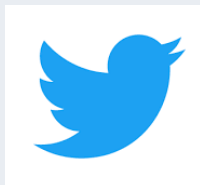




SELWOOD ACADEMY
ANGLICAN/METHODIST FOUNDATION SCHOOL

Newsletter



Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat

We are very excited to announce that tickets are on sale now at the Merlin Theatre Box Office! These are sure to sell out fast, so book now by clicking the red button!

BOOK NOW

School Uniform - Please can we remind parents and carers of the following:

- **Jewellery** – The only acceptable jewellery is one stud per ear for pupils who have pierced ears. No other body piercing is acceptable. All jewellery brought to school is strictly at the owner's risk. A wristwatch may be worn, smartphone watches will, however, be treated as a mobile phone. If a pupil is wearing inappropriate jewellery, they will be asked to put it in an envelope with their name on. This can then be collected from the Compass Centre at the end of the school day.
- **Hoodies** – are not part of the Selwood Academy uniform or PE kit and should not be worn once on school site. If worn, pupils will be asked to remove them, staff will confiscate and place in the Compass Centre for collection at the end of the day. Putting a hoody 'in a school bag' is not an option.

Use of Bad Language:

At Selwood we do not accept bad language under any circumstances. From Monday 21 January, any pupil who is heard swearing in any form whether it be to another pupil or generally around school, will be given an after school detention. Parents/carers will be informed by telephone.

Could you volunteer to be a school trustee?

School trustees make a valuable contribution to children's education, opportunities and futures. Being a school trustee is a challenging but hugely rewarding role. It gives the chance to make a real difference to young people, give something back to your local community and use and develop your skills in a board-level environment. You will also be joining the largest volunteer force in the country: there are over a quarter of a million volunteers governing state funded schools in England. Schools need trust boards that have a balance and diversity of knowledge, skills and experience to enable it to be effective. We are currently looking for a Parent Trustee to join us at Selwood. To find out more and to apply, please click the link here. <https://selwood.somerset.sch.uk/parents/letters>



"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.

Please click the link below to complete the latest Parent Survey.

<https://forms.gle/XLzPhJQDPFx8DvpX8>

Thank you.

Forest School

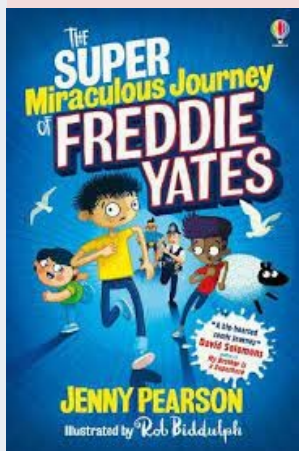


Over the last 2 weeks in Forest School, we have been learning about how winter effects insects and animals, and about hibernation. The children have been looking at what insects and woodland creatures hibernate, and how they do this. They then split off into groups to build their own hibernation shelter for a creature of their choice. Using the information they had learnt, it was important for them to think about what location to use to start building, and what kind of shelter the creature would like. We had some really fantastic and creative ideas as you can see in the pictures. The children had great fun working together to build them, also developing their team building skills and problem solving skills along the way. To view more Forest School photos on our website [click here](#).



Year 5 and 6 author visit

On Monday 7 February, we are very excited to welcome author Jenny Pearson to speak to our year 5 and 6 students. Jenny's debut novel *The Super Miraculous Journey of Freddie Yates* was been shortlisted for the Costa Children's Book of the Year 2020, Waterstones Children's Book Prize, the Bradford Boase, the UKLA Book awards and the Lollies. It was also Waterstones Book of the Month, The Times Book of the Year and Sunday Times Book of the Week. She will be talking to students about her new novel *Grandpa Frank's Great Big Bucket List* which students will also be given an opportunity to purchase. If students wish to purchase a copy of any of Jenny's books, these will be made available at a specially discounted rate of £5.95 (RRP £6.99) or all three can be purchased together for £15. Books can be ordered via ParentPay if you wish to take advantage of this opportunity.



George D in Year 6 plays football for Mid-Somerset Regional Talent Centre under 11s - undefeated this season, they have just reached the National Final of the Junior Premier League. The Final will be played at The Dell Stadium in Dudley, West Midlands on Saturday 22nd January against Pro Sports Academy, London and Stockport County.

Well done George, we look forward to following your progress!



VACANCIES

We are currently looking for morning and afternoon Cleaners to join our friendly team at Selwood. Grade 17 - £9.24 per hour
Also Lunchtime Supervisors needed. Grade 16 - £9.43 per hour
For more details and an application form please contact us.

