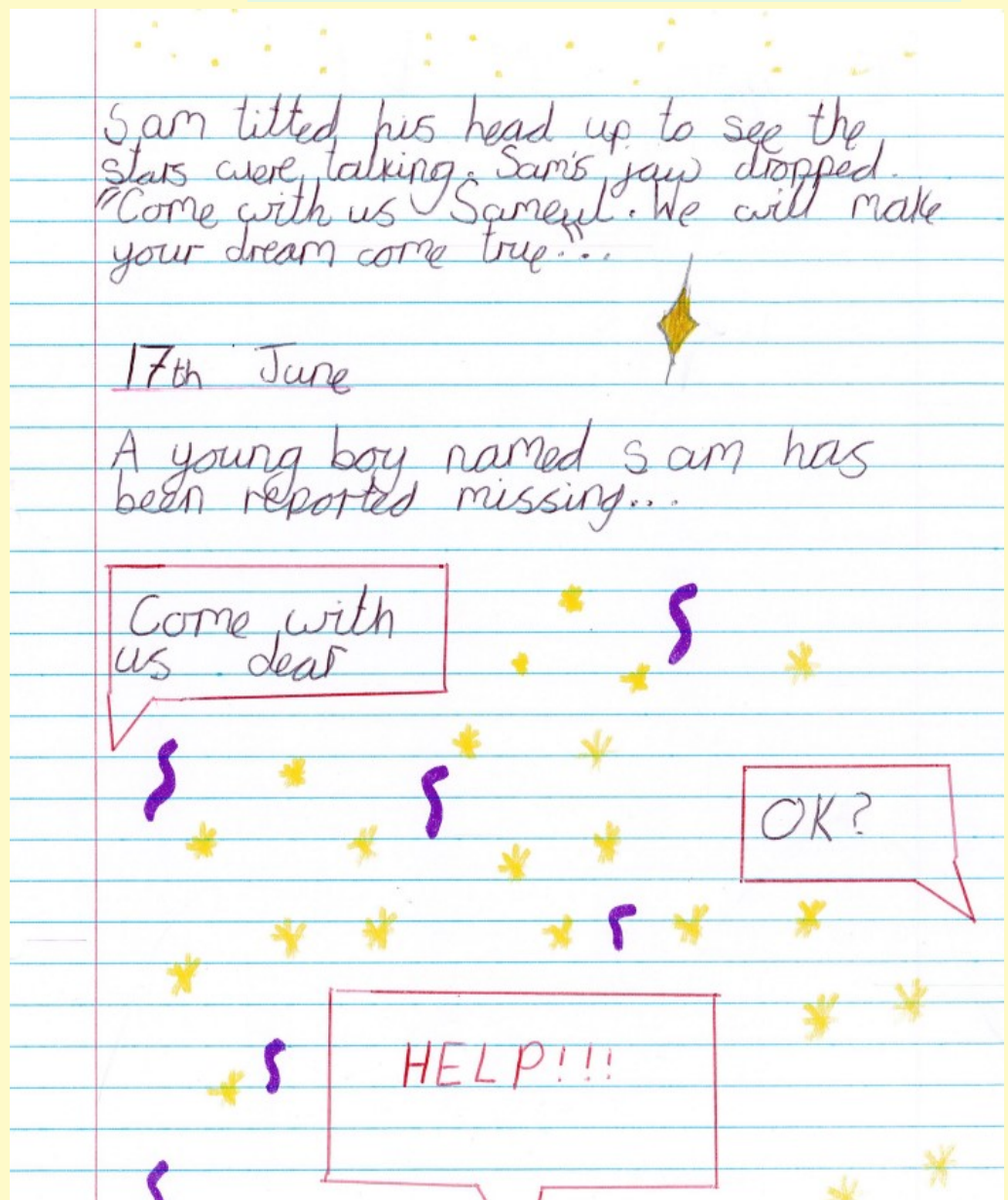
Runner up: Ava CG (6F)

Year 5

Winner: Lily H (5M)

Runner up: Aubree F (5M)

## YEAR 5 WINNER: Lily H





## YEAR 6 WINNER: Imogen LM

### Cycle under the Stars

As the sun set, the stars appeared. While the people of England fell in a deep sleep, the boy's eyes were bigger than a golf ball.

The "boy" I have been talking about is named Samuel, but Sam for short. He was named after his great great grandad, who was a wizard. He would sleep walk nearly every night, leaving his mum and dad yawning in the morning, afternoon and evening!

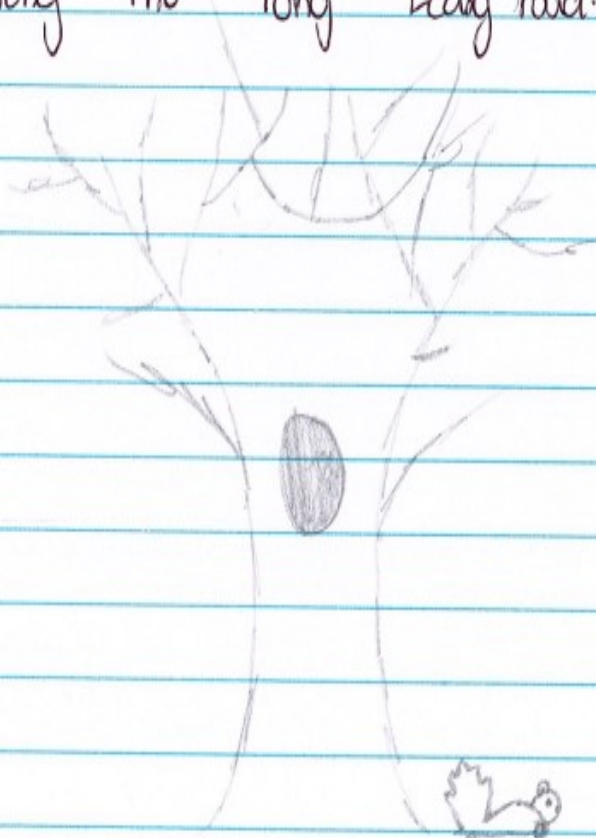
The helpful boy loved looking out at the night sky. Sam was a very clever boy, A+ and 100% filled up his tests.

