

Headteacher's Blog

This week is all about remembrance. On Wednesday the whole school observed silence and stood together to think about all those who have lost their lives. Mr Sage has led our Acts of Worship with an excellent reflection where he shared his memories of his grandfather who served in Burma. Of course so many families have their own memories also. We have held you all in our hearts.

We were so grateful to receive a bench in memory of Lauren Mead. Lauren was a pupil at Selwood from September 2010 until July 2014. She then returned to support maths for younger pupils who found their Maths challenging. Lauren sadly passed away very suddenly in October 2019. Lauren's parents pictured with Mrs Hopegood hope that the bench which has been placed in the memorial garden will provide the pupils and staff at Selwood the opportunity to sit and reflect upon those they have lost and to have a time of peace.





Selwood Shines Brightly thanks to Omega Window Cleaning!

A big thank you to Omega Window cleaning who very kindly cleaned all the school windows during the half term free of charge!

They wanted to say thank you to schools for remaining open through the pandemic. We have a lot of windows at Selwood so this was no mean feat!



Please be aware that due the current situation windows in classrooms will be kept open during the winter months for ventilation. Pupils are advised to wear layers underneath their school uniform.

SELWOOD CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION 2020

- * All pupils are invited to enter
- * For more details ask your teacher
- Winners will have their designs printed and used by the school Winners will receive 10 cards with their design on it to use with their family and friends
 - Closing date for entries Monday 23 November

This newsletter and other letters from school are available to read on our website https://selwood.somerset.sch.uk/



New Star Pupil Recognition

We have introduced the award of Star Pupil to recognise those children who consistently work hard in class and exemplify our school values of Joy, Hope, Wisdom and Community. See our website for those who were nominated last half term. https://www.selwood.somerset.sch.uk/pupils/star-pupils



Green fingered Lydia M in Year 6 normally enters Frome in Bloom, sadly, due to COVID-19, the annual competition did not run. However the 3 Rotary clubs of Frome came together to run a Best Garden Competition in Frome. Each entrant had to email in 3 photos of their gardens. Lydia entered and came first in the children's category, winning a printed and framed photo of her entry along with £50 worth of Gardening vouchers! Well done Lydia!

Attendance

If your child is absent from school, please telephone the absence line **before 9am** on **every** morning your child will be absent 01373 468615



and leave a message with your child's name, tutor group and reason for absence.

Please be aware that we require some form of medical evidence after 3 days of illness and, also, that a pupil must not return to school until 48 hours after a bout of sickness or diarrhoea.

VACANCIES AT SELWOOD

We are currently looking for cleaners and a lunchtime supervisor to join our friendly teams.

Please email the school on <u>selwoodacademy@educ.somerset.gov.uk</u> for more details.

If you have any covid-related queries please use our new email address: <u>SelwoodCovidHelpline@educ.somerset.gov.uk</u>

For homework arrangements please see the curriculum guide for 2020-21 on the school website: Home Learning Section: Curriculum Overview https://selwood.somerset.sch.uk/curriculum/curriculum-overview

Home Learning

It is important that your child continues school work if they are in good health but are required self-isolate at home. In order to continue to work from home, your child can access school work for each of their subjects in the 'Home Learning' section of the school website. Here you will find content that will help your child stay upto-date with their school work. This is updated regularly so that the work on these pages reflects the work being completed in school. On each subject page you will also find the email addresses for your child's teachers. Please help your child by sending completed work back to the relevant teacher so that we can continue to support their learning.