[Click here to email us](#) or telephone 01373 462798





Year 5 & 6 Creative Writing Club has got off to a flying start, with students already having had a go at writing scripts for a short film.

Next, we are creating poems for a national competition run by <https://www.youngwriters.co.uk> entitled This Is Me! Poems will be published if successful and there are some very exciting prizes to be won

Deadline February 11, open to anyone up to the age of 11. Follow the link for more info!

All welcome – Thursday lunchtimes in F5, with Ms Preston.



Literacy tip of the week:

When writing, there are some easy rules to follow to know when you should be starting a new paragraph. You can use the **acronym** TiP ToP to help you:

- Ti = Time
- P = Place
- To = Topic
- P = Person.

If any of these elements change, then your paragraph should too.

English - What we are learning about:

Students in Years 5 are looking at *The Firework Maker's Daughter* by Philip Pullman.

Year 6 are currently studying *Windrush Child* by Benjamin Zephaniah

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

Year 8 students are exploring poetry.



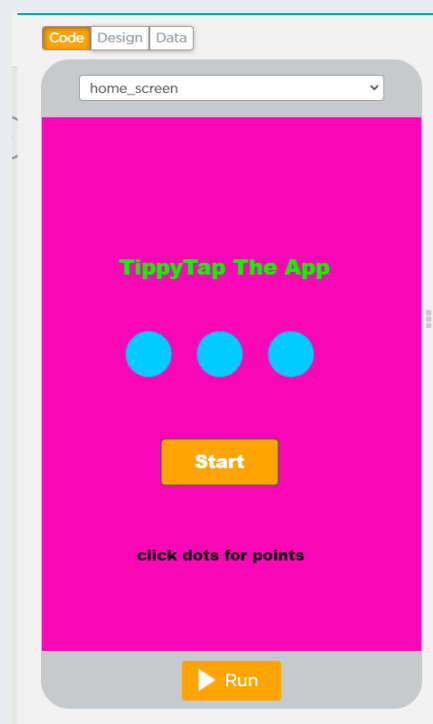
Selwood Pride Club's terminology of the week:

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.

Non-binary is an umbrella term for any gender identity which doesn't fit in with the **male** or **female** binary. People who are non-binary may feel that these terms (and the associations society has with them) doesn't accurately describe who they are.

YEAR 8 COMPUTING

Year 8 students have been doing some great work on Programming in their Computing lessons, including a fantastic Game App for mobile phones by Joe M in 8F.



LGBT+ history month 2022:

February is LGBT+ history month in the UK. Selwood Pride Club are celebrating by featuring some important LGBT+ historical figures from around the world on posters around the school and in the newsletter. This year's theme is: *Politics in Art: The Arc Is Long*



This newsletter = Keith Haring

Keith Haring was an American pop artist who started using advertising panels covered in black paper in subway museums as a way of sharing his art with a larger audience. Haring drew from a young age, learning basic cartooning skills from his father, and was influenced by cartoons such as those by Walt Disney, Dr Seuss and Looney Tunes.

Students took part in a Whole School Assembly on Thursday to remember victims on World Holocaust Day.

The Holocaust was the attempt by the Nazis and their collaborators to murder all the Jews in Europe.

Six million Jewish men, women and children were killed in ghettos, mass-shootings, concentration camps and extermination camps.

Students also watched a short film from a survivor. To watch the film, click the link below.

[Arek's story: Survival in Auschwitz-Birkenau | BBC Teach](#)



Free Courses for parents

These are free-of-charge, live online seminars featuring career experts, designed to help parents amplify their children's career potential. <http://www.investin.org/pages/parent-events>

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

February

- 7 Author visit to Year 5 & 6
- 7 Year 8 - Option Forms deadline
- 7 Year 6 Parents evening
- 18 End of Term 3
- 28 Term 4 begins

March

- 4 World Book Day
- 7 - 10 Year 6 Practise SATs
- 11 - 17 Science Week
- 14 Year 7 Parents Evening
- 14 HPV/COVID Vaccinations (Year 7 & 8)



WORLD BOOK DAY COMPETITION 2022

Derek is really excited about his first world book day, he would really like to dress up as a famous character from literature but he needs your help.

Can you design him a costume?

Come to the library to collect a design sheet and let your imagination flow.

Will Derek become a pirate on The Hispaniola, a bear who loves honey or a wizard who can't stay out of trouble? It's up to you.

