

SELWOOD ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

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We are having a Year 5 end of year celebration day on Thursday 13th July.

Parents are invited to attend during lunchtime and lesson 5 only, on this day.

A letter regarding this will be going out in due course.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Year 5

13th July- French Breakfast

13th July- Picnic Lunch with parents

Year 6

3rd – 7th July- Mendip Trip

Year 8

7th July- Thorpe Park

10th July- Year 8 to Frome College for CATs tests

12th July- Leavers service

14th July- Prom

All

5th July- Induction Day

5th July- Strike Day

7th July- Strike Day

13th July- Summer reports to parents

13th July- Summer Festival

19th July- Early finish for pupils at 12.45pm

More information can be found on the website:

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

Thank you to all who donated for the Why... We Hear You mufti fundraiser on Friday 23rd June.
We raised £448 in total!



We have a vast array of shoes and clothing in lost property at the moment.



Please be aware that this will be disposed of at the end of term, so if your child has lost something please encourage them to look for it.

Remember - if an item is named it will be returned to the child.

IMPORTANT MESSAGES



REMINDER - After School Clubs finish on **Thursday 6 July.**

The club list for the Autumn term will be on our website at the beginning of September.



We hope your child/ren have enjoyed the clubs this term – we've certainly enjoyed running them!

Medication

If you have filled out medication plans for your child/ren, please remember this should be collected, as this will be disposed of as an end of year process.

You will be required to fill out new medication plans at the start of the new academic year.



Thank you.



We are proud to be part of a new plan run by Somerset to provide all schools with ambition, aspiration and opportunity. Somerset recognise that there needs to be improvements made to increase children's outcomes across the county and have launched an Education for Life strategy to drive this forward.

The strategy is supported by Ofsted and the local diocese and will improve relationships between Somerset Council and our schools to enable our children to flourish.

Selwood Academy are part of this strategy and have been selected to work within a Thriving Schools group. This is formed by a collection of Trusts and LA based schools and will provide the opportunity to set out and share good practice. Initial focus areas will be safeguarding, curriculum, reducing exclusion,

CREATIVE ARTS FESTIVAL - KING LEAR



Here are some snap shots of Selwood's performance of King Lear!

You can see our pupils in action at our Creative Arts Festival on 13 July, 6 – 7.30pm.

Music and Art will also be on display and refreshments will be available.

CAREERS DAY & CHURCH VISITS



On Thursday 29th June, we welcomed a wide variety of local businesses and organisations to attend Selwood Academy and introduce their professions to our pupils.

They had demonstrations, activities and talks about all the array of career paths someone can choose to take!

Thank you to all for making the day so successful and a big well done to all our pupils for showing the community what a great school we are!



On Tuesday 20th June and Wednesday 28th June, pupils visited Frome's local churches.

In the photo, they are at Trinity church where they met the Church Nurse who is available to talk to people about Mental Health. During the visits to Frome churches, the pupils took part in a treasure hunt and made films about the features at the churches.

SUBJECT NEWS

Maths

Year 5 - Having completed our end of year assessments we are moving on to our final topics of position and direction and negative numbers.


Year 6 - We are moving on to our third year 7 block based on equality and equivalence

Year 7 - We are continuing to look at our final two units of sequences, graphs and transformations

Year 8 - Also continuing to look at our final topics of graphs and fractions, decimals and percentages.

Parents/Family challenge questions:

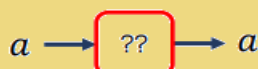
I'm thinking of three different numbers.



- They are all four-digit odd numbers.
- The digits of each number add up to 14.
- None of the numbers can be divided by 5.
- These numbers read the same forwards and backwards.

What are the three numbers?

The output of this function machine is always the same as the input.



What could the function be?
Find four possible answers.

SUBJECT NEWS

English



Year 5 - Are beginning to study Harry Potter and The Philosopher's Stone - looking at the structure of novels and how to create interesting and unusual characters.

Please note: We are exploring this as a work of fiction and in no way endorse the politics or point of view of its author when it comes to people's identity.

Year 6 - continue 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.

Year 7 & 8 – pupils are focussing on the structure and creation of short stories, before beginning to complete their own short stories. Year 7 and 8 creative writing exams will also take place this week.

The Selwood Times—By Tilly (year 6)

On Sunday the 4th June, the second ever Frome Town Pride Festival 2023 took place. Lots of people came to support the LGBTQ+ community. People wore rainbow colours because the Pride flag uses the colours of the rainbow. As part of the festival, there was a stage in the independent market mainly for LGBTQ+ performers.

First up on the stage was Cheryl Sprinkler who got people up and doing a workout. She was there from Mojo Moves who ran a pride special the following Tuesday. The crowd found it fun and exciting. We spoke to Grace, a Year 8 pupil from Selwood, who told us that despite finding the workout exhausting in the heat, she loved dancing. Grace told us, 'I had to fill my water bottle three times, it was such a good workout.'

Next up on stage was Mr Crook-Wynn, the Head of English at Selwood. He was there to introduce some pupils from Frome College who were there to play music and entertain the crowd. Alongside this, Mr Crook-Wynn read poetry and talked about the LGBTQ+ youth at Selwood. Speaking to him after the event, he told us, 'The pupils all came from LGBTQ+ youth groups at the college. It's really important that these are set up to help local LGBTQ+ youth.'

Many other bands and speakers took part in this fantastic event, but this is one of ten events that will take place across the ten days of Frome Pride.

The other events included:

A fibre arts Pride workshop at Projects cafe

The Mojo Moves pride special

A special screening of the film Pride with a Q&A session

A book launch for a gay author

In the future, Frome Pride is hoping to include a parade through town, youth LGBTQ+ events and maybe some Pride themed food vans.

