

SELWOOD ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

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*We wish all of
the Selwood
community a
lovely Easter and we look
forward to seeing you again
next term.*



REMINDERS

- There are lots of exciting trips and activities coming up in the Summer term. Please remember to check ParentPay and your emails for information.
- All letters and dates can also be found on our website under the Parents tab, <https://selwood.somerset.sch.uk/>
- An email has gone out to Year 7 and 8 parents and carers asking for volunteers to help on the Portsmouth and Lyme Regis trips. For more information please email Mr Sage, Richard.sage@selwood-academy.co.uk
- Late Arrivals:** We politely ask that you remind your child(ren) to report directly to the Compass Centre in order to register, if they arrive to school after 08.45. There they can explain their reason for the lateness before going to join their first lesson. Thank you.

The club list for the Summer Term is now on the website

<https://selwood.somerset.sch.uk/parents/useful-information/After-school-club>

DATES FOR THE DIARY

31 March End of Term 4

17 April Term 5 begins, 8.40am

18/19/20 April Yr 7 History Trip to Portsmouth

21 April Mufti/wear a hat fundraiser for Brain Tumour Research

21 April Yr 6 Coffee Morning, Focus on SATs, 11.15am

21 April Netball Trip

Mary Poppins Jr

What a show! Well done to all who contributed to this amazing production. Our pupils are so lucky to have the opportunity to perform on a real stage in a real theatre, and they certainly rose to the challenge. The singing, dancing and acting were delivered with such enthusiasm it left the audience feeling exhilarated! Months of hard work certainly paid off!

More photos are on our website: <https://selwood.somerset.sch.uk/pupils/school->



STAFF PROFILE

Oliver Crook-Wynn

Job Title: Head of English

Currently Watching: Yellowjackets

Reading: How High We Go In The Dark by Sequoia

Listening to: Omar Apollo - Ivory

What is on your bucket list?

Travelling to Japan and Iceland. When my husband and I met, we discussed our big three places to visit. So far we've only ticked off New York (for our honeymoon). As he can speak Japanese, I'm hoping we can get that one done next.

What is something about you that not many people know?

Living in London and having friends in the media meant I got to do a whole host of weird things, including: Travelling down the Thames on boat with Nicole Scherzinger for the launch of a Candy Crush game. Attending a party with Grayson Perry, Steven Moffat, Matt Smith and Russell T Davies at the top of the Gherkin in London. Getting to attend film premieres and screenings in some of the weirdest venues - I even got to walk the red carpet a couple of times..

Of all the places you've been, which was your favourite?

New York for my honeymoon. We stayed in Tribeca which meant we were really close to all the action and not far from the Brooklyn Bridge (walking across it was definitely a highlight). If you go, get up early to do the Statue of Liberty (and go inside if you can get tickets), visit The Highline for a unique perspective and pick an unusual time to do the Empire State Building (we went after midnight and it was beautiful).



BOOK FAIR

The recent Book Fair at Selwood was a huge a success. The pupils enjoyed seeing the variety of books on offer and were very pleased with their purchases!

Thank you to all who bought books, this helped us to raise £678.20 to spend on new books for the Library.

A fantastic amount!



SUBJECT NEWS

HISTORY



The Humanities Faculty was pleased to welcome, author and historian Andrew Pickering to our school this week. He kindly presented his book, 'The Witches of Selwood' and talked about the beliefs of people in the local area during the 17th Century. Year 7's enjoyed this fascinating presentation

ENGLISH

The English department is really pleased to announce that this year will see our first 'Brandford Boase book club'.

The Brandford Boase award is an annual event which is open to any first-time authors writing novels for students who are 7+. Each year, around 20 books are longlisted as examples of the previous year's most exciting debut fiction for young people.



What are we doing in English?

Y5

Continue to read the fantastic 'Podkin One Ear' by Keiran Larwood. They are looking at how to create effective descriptions, imaginative worlds and how novels are structured.

Y6

Have been reading Benjamin Zephaniah's 'Windrush Child', learning all about the Windrush generation and what happened to them. As well as crafting a variety of pieces of writing based on the novel. This is alongside the fantastic work they've been doing for SATs.

Y7

In Literary Heritage, pupils have been focussing on the play A Midsummer Night's Dream by William Shakespeare, looking at how the love potion affects the characters, focussing on the theme of consent and exploring how to build effective analytical paragraphs.

Y8

Have started exploring Arthur Conan Doyle's Sherlock Holmes short stories (starting with A Scandal in Bohemia). They've been looking at the context of Victorian attitudes (particularly attitudes to gender), the history of detective fiction and how to effectively structure an analytical essay.

FUNDRAISING



Selwood recently held a mufti day in support of Ben's Foundation. Pupils were able to wear their own clothes to school for a £1 donation. Ben's foundation is an amazing local charity which has supported a former pupil at Selwood. We are delighted to say that we raised a total of £305! To read about the great work that this charity does, see their website: <https://www.bensaundersfoundation.org/>

Our next fundraiser is on Friday 21 April when pupils can wear mufti plus any kind of hat to support the work of the Brain Tumour Research. Please see the next page to read about Noah in Year 6 who sadly lost his dad to a brain tumour last year. Donations can be made via ParentPay.

FUNDRAISING

HELP FUND THE FIGHT

Together we will find a cure



**Brain Tumour
Research**

**Brain
tumours kill
more children
and adults under
the age of 40
than any other
cancer**

Hello to all the parents,
grandparents, staff and children
reading this newsletter.

I'm Noah and I'm in Y6, aged 11 yrs old!

This is a photo of me and my Dad,
some of you might recognise him!



Last November, I sadly lost my Dad to a brain tumour
having battled with cancer for nearly 10 years.

It would have been my Dad's birthday at the end of April.

**The school has very kindly organised a mufti day on
Friday 21st April.**

**Just
1%**
of the national spend
on cancer research
has been allocated to
this devastating
disease

In return, all I kindly ask is for
you support in raising some
much-needed funds for Brain
Tumour Research so they can
find a cure for all types of brain
tumours.

**Thank
you!**

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SPORTS NEWS



YEAR 7 NETBALL WINNERS!

Our Year 7 Netball Team's performance against several other schools, was exceptional at the recent Year 7 Netball Tournament held at Oakfield Academy. The team have trained really hard since September, dedicated to attending the after-school Netball club every Wednesday and some have been inspired to join Frome Netball Community Club too. Well done to the whole team you were awesome, winning 10-2 against Oakfield, 11-2 against Crispin and 9-0 against Fairlands. Players of the Matches were Myla-Rose, Mila and Isla.



INDOOR ATHLETICS

On Friday 24 March we took a team of 20 year 5 and 6 pupils to Huish Academy in Taunton who hosted the Indoor Athletics County Finals. It was a fun-filled and active day with track and field events including an obstacle relay, long jumps and javelin to name just a few. Our pupils were fantastic all day and participated with great enthusiasm which paid off with a finish in the top two for most races. We are hoping that this amazing experience will inspire lots of pupils to sign up for our new after-school Athletics Club starting after the Easter break. Well done to all who took part



There are a number of FREE activities provided by sasp over the Easter break.

For more details see their website:

www.sasp.co.uk

SPORTS NEWS



Clive Lewis Tag rugby festival

On Wednesday 22nd March we took three teams (30 pupils) to Frome RFC for the Clive Lewis Tag rugby festival.

We were very fortunate with the weather and got through the games by the skin of our teeth before the deluge of rain!

Thanks to Paul Lovett and all at Frome Rugby Club for hosting and organising the event. We were delighted to hear that It's the first time in approaching twenty years that a school entered 3 teams.

This was a very successful event with Selwood Beech & Ash teams in securing first & second places respectively.

Selwood Beech were the only team to remain undefeated

but were held to two drawn games. Only four points separated the top five teams.

The games were tight & intense with plenty of flowing rugby on display demonstrating all that is good about team games. The sportsmanship & conduct of all of the children was exemplary they are a credit to their schools.

Trevor Osbourne, who organised the games & recorded the results & Peter Dickens, of Frome College, who provided the referees & supervised their matches should be credited with the success of the afternoon's activities.

Thank you to Claire Osbourne for providing the refreshments.

If any pupils want to join Frome Rugby club, please feel free to contact Mr Hershbein who would be glad to pass on contact details.

Congratulations to all who took part and I look forward to building on our rugby success from September.

Summer Term Sports Clubs are on the website now!

Click below to book your child's place

<https://selwood.somerset.sch.uk/parents/useful-information/After-school-club>



SELWOOD ACADEMY CAREERS DAY 2023



29 JUNE 2023

Following the success of last year's Career Day, we are hoping to expand on the variety of professionals and companies accessible to our pupils. Our aim is to show our pupils to a wide variety of job options and encourage the exploration of different career paths.

We are open to anyone getting in touch but are particularly interested in people joining us from the following industries:

Art - Science and Technology - Maths - Catering

Please share with anyone you think may be suitable.

More details can be provided, get in touch via email
selwoodacademy@selwood-academy.co.uk

Your support with this event is greatly appreciated!