On the 12th June, there was no sleep walking, but strange and unordinary objects appeared, such as, an old lamp, pictures of people they don't know and a bike!

As night dawned upon England, Sam felt impulsive and courageous, so he decided to scan for something to do when the rusted, ancient bike caught his eye. Sam was intrigued. Riddling over the high hills. The stars were pulling him. "Samuel," whispered a soft voice. "Wh... Who are you?" Replied Sam. "Look up," exclaimed the beautiful night sky.

## YEAR 7 WINNER: Grace S

In the autumn  
The leaves are falling  
There a pretty red and orange  
Along the road  
The leaves crumble and crack  
As the tall trees sway as is to say hey.  
Trees bow and swing in the hard wind.  
In the autumn.  
Take a long walk  
in the autumn  
Along the long leafy road.





## Year 8 Winner: Esmee M Sweet Disaster

Sweet disaster, By Esmee M.

I skipped down the road, my golden blonde hair bouncing on my shoulders with my rose -coloured dress trailing behind me. I loved the autumn, I loved how all the leaves came in different shapes, sizes and colours. There were oranges, reds, yellows and browns, there was even pink ones. I love the colour pink, I especially loved how the sky was bright pink today.

"Kylie, you need to slow down, you can't be walking in the middle of the road", the little black cat said walking closely behind me. I knelt down and patted gently on his head. His eyes grew wider with every stroke. "Good morning kitty, what such lovely weather we are having today", I jumped up and span around in joy. "I'm not a cat" he replied!

"silly kitty, you say that every day", I laughed to my self and stared out in to the forest in front of me. The darkness of the forest came alive as the trees parted and out wandered a two headed bear. His greasy blue fur and yellow claws glistening in the sun. "Hello Mr Morris" the bear did not speak, his mouth had been sewn shut, unable to utter a word. He raised his paw in a gesture of acknowledgement, turned and disappeared back into the trees from where he once came.

Kitty called to me. "Please Kylie, you need to listen to me, you are in dange-,.....

"Kitty look!" I pointed to a figure coming over the hill, an emerald, green horse with bright yellow mane flowing in the wind like a flag on top of a castle, he rode past me and kitty, he was straddled over a pink bicycle, with a pink basket attached to the front. He came to a sudden halt in front of us and hopped off, still holding on to the handlebars so it didn't topple over. "Hello, im Patches" he said. Patches wore a straw hat that had a lovely pink silk ribbon wrapped around it and tied into a pretty bow.

"Hi im Kylie and this is Kitty" I smiled, holding my hand out to shake his hoof. Ignoring my hand he said "I know who you are Kylie, and I have a gift for you". Patches turned to his bike and rummaged through his basket in search for the gift. "A gift, a gift for me?" I jumped up and down, clapping my hands with excitement.

"Kylie, you do not need to accept the gift, be wary" his words hung in the air with a threatening tone, it sent chills down my spine. "Don't be moody Kitty" I replied. "Aha, I've found it" patches screamed. He walked back, his hooves cupped together, filled with something. He showed me what he had brought for me. a selection of red and white sweets, wrapped in clear wrappers. "Oohh, sweet treats, for me to eat" I sang in a harmonising tone. I swiped up the sweets with one grasp, eyes wide open in awe of them.

"Kylie, please do not eat the sweets". Kitty had fear in his voice. I frowned and looked down at him, "but why not Kitty?" I asked. His eyes were like tiny little slits, he was scared. I turn to look back at patches, he was smiling at me. "What flavour are these?" I asked, ignoring kitties' concerns, as I started to unwrap a sweet. "They are a taste of reality" Patches said, smiling, revealing rows of pearly white teeth. "Well, here I go" I said, throwing the sweet into my mouth with no hesitation. "No!" Cried Kitty, his fur sticking up on end.

Nothing, I felt nothing. I tasted nothing. Then suddenly it hit me, a sharp stabbing pain like something I had never felt before. It caused me to fall to the floor, I clawed at my head, "it hurts" I cried. A horrible metallic taste filled my mouth, it made me gag. I wanted to stand but my legs felt

numb. "I told you not to eat them," said Kitty. His muffled voice echoed in my ears. Everything was spinning, I was going to be sick. As I thought it was getting worse it just stopped, suddenly, no more pain, no more spinning or sickness, nothing.

I felt ok. I got to my feet and turned to where Kitty had been standing. His look of confusion soon turning to a look of fear as behind me came a bright red car hurtling towards me, tyres screeching, then....darkness

I woke up and as my eyes adjusted to the light, I was very aware that I was no longer surrounded by trees, in the comfort of the forest I once knew. I was in a small brightly lit room; the walls were cushioned. As I looked around, in the corner I see a man, a normal looking man just like me, human. He was wearing a white lab coat and carried a clip board. "What have you done?" he asked in a familiar voice, "Kitty, is that you?"