

SELWOOD ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

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**Year 6 Mendip Residential
Reminder - Information Evening,
Tuesday 23 May, 5pm in the School
Hall**

Year 5 Bristol Trip

Letters have been sent home about the upcoming R&P Trips to Bristol. Please complete the form by clicking this link, <https://forms.gle/4htbWC3XL9L2ejPTA> and pay on ParentPay by Monday 22 May.

Please take a few minutes to complete our latest Parental Survey. It is important for us to hear your views and we welcome any feedback.

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

23 May Yr 6 Mendip Trip meeting, 5pm, School hall

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

12 June Yr 5 Trip to Bristol



**This newsletter and other letters from school are available to
read on our website**

<https://selwood.somerset.sch.uk/>

WELL DONE YEAR 6!

We are all extremely proud of our Year 6 pupils for the way they behaved and the hard work they put in during the recent SATs tests.

All pupils were rewarded with an ice cream for their efforts!



Our very own Mrs Ibbitson will be appearing in the Merlin Theatre production of The Haunting of Richard II on Friday 30 June. To book tickets, see the Merlin Theatre website:

<http://www.merlintheatre.co.uk/whats-on/performances/the-haunting-of-richard-iii/>



YEAR 5 HARRY POTTER TRIP

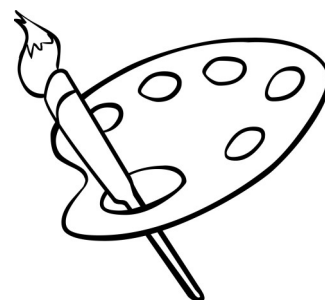
On the 17 May our first magical trip to 'Warner Bros Studios: The Making of Harry Potter' took place. Pupils were treated to a tour of the soundstages where much of the film franchise was filmed (we also got a sneaky look from the bus at a working film set for an upcoming Warner Bros film). Pupils rode broomsticks in a quidditch adventure, learned to pick mandrakes for potion making and were even chased from Gringotts Bank by a ferocious dragon. Thank you to all the staff, parents and pupils who supported the trip and made it such a fantastic experience for all concerned.



SUBJECT NEWS - Art



Year 8 have been working hard in Art creating fun eye glasses in the style of different artists.



SUBJECT NEWS - 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

Well done to all of Year 6 on their fantastic work with the Y6 SATs papers. Over the course of the next few weeks we will be looking at writing skills and creating some amazing pieces of writing for our Writing SATs. We will then move on to completing Windrush Child and exploring short stories from around the world

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. We are now moving on to creative writing practice, with a focus on short stories.

Y8

Are in the process of completing work on 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:

We're excited to announce that, on the 22 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 (along with two of his other novels) is now up on ParentPay.

Book recommendations for May:

'The Sleepover Takeover' by Simon James Green

For Otis, this was a sleepover to remember - if only he could! When dorky, unpopular 11-yr-old Otis wakes up in the morning at a sleepover birthday party, he's in for a shock. At the marquee where the sleepover took place, it's a scene of carnage and mayhem: there's a donkey drinking at the chocolate fountain, a huge inflatable helium sausage looms above, doves everywhere, one of the kids has a tattoo, and there's a suitcase of bratwurst on the floor! But what's weirdest of all, neither Otis nor the other kids can remember what happened!

The party was in the back garden of popular kid Rocco Rococo's huge house, and Otis was only there because his mum forced an invitation. Otis realizes that makes him Prime Suspect for causing the mess, and he needs to clear his name.

Meanwhile, Rocco just needs to keep his parents from finding out!

So while everyone else makes a befuddled exit, Otis and Rocco reluctantly team up to hide the evidence. They decide to retrace their steps in the hope of solving the mystery...

'Skandar and The Unicorn Thief' by AF Steadman

In a world where unicorns are the creatures of nightmares, rather than dreams, thirteen-year-old Skandar Smith has only ever wanted to be a unicorn rider. To be one of the lucky few selected to hatch a unicorn. To bond with it for life; to train together and race for glory; to be a hero.

But just as Skandar's dream is about to come true, things start to take a more dangerous turn than he could ever have imagined. A dark and twisted enemy has stolen the Island's most powerful unicorn – and as the threat grows ever closer, Skandar discovers a secret that could blow apart his world forever . . .



SPORTS NEWS



Year 8's shine at Millfield Athletics

On Wednesday 3rd May we took a team of year 8 boys and girls to compete in the Mendip athletics trials held at the impressive Millfield campus.

The athletes took part in a number of events ranging from all track events to high jump, javelin and shotput.

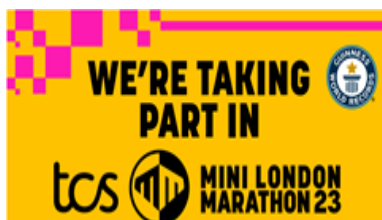
All the participants did extremely well as they were competing against year 9's as well as other year 8's.

Stand out performances came from Izzie 4th in shot put, long jump and 1500m, Rylie 2nd in 300m, and Yehor 2nd in high jump.

Well done to all who took part!



SPORTS NEWS



On Thursday 4th May the PE department organised for the whole school to take part in a world record attempt.

The world record we are trying to help break was 'The most pledges received for an exercise campaign in one month'

The current record is 241,675 people.

Each pupil was asked to pledge to run, jog, walk a mile. All year groups took part of their period 5 lesson off and took part in the fun run, pupils seemed to enjoy the event which some ran in a really good time and others took their time chatting to their friends.

Now we have to wait to see how many other schools took part to help break the record.

Overall it was a really good afternoons activity hopefully inspiring them to keep active by running, jogging or walking in the future.

Well done to all the pupils who made it an afternoon to remember.



SELWOOD CREATIVE ARTS FESTIVAL

THURSDAY
13TH JULY
2023

SELWOOD ACADEMY
SCHOOL SITE
6PM-7.30PM

AN EVENING CELEBRATING OUR TALENTED
PUPILS ACROSS THE ARTS WITH MULTIPLE
SHOWCASE LOCATIONS AROUND THE
SCHOOL INCLUDING:

**3 LIVE MUSIC
STAGES**

**ART
GALLERY**

**OUTDOOR
THEATRE**

COMMUNITY EVENTS



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