

SELWOOD ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

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Mufti day for Brain Tumour Research

Thank you so much to all who donated to the recent Mufti/wear a hat day. We raised £979.50. This is still on ParentPay so if you would like to contribute please do so.

Year 6 SATs

A letter has gone out regarding SATs week. This contains important information to help your child. A copy of the letter is on our website, click the link below:

<https://selwood-academy.schudio.com/parents/letters>

Year 8 Prom - Friday 14 July 7.00pm-10.00pm

Please book and pay for your child's tickets by 8 June

Click here to Book - <https://forms.gle/DtZf68MgiTpFoXMZA> and pay on ParentPay.

Items on ParentPay

The following items are on ParentPay. Please remember to make payment for any that is relevant to your child :

Year 5 Harry Potter

Year 6 Mendip Camp

Year 8 Leavers Hoodies, Lyme Regis, Prom, Thorpe Park

<https://www.parentpay.com/>

DATES FOR THE DIARY

8 May Bank Holiday

9 - 12 May Yr 6 SATs week

17 May Yr 5 Harry Potter Trip, [click here for more details](#)

23 May Mendip Trip meeting, 5pm

24 & 25 May Yr 8 Geography trip to Lyme Regis, [click here for more details](#)

26 May End of term 5

5 June Term 6 begins



Yr 7 Portsmouth Trip



Year 7 had a brilliant time exploring the dockyard, finding out more about the Battle of Trafalgar, the Battle of the Solent and the excavation and restoration of the Mary Rose Tudor warship.

We were lucky to have some hands-on interactive History experiences and a visit to the 4D cinema which helped pupils find out more about how the Mary Rose was excavated.



Thank you the lovely parent or carer who sent in fabric scraps for our children to practise sewing with. If anyone else has any they don't need, please bring them in. They are always useful to have!



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

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

Vacancies



Glen Group
2 Britannia Buildings,
Merchants Road, Hotwells
Bristol, BS8 4QD

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Glen Group are actively recruiting for a Permanent, Part-Time Cleaners to join a well-established and growing cleaning business in the Frome, BA11 area.

You will need to be available to work Monday to Thursday, 3 hours per day between the hours of 3-6.30pm and 2.5hrs on Friday between 3-5.30pm, at £10.90 per hour. Working weeks include term time (38 weeks) plus an additional 4 weeks during times as per the business need during school holiday periods (a total of 42 working weeks).

The shift can also be completed as a split shift between the hours of either 5-8am or 6-8am.

This is a hands-on cleaning position, so cleaning experience is preferred however not essential because training will be provided.

You will be working as part of a team in an educational environment.

We are looking for someone with knowledge of cleaning and to be part of the Glen family, you will need to demonstrate diplomacy with fellow staff, customers, and your surroundings.

You must be trustworthy, well-organised, flexible and reliable with a keen eye for attention to detail.

Key Responsibilities

- Respond to Customer/Site Team
- Follow all COSHH, H/S and colour coding
- Use of Timegate for Actual pay
- Daily rectification of faults
- Cleaning a mix of areas thoroughly

Benefits include recognition awards, Overtime, progression, Helping Hands Scheme, Actual Monthly Pay.

Glen Group is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. In line with Safer Recruitment all our posts require an enhanced criminal background check via the disclosure procedure and are subject to pre-employment checks.

If you are interested in applying for the above position, please send your CV to clairescott@glengroupltd.com or call Claire Scott on 07919215520.



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Subject News



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. 5CAI have been creating maps of their own imaginative fantasy worlds while 5LR have been creating their own descriptions of fantasy creatures and settings.

Y6

Are in the middle of their SATs revision weeks preparing for their SATs reading and grammar papers. After SATs they will be focussing on creative writing pieces before returning to Windrush Child.

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.

Other items:

The response to the Brandford Boase book club has been so popular we have had to acquire some additional books to fill spaces. The first meeting took place on Wednesday 3rd May at lunchtime. This term we've also sadly said goodbye to Ms Mould who has changed schools. Pupils in 6RM English particularly enjoyed their Skandar and The Unicorn Thief reading project and are excited to get their hands on the sequel.

We're excited to announce that, on the 22nd May we will be welcoming the fantastic author Simon James Green to Selwood. He will be talking to Year 6 and 7 about his new novel 'Finn Jones Was Here'. As always this event is supported by the fantastic Hunting Raven bookshop in Frome and the option to purchase a copy of this novel will be made available through ParentPay closer to the time.

Maths

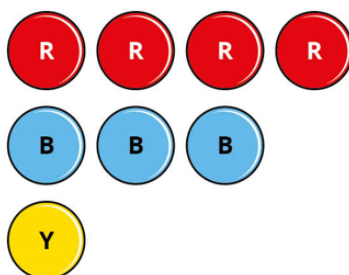
Year 5 - We continue to look at decimals and multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1,000

Year 6 - We are fully in 'Revision mode' in preparation for our SATs next week - each group is focusing on areas the children themselves have decided that they need more practise.

Year 7 - We are completing our unit on Ratio and Proportion and then moving on to our next topic of Lines and Angles

Year 8 - We are finishing our unit on Ratio and Decimals before also moving on to lines and angles
Parents challenge question:

The ratio of red to blue to yellow counters is 4 : 3 : 1



If there are 148 red counters, how many yellow counters are there?

If there are 50 more blue counters than yellow counters, how many red counters are there?

If there are 608 counters in total, how many of them are red?

Competition



"Let your light shine before others"

Matthew 5 v 16

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Tutor Group Bible Story Competition

17TH APRIL - 26TH MAY 2023

The winning tutor group will
get a whole class reward.
Will you be part of the winning
class?