River House cafe have already started this off by offering an LGBTQ+ sandwich (lettuce, guacamole, bacon and tomato).

Do you know anyone who is part of the LGBTQ+ and is looking for support and help? The Frome LGBTQ+ group wants to hear from you and can be found on Facebook. Other charities and organisations that you can contact are:

Childline 08880111, Kids Help, LGBTQ+ foundation, NHS

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

From our Head of English, Mr Crook-Wynn, here are some book recommendations that are suitable for pupils to read:

The Rest of Us Just Live Here by Patrick Ness

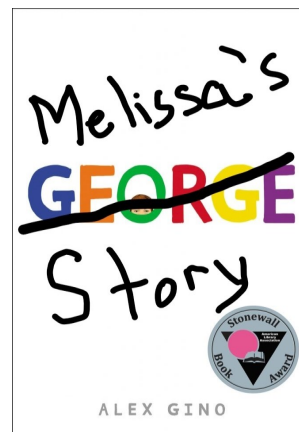
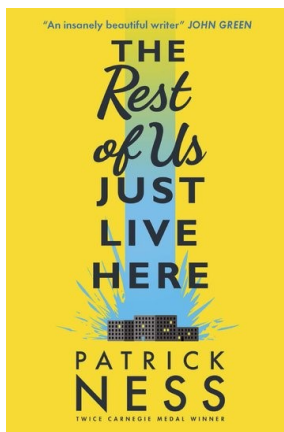
What if you weren't the Chosen One? The one who's supposed to fight the zombies, or the soul-eating ghosts, or whatever this new thing is, with the blue lights and the death? What if you were like Mikey? Who just wants to graduate and go to prom and maybe finally work up the courage to ask Henna out before someone goes and blows up the high school. Again. Because sometimes there are problems bigger than this week's end of the world and sometimes you just have to find the extraordinary in your ordinary life. Even if your best friend might just be the God of mountain lions...

Melissa's Story by Alex Gino

When people look at George, they think they see a boy.

But she knows she's not a boy. She knows she's a girl.

George thinks she'll have to keep this a secret forever. Then her teacher announces that their class play is going to be Charlotte's Web. George really, really, REALLY wants to play Charlotte. But the teacher says she can't even try out for the part . . . because she's a boy.



SPORTS NEWS



Year 5 & 6 Millfield Cricket Festival – 14/06/23

On Wednesday 24th June we took a mixed team of year 5 and 6 pupils to participate in a Cricket festival at Millfield Prep School. The children spent the morning engaging in a wide range of Cricket based activities led by a team of skilled and friendly leaders. After the mornings events we headed over to the Cricket pitches to play two matches against two Millfield girls teams. The games were incredibly close and Selwood were unlucky to lose both narrowly.

Millfield very kindly provided hot meals for our pupils as well as awarding them with medals. Millfield were fantastic hosts and we would like to say a big thank you to everyone involved in the planning and organisation of such a fun event!



Year 7 & 8 Cricket Fixture

On Thursday 15th June we took a mixed team of year 7 and 8 pupils to compete in fixtures against St Augustine's and John Of Gaunt Schools. Both matches were extremely close, with Selwood losing narrowly to John Of Gaunt and beating St Augustine's by 3 runs! The atmosphere was amazing as we were also running our year 5 and 6 after school Cricket club at the venue. There were over 60 pupils enjoying playing Cricket in the sun!

SPORTS NEWS



Selwood Academy hosted the Year 7 Rounders Tournament with Fairlands and Oakfield attending, on Wednesday 21st June. The girls were brilliant hosts and played some outstanding Rounders in the heat, winning all three matches and the Rounders Tournament.

Well Done girls!

Now to start practicing for the Pupil v Staff Match on Wednesday 12th July!

Somerset County Athletics trials

On Saturday 10th June two of our year 8 pupils competed in the Somerset County athletics trials. Rylie L and Yehor S qualified in their events via their previous competition held at Millfield school earlier on in the year.

Both were competing in the Junior boys category which is for years 8 and 9 combined, which means they can still compete in this age group next year.

Rylie had a very impressive performance in his 300m finishing 3rd in a time of 43.47 seconds a fantastic achievement that should see him gain a county vest next year if he continues to progress.

Yehor had a respectable 6th place finish in the high jump smashing his previous personal best of 132cm by 8cm increasing it to 140cm.

We would like to say how proud we are of their commitment and effort in representing Selwood on the county stage. We would also like to thank their parents/carers who have supported their progression and allowed them to flourish. We wish them all the best next year in hopefully becoming county athletes.

Keep up the good work!

COMMUNITY EVENTS



KIDS Summer CAMP

FROME SPORT AND FITNESS



COURSE DATES

31ST JUL - 3RD AUG 2023
7TH AUG - 10TH AUG 2023
14TH AUG - 17TH AUG 2023

TIMES: 9:00AM - 3:00pm

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AGES: 5-13 YEARS

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COMMUNITY EVENTS



Building kids confidence through laughter.

Sketch and improv classes for 4-18 year olds.

The Little Comedy Club



FROM

Summer Club
RISE (at the rye bakery)
The Sun Room
26th & 27th July

contact

littlecomedyclub@gmail.com

little giggles 4-7ys

26th July 11-11:30am

£5

27th 1:30-2pm

£5

big chuckles 8-13ys

26th July 11:30-12:30

£10

27th July 2-3pm

£10

belly laughs 14-18ys

26th July 12:30-1:30

£10

27th July 3-4pm

£10

After a year of having to be sensible at school join in for some comedic fun at our summer sessions!