Please speak to your tutor for more details

Sports News

On Friday 21st April, Selwood Academy PE Department organised a trip to Bath University to watch Team Bath v Celtic Dragons. It was a great evening of netball, with some impressive shooting from both teams. The score was very close but in the last quarter Team Bath won 56-53. The pupils and staff all enjoyed cheering for Team Bath and are inspired to keep playing netball.



Please can we say a massive thank you to our Selwood Academy Boys who play for Frome Town United FC - Eagles Team. They won 13 games and lost one to win the Mid Somerset League and are now competing against Mid Wiltshire. Well Done to all the players - Max, Riley, Mason, Oliver, Charlie, Alfie, Archie, George & Fin. Overall they scored a massive 102 goals over all their games and conceded 6.



Sports News



Congratulations to Izzie in Year 8 who has been selected to represent Great Britain in Double Mini Trampoline at the upcoming [SCALABISCUP](#) Competition in Portugal.

We have been closely following Izzies progress over the last few years and are extremely proud of her. Well done Izzie!



KIDS Summer HALF TERM CAMP

FREE for children on **FREE** school meals



FROME SPORT & FITNESS

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ACTIVITY DATES

1ST JUNE- TEAM GAMES
Dodgeball-Football-Basketball

2ND JUNE- WHACK IT DAY
Tennis-Cricket-Rounders

AGES: 7-11 YEARS
TIMES: 10:00am - 2.00pm



BOOK ONLINE AND USE CODE SUMHAF23
@ WWW.PRO-COACHING.CO.UK

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Somerset Activity Sports Partnership

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

WIZZ

AGE RESTRICTION
12+

12+ App Store
Teen Google Playstore

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

OVER-SHARING

Immediately after setting up an account, users start receiving friend requests (mainly from the opposite gender). For many young people, this will be exciting and a boost to their confidence. As young people tend to be more trusting online and may believe what others tell them, however, this can lull them into dropping their guard and revealing personal information to strangers.

CATFISHING AND PREDATORS

Wizz uses Yoti, a digital ID system, to verify users' age. The AI only detects approximate age, though – so an older person who looks younger could be grouped with teens (or vice versa). Also, profile pics on Wizz don't have to match the face of the person who did the initial age verification; it would be fairly easy to create a fake account using another person's photos with a made-up name and age.

EXPLICIT CONTENT

During our research, conversations on Wizz very quickly turned sexual. Users frequently suggested 'taking it to Snapchat' (Snapchat's disappearing image feature can make it conducive to sharing explicit selfies), connecting on other social media, swapping nudes or semi-nude pictures, or holding sexual chats. These users created an impression of the platform being sleazy and unsafe for young people.

Wizz is a networking app which allows users to connect and chat with other people around the world. Its principle is similar to a dating platform: users have a profile with up to three photos, along with optional interests and hobbies tags. This allows other like-minded people to be recommended in searches. If a user likes what they see on someone's profile, they can initiate conversation through the instant message feature; otherwise they swipe on. The app does use age verification technology when an account is created and groups users by age.

INTIMATE IMAGES

It's not unheard of for young people to be coaxed into sending suggestive images of themselves over apps of this kind. Given that Wizz connects users with strangers, who may not be honest about their real intentions, a teenager might conceivably be persuaded to share sexually suggestive selfies by someone who they believed they had a trusting relationship with.

NO PARENTAL CONTROLS

The app claims to provide a secure and inclusive environment, but our researcher couldn't find any parental controls or safety features in evidence. If you report another user for inappropriate behaviour, you are offered the option to block them – but there's no indication as to whether the block has actually been successful, and there was no follow-up contact from the developers.

SECRETS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

Wizz sent our researcher occasional 'mystery' friend requests from a blurred-out profile. To discover the sender's identity, users can either watch a video (usually an ad for a game or app) or take out a monthly subscription. Cynics might suggest this could be a way to exploit young people's curiosity into making them pay for the app, and that the 'secret admirers' are bots rather than real people.

Advice for Parents & Carers

TALK IT OUT

If your child has downloaded Wizz, talk to them about why they like it and who've chatted with. Have they shared any personal details with this person or connected with them on other social media platforms? Refresh your child's memory of the various risks that can arise from engaging with strangers online and get them to consider using a similar app with more robust safety features.

BE SUPPORTIVE

When connecting with strangers on apps like Wizz, seemingly innocent chats can quickly progress to become sexually explicit and lead to nudes being sent. Make sure your child knows to come to you if they're uncomfortable about anything they've been sent or been asked to send. If they've already shared something that they now regret, reassure them that you'll support them no matter what.

EMPHASISE CAUTION

Young people are far more inclined to see the good in others; they often overlook the fact that scammers set up fake accounts on apps like this with the intention of getting money or personal data. Remind them that not everyone online is who they claim to be, how easy it is for someone to create a bogus profile, and why it's vital to think twice about sharing anything on networking apps.

KEEP THINGS TRANSPARENT

It might feel awkward, but regular chats about your child's online life can be beneficial. If they seem suddenly anxious or secretive around their phone or tablet, they may have something they need to get off their chest. You could also consider not allowing digital devices in their bedroom, especially overnight – that's when a lot of the riskier conversations on apps like Wizz tend to take place.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



National Online Safety

#WakeUpWednesday

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Community Events

Frome Selwood Horticultural Society

Plant Sale

Saturday 27th May 2023



It is just over 2 months until auditions for MTP's Christmas production of Elf!

Auditions will be held on Sunday 2nd July at [@tri.artstudios](#)

For all information on auditions make sure you join the audition group:

<https://m.facebook.com/groups/921525972418953/?ref=share>

We are looking for strong actors, singers and dancers! A full cast that will be kept VERY